



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas

8:30am
Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Sarah McIntosh

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter
Jill Gardner, organ

Allen Orion Gibbs

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah McIntosh

Praise the God of mercy and love. **Praise God with angels in the highest heavens.**
Praise Christ, who came as a child. **Praise Christ with all God's children, young and old alike.**
Praise the Holy Spirit, who calls us here. **Praise the Spirit from the depths of our souls.**

*** HYMN** No. 221

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sarah McIntosh

SOLO

The Work of Christmas
Eric Powell, soloist; Jill Gardner, accompanist

arr. Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1
Pew Bible, OT page 889

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"The Time of Transition"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 245

The First Noel

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*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Sarah McIntosh

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 880 The Nicene Creed

Sarah McIntosh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through

the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. *universal

PSALTER READING UMH page 818 (with sung refrain) Psalm 98 Pat Knox

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895 Sarah McIntosh

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Melodia Sacra, G.F. Handel
David Culler, pianist

* **DOXOLOGY** No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Sarah McIntosh

* **HYMN** No. 224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

* **BENEDICTION** Sarah McIntosh

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 217 v. 3 *Away in a Manger* AWAY IN A MANGER

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* Noel Goemanne

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.

* please stand as you are able

Welcome to worship at Main Street United Methodist Church!

When Christians worship, we step into an alternative world. Liturgy and ritual, hymns and prayers invite us into another landscape. Jesus' words and the experience of his presence peel back the rhetoric that pummels our eardrums so that we are able to hear him say to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27, NRSV)

Thank you for worshipping with us today at Main Street UMC!

If you are a visitor, please sign the attendance pad in the pew so that we can contact you at a later date in order to discuss the ministries of Main Street UMC.

Main Street UMC's Sanctuary is an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Camera angles may capture your image as you worship. Our weekly services are routinely shared with others via livestream and DVD. If you would like a DVD of today's 10:55 service, please contact Kathryn at 336-994-3411 in the church office.

Confidential prayer requests can be made by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by clicking the "contact" tab on mainstreetumc.org.

Children's Ministry: We are so happy to share God's love with our children! Main Street is a Safe Sanctuary Congregation.

- *Nursery* (8:30-noon) is available for infants-3 year olds in the Education Building. The nursery is staffed with experienced caregivers and lay volunteers.
 - *Kids Connect* is our Sunday School (9:45-10:45am) program for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade in the Education building. Kids Connect offers a large group Bible lesson, worship, and small group activities.
 - *Kids Connect-Worship* is offered during the 10:55am service for wiggly kids ages 3 years to 1st grade who can't quite remain in worship the entire time. Kids of all ages are invited to the front for Kids' Time before the younger children are dismissed to the Education Building for Kids Connect-Worship activities.
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Let's Worship Together!

Sundays

8:30am less-formal Traditional service in the Sanctuary

8:45am Jubilee Contemporary service in the Chapel

10:55am Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:00pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

Main Street UMC Staff

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor

Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries

Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for January/February have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the “Member Pick-up Station” inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR CHANGES

Due to the New Year’s Holiday, we will NOT have our Oasis Service or our Wednesday Connect Dinner on **December 31**. We will NOT have Men’s Breakfast on **January 1**. The Church Office will be CLOSED on **January 1**.

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH LOCKUP

We’re currently seeking a reliable individual to take on the responsibility of securing our facilities each evening. This would also include unlocking and relocking all buildings on Sundays. This role involves ensuring all doors are properly locked and the premises are safe before departure. Attention to detail and a strong sense of accountability are essential, as this task plays a critical role in maintaining the safety and integrity of our operations. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is dependable and takes pride in keeping things secure, we’d love to hear from you. Contact Tina Crew in the church office at 336-993-3411 for further details.

PASTOR LANNY’S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Lanny will start his “Becoming Disciples” Bible Study back up after the holiday break on **January 7** in the Chapel at 11:00am and 6:30pm on Wednesdays. The study will focus on the New Testament from January 7 through March 25. This is a great time for some new folks to join the class!

GET READY FOR CHILI!

Our annual Chili Cookoff to raise funds for Youth Mission Trips this summer will be at 5:30pm on **January 25**. Make up a pot of your favorite chili and enter it into our contest (there will be prizes!). Even if you don’t want to make chili for the contest, we still need people to eat all the chili, so come on out! Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for Youth Missions.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Main Street Connections Email requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; Bulletin Announcements are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.

COLLECTION BOXES

A collection box for RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG plastic film recycling is located at the Member Pickup Station in the Commons, Fellowship Hall, and Preschool. We also have collection boxes in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: GOT SNEAKERS—donate used sneakers to be repurposed; HOPE CENTER—donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; BOOKSAPALOOZA—donate new or used books; and CRISIS CONTROL—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, January’s item is canned beef stew.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us know how we can pray for you! You can submit your prayer request by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a “button” on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!

CHURCH KEYS

If you have borrowed a key to the church and are no longer using it, please return the key to Tina Crew in the church office.

BETHANY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at mainstreetumc.org (*look for the “sign-ups” tab on the red stripe*).

VOLUNTEER SOUND TECHS

We still need sound tech help with all of our worship services, as well as assistance with the ProPresenter slides and livestream. No experience is required and training is available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

NAMETAGS

Wearing nametags is an act of hospitality—please remember to wear your nametags when you come to church and contact the church office if you need a new one!