

MAIN STREET



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 19, 2026

10:55am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)
Dwayne Stanley, organist

Frances Allitsen

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.

There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.

In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.

We are God's children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.

How awesome is this place!

This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens.

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

*** 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

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 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 854 (with NO sung refrain)

Psalm 139

name

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'll Fly Away

Bill Wolaver

Jenny Lail, pianist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 14

SERMON

Don't pull the weeds

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 569

We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee

A. J. Gordon/arr. D. Bish

Dwayne Stanley, organ

*** 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

Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** TFWS No. 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

B. Marcello/arr. H. DeCou

Dwayne Stanley, organ

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.

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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ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bettie Moody.

UPCOMING FUNERAL

The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member Bettie Moody will be at 2:30pm on **July 24**. The family will greet friends from 1:30 to 2:20 prior to the service.

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR WAYNE

This morning, during the Sunday School hour in the Commons, we will recognize and celebrate Reverend Wayne's ordination as a Deacon into the United Methodist Church. This is a significant achievement in the life of a Minister and we want Wayne to know how proud we are of him. Refreshments will be served.

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

Main Street UMC would like to hire a part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This is a vital part-time operations support position supporting the church's ministries. A complete job description can be found under "News" on the church website www.mainstreetumc.org and you are invited to reach out to Tina Crew in the church office for more information (336-993-3411).

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 (336-993-3411) for more information.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

MSUMC is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7am – 4pm. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411).

LITTLE WHEELS FOR MEALS FOOD DRIVE & TRICYCLE RACE

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Second Annual Little Wheels for Meals Food Drive through **July 26**. The food items will be donated to Crisis Control Ministry in Kernersville. To participate, place your food donations in the bin of your choice: Pastor Lanny, Victoria or Pastor Wayne. The labelled collection bins are located in the Main Entrance to the Commons. The person who receives the most food donations will earn the pole position at the Tricycle Race held at the churchwide picnic on Sunday, August 2 at Triad Park.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

We are making plans for our *Rainforest Falls* Vacation Bible School and we need volunteers to work with our kids! We will hold VBS in the morning from 9:15 until 12:15 on **July 20-23**. Let Victoria Smathers know if you are available to help!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Members of our Church Council (*and any interested church members*) should plan to attend the meeting at 7:00pm on **July 23** in the Fellowship Hall.

TOMATO SANDWICH LUNCH

Creation Care Team, JC Grose/Kirkman Sunday School Class, and New Horizons Sunday School Class invite you to a Tomato Sandwich Lunch on **July 26** in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday School hour and after the 10:55 service. Please bring your fresh tomatoes to share. Menu: Tomato Sandwiches (bacon optional), chips & homemade desserts. Children (optional grilled cheese sandwich)

SUMMER LADIES TEA

The Ladies of *Tuesday Together in Faith* invite you to a Summer Ladies Tea on Tuesday, **July 28**, at 10:00am in The Commons. RSVP to Susan Furmage at 336-671-1244.

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Join us on **August 2** for our *Annual Church Picnic* at Shelter #1 in Triad Park. The church will provide water, iced tea, lemonade, and fried chicken. Plan to arrive about 4:00pm with your favorite side dishes and desserts. We will begin eating at 5:15 after the blessing. Back by popular demand, Darrell Davis will emcee our famous "Little Wheels for Big Meals" race, featuring Lanny "Lightning" Lancaster, Victoria "Victory Lane" Smathers, and Wayne "Steelers Win" Purdy exhibiting their skill in the exciting tricycle race. Don't forget to bring your food donations to the church between July 12 and 26 and place them in the designated bins to determine who has the pole position in this highly competitive race. It's always a fun event and a great way to come together with your MSUMC family. Please help us plan by registering your plans to attend at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" by **July 30**.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER IN FAITH

The *Tuesdays Together in Faith* Bible Study group meets each Tuesday at 10:30am in Room 320. They will begin a new study soon and this is the perfect time to join the group! Kimberly Thompson and Joy Key will be leading the study based on Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven* starting **August 11** and ending on Sept. 22. The book for this class is approx. \$22 and the corresponding workbook is \$15, contact Susan Furmage for more information at 336-671-1244.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WE'VE A STORY TO TELL TO THE NATIONS

1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

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.