



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 4, 2026  
Epiphany Sunday

8:30am  
Traditional Worship Service

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**WELCOME**

Wayne Purdy

**PRELUDE**

*Go! Tell It on the Mountain*  
Jill Gardner, organ

Paul Manz

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wayne Purdy

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

**\* HYMN** No. 202

*People, Look East*

BESANCON

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Wayne Purdy

**ANTHEM**

*Carol of the Magi*

John Rutter

Adult Chancel Chorale: Andy Anderson, Carol Manz, Celia Leal, Cheryl McKinney, Chuck Dagenhart, Chuck Foster, Dan Whitney, Dave Black, Debbie Prior, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster, Leon Martin, Theresa Johnston-Crews, Willie Craven; Dan Whitney, baritone soloist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 4: 18-25  
Pew Bible, NT page 3

Sarah McIntosh

**HOMILY**

“Radical Discipleship”

Sarah McIntosh

**\* HYMN** No. 219

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

Wayne Purdy

**PSALTER READING** UMH page 795 (with sung refrain) Psalm 72

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Wayne Purdy

**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.**

**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**

Wayne Purdy

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 254 *We Three Kings, vs. 5*

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**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

**Serving Communion Today:**

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**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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Main Street United Methodist Church

**306 S. Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284 336-993-3411 [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org)**

## **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](mailto: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.