

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22, 2026
First Sunday in Lent

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God
Jill Gardner, organ

Emma Lou Diemer

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*** 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 OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

Peace be with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

WE HEAR FROM GOD

CAROL CHOIR ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Bill Wolaver

Carol Children's Choir; Finn Riddle, soloist; Jenny Lail, accompanist; Jill Gardner, Director

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 766 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 32

name

ANTHEM*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, 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, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Acts 20:20-24

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 141

SERMON

"The Gospel Goes into the World"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD*** HYMN** TFWS No. 2241*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY*Spirit of God*

Lani Smith

*** 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. 593*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***Postlude on LAND OF REST*

Wilbur Held

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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ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Howard Martin by his family.

UPCOMING SERVICE

The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member Howard Martin will be at 2:00pm TODAY in our Sanctuary.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for March/April have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance, or in the Chapel Narthex.

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 **February 25** is Chicken Tortilla Soup (*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); 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.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT THE LOOP

Help support the MSUMC Preschool by dining out at *The Loop* in Kernersville on **February 24** between 4pm and 9pm. Be sure to tell them that you are with Main Street Preschool and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the preschool scholarship fund!

CHICKEN PIE PICKUP

If you ordered frozen chicken pies from our United Methodist Men, you should plan to pick up your order between 8:30am and 10:30am on **February 28**.

SUNDAY LUNCH

The Creation Care Team and Preschool are partnering to invite you to a *Beans & Blessings lunch* on Sunday, **March 1**. The lunch menu will be pinto beans with and without meat, corn muffins, coleslaw, and homemade desserts; a grilled cheese sandwich and applesauce will be available for children. Join us after the Sunday School hour or after the 10:55 am service. Take out is available. Donations are appreciated and will be used for educational opportunities related to Creation Care. Sign up at mainstreetumc.org (click "signups" on the red stripe) to let us know you are joining us for this delicious meal.

HERITAGE CLUB

Join us on **March 10** for Lunch at Seafood Shack in Walkertown at 11:30. Meet there and pay for your meal at the restaurant. No reservations required.

QUARTERLY DINNER

The United Methodist Men invite everyone to quarterly dinners featuring a variety of programs and speakers. The dinners begin at 6:30 and the cost of the meal is your donation. Our Tuesday **March 17** speakers are Joy & Mark Key. Joy, with Mark's assistance, will tell us about their trip to Greece, following in Paul's footsteps. They will be showing pictures as they tell us about their wonderful trip. All church members (men and women) are invited. Make your reservations by **Friday, March 13** -- go to mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

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, February's items are canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix.

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

1. The spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

HERE I AM, LORD

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.