



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 18, 2026

8:30am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Sarah McIntosh

PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

Susan Keck Foster, guest organist

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah McIntosh

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.**

*** HYMN** No. 188

Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sarah McIntosh

ANTHEM

For Such a Time As This

Joseph Martin

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; Nancy Blakemore, guest director

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 1-15

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 34

SERMON

"Open or Closed?"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** TFWS No. 2190

Bring Forth the Kingdom

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Sarah McIntosh

Peace be with you.

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

Sarah McIntosh

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.

PSALTER READING UMH page 774 (with sung refrain) Psalm 40: 1-11

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERING INVITATION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

African American Spiritual

Wes O'Brien, pianist

arr. Joel Raney

* **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. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

* **BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

* **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

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

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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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; 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. 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!