

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
8:45am Jubilee Worship Service
Main Street United Methodist Church



Scripture **Psalms 1** **Lanny Lancaster**

Sermon **Lanny Lancaster**
“The Righteous are Like a Tree”

TODAY’S JUBILEE WORSHIP LEADERS:

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Rev. Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor
Rev. Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor

Today’s Communion Assistants:

Lighting the Advent Wreath: The Phillips Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

United Women in Faith Circle #5 is selling beautiful MSUMC ornaments again this year. These ornaments are made of solid pewter and are made in the USA. We see this year’s ornament featuring the “Chapel in the Snow” as a beautiful companion to last year’s Sanctuary Ornament! We will again ask for a suggested donation of \$25 each. Proceeds from this sale will go to missions of the church and our community. We will take pre-orders in the Commons Area on Sundays. We will ask for payment at the time of pre-order.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation. Our Oasis service is meant to be a time of refreshment and encouragement in the middle of a busy week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME FRIENDS

Let’s continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other with Christmas Cards for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90. A list of names is available in the November newsletter and at the Member Pick-up Station. Please return cards to the box in the Narthex by **December 14.**

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **December 10** is Pot Roast (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations for dining in-person or “to-go” must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). We accept cash, check, or cards. Great Expectations SS class serving.

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. Contact Tina Crew in the church office if interested.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Grief, sadness, tiredness, and anxiety are a few words that may describe the feelings you are experiencing. You may feel the need for gentle instead of jolly. Your Pastors and Compassion in Action team invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a *Service of Hope and Healing* on Tuesday, **December 9**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

LOVE OFFERING

After twelve years of work as one of our custodians, Willie Craven is retiring. We will collect a love offering to offer him a token of our gratitude for his service to our church. Donations can be made directly to the church office with a note to add to the “Love Offering for Willie Craven”. Due date is **December 14.**

BELONG—A CONVERSATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT MSUMC

Have you been curious about becoming a member at Main Street? Do you have questions about what membership is all about? Ready to Join and want to know next Steps? No matter where you are on that continuum, if you want to come find out more about membership here at Main St, join Pastor Sarah in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **December 14** at 10:00am to learn more!

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES

We would like to continue our tradition of giving our Bethany Café guests some Christmas cookies during the meal on Dec. 20. Bring your homemade cookies to the church office on **December 15-19** during office hours. Please package 6 cookies in a Ziploc bag and label the bag with the type of cookie.

“SOUNDING JOY” CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Program, “Sounding Joy” on Thursday, **December 18** at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature special music from our NOW band, A&O choir, Children’s Choir, and preschoolers as we celebrate the season together. During the program, we’ll explore what the joy of Christmas sounds like — leading to the beautiful discovery that it is the sound of the angels singing about the birth of Jesus.

CANTATA SUNDAY

This year’s Cantata service will be a celebrated *Festival of Lessons and Carols* which will take place on Sunday, **December 21 at 10:30am** in the Sanctuary as one combined service. Our Adult Choir Ministry is hard at work preparing the beautiful music of English composer, John Rutter, whose anthems and hymn settings will be at the heart of our Lessons and Carols Service this year. Accompanied by a 20-piece orchestra and led by an intergenerational array of narrators, this service of Ancient Word from the Ancient of Days will deeply touch and inspire our hearts as we contemplate anew the story of EMMANUEL coming to earth to save and encourage our souls.

Early on One Christmas Morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

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Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

Three wise men saw the star at night
Star that lit the heavens so bright
Star that led them to where Christ was born
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

In that city of Bethlehem
Wise men brought Him jewels and gems
Born in a manger humble and low
That is why we love Him so

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

Mary was his mother calm
cradling him gently in her arms
all hail and praise to Him
peace on earth, goodwill to men

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
singing carols, christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (repeat)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Him the people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thine glorious throne

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home

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