

MAIN  STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 18, 2026

10:55am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship Service

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Victoria Smathers

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie*  
Susan Keck Foster, guest organist

Maurice Duruflé

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Can you hear God's call? **Christ's voice is heard far and near.**

Can you discern God's Word? **Christ calls one and all.**

God speaks of light and life. **Christ loves the mighty and the small.**

The Spirit breathes joy and compassion. **We are called into fellowship together.**

**\* OPENING HYMN** No. 188

*Christ Is the World's Light*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 889 Affirmation from 1 Timothy

Victoria Smathers

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**People: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

**Peace be with you.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

**WE HEAR FROM GOD**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 774 (with sung refrain) Psalm 40: 1-11 Larkin Garrison

**ANTHEM** *For Such a Time As This* Joseph Martin

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, Rich Blakemore, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Shaw Kenion, Wes O'Brien; Nancy Blakemore, guest director

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 1: 1-15 Lanny Lancaster  
Pew Bible, NT page 34

**SERMON** "Open or Closed?" Lanny Lancaster

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* **HYMN** TFWS No. 2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom* BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

**OFFERING INVITATION** Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *This Little Light of Mine* African American Spiritual  
Wes O'Brien, pianist arr. Joel Raney

\* **DOXOLOGY** No. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Sarah McIntosh

\* **HYMN** No. 185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

\* **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

\* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE** *Christ is the World's Light* arr. J. Bert Carlson  
*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

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## 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)*

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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

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## **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.* **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. Make plans to attend this meaningful service!

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, **January 19** in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

## **SUNDAY MORNING COUNTER NEEDED**

If you are available to help count the morning offering after the late service on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please contact Tina Crew in the Church office. Training is provided and the counter will work with a partner.

## **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. Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.

## **WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER**

The entrée on **January 21** is Meat Loaf (*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; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; emailing Kathryn ([kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto: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. Becoming/Grose-Kirkman/Journey SS classes serving.

## **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.

## **OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **February 12** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

## **CHICKEN PIES**

Our United Methodist Men are taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins Frozen Chicken Pies! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any United Methodist Men member with your order request, name, email and phone number. The last day to order will be **February 20**. You should plan to pick up your order between 8:30am and 10:30am on February 28.

## **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!

## CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT

1. Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!
2. Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!
3. Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!
4. Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

## BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavor of life, O People: Life in the Kingdom of God!  
Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace; bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! Refrain
3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grown in the Kingdom of God! Refrain
4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! Refrain

## WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!