



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 4, 2026

10:55am

Epiphany Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Go! Tell It on the Mountain

Paul Manz

Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

* OPENING HYMN No. 202

People, Look East

BESANCON

* SHARING THE PEACE

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Wayne Purdy

KIDS' TIME

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Victoria Smathers

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; every color, shape, and size,

They are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are dismissed to Kids Connect-Worship.

Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.

PSALTER READING UMH page 795 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 72

name

ANTHEM

Carol of the Magi

John Rutter

Adult Chancel Choir: Adam Register, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Shaw Kenion, Wes O'Brien; Dan Whitney, baritone soloist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4: 18-25

Sarah McIntosh

Pew Bible, NT page 3

HOMILY

"Radical Discipleship"

Sarah McIntosh

* HYMN No. 219

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Greensleeves

R. Vaughan Williams/arr. S. Roper

* DOXOLOGY

What Child Is This, vs. 3

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Wayne Purdy

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (Musical Setting) UMH pg. 12

Sarah McIntosh and Wayne Purdy

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor ... we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

(To the tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored:
Heav'n and earth cannot contain, All the glory of your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now drawn nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you!**

Pastor ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

(To the tune of Angels from the Realms of Glory - refrain only)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, And our Christ will come again.

Pastor ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (to the tune of Away in a Manger)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name! Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone: Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high
throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day: As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In time of temptation , to lead us be near; From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign. And yours is the power; all things you
maintain.**

To you be the glory, resounding again, From all of creation, forever! Amen!

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation

I Wonder as I Wander

J. G. Barr

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Wayne Purdy

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for
others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

* **HYMN** No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

* **BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

People, Look East!

Kristina Langlois

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

Today's Communion Assistants:

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.

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

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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
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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.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **January 7** is Chicken Marsala (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, but if you need to get your meal “to-go”, then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for “to-go” meals. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; 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. Seafarers 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. 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!

HELP US UNDECORATE THE CHURCH

We need everyone to come out and help the Altar Guild as they remove the Christmas decorations from the church on Saturday, **January 10** at 9:30am.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith would like to invite ALL women of the church to join them for coffee and dessert in the Commons at 2:00pm on **January 15**. This is open to everyone—women who are already a part of a Circle and those who are not in a Circle!

MLK SERVICE

We will continue our tradition of hosting the *Community Service of Worship for Human Relations Day Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* on Sunday, **January 18** at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. Make plans to attend this meaningful service!

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.

THURSDAY MEN’S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00am for breakfast and Pastoral Devotion in the Fellowship Hall. Come have breakfast and a great time of fellowship. Suggested donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the meal.

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today (People, look east; People, look east): Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today (People, look east; People, look east): Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today (People, look east; People, look east): Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today (People, look east; People, look east): Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

1. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.
2. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.
3. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.