



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2026

10:55am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PALMER SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Rick Palmer

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Jill Gardner, organ

Dale Wood

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Our help is in God, **who calls us to worship.**

Our hope is in love, **that calls us to care.**

Come, let us bring our full selves to worship. **Let us bring our full love and care.**

* OPENING HYMN No. 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**universal*

* 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 846 (with sung refrain) Psalm 124 Larkin Garrison

ANTHEM *Take My Life, Lord* Words by F. Havergal
Music by Ruth Elaine Schram

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster,
Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore,
Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16: 13-20 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, NT page 18

SERMON "Who do you say Jesus is?" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 189 *Fairest Lord Jesus* ST. ELIZABETH

WITNESS Richard Taylor

OFFERING INVITATION Wayne Purdy
OFFERTORY *My Tribute* André Crouch/arr. Dino Kartsonakis
Dwayne Stanley, organ; David Culler, piano

*** 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. 568 *Christ for the World We Sing* ITALIAN HYMN

*** BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN* Charles Callahan
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

Monthly (Third Sunday of the month)

6:30pm NOW (Night of Worship) service in the Chapel

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

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

FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Leon Martin's 90th birthday by his family.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HANDS TOGETHER!

Our churchwide day of caring will be the morning of Saturday **August 29**. Don't miss your chance to join your friends and fellow church members in serving the community and learning more about local nonprofit organizations. Look under "signups" at mainstreetumc.org or pick up a paper form to choose the projects that fit your talents and interests. Deadline to sign up is **TODAY!**

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

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

JOB OPENINGS

MSUMC currently has three job openings. We would like to hire: a part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant; a part-time Custodian; and a part-time facilities lock-up person. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office. Be sure to visit our church website, mainstreetumc.org and look under "News" to find more details about the positions.

SMALL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Creation Care's Hands Together Day Project is for the North Carolina Zoo: *Gorillas on the Line*. Cell phones and other small electronic devices contain coltan, a mineral mined in Africa where gorillas live. Recycling these electronics reduces demand for newly mined coltan and helps support gorilla conservation. We have a donation bin located behind the Welcome Desk in the Commons for you to bring your small electronics to donate to this recycling program. Deadline is **August 29**.

BABY SHOWER PROJECT

If you are unable to participate in Hands Together Day on August 29, here is another project that you can be a part of: we are hosting a "Baby Shower"! Bring new (unwrapped) baby clothes or pre-worn baby clothes and maternity clothes in good condition for the expectant mothers at Room at the Inn. From **August 23 to August 29**, there will be a baby-themed box behind the information desk in the Commons. Prayer Shawl Committee is providing baby blankets for the six current moms. (Note: they do not need diapers.)

SPIRIT NIGHT AT THE LOOP

Help support the MSUMC Preschool by dining out at *The Loop* in Kernersville on **September 1** 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.

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to go deeper with Christ? We are offering THREE options for you to be a part of the *Connect Bible Study* each week! Come to the Chapel with Pastor Lanny on Wednesdays at 11:00am or 6:30pm starting on **September 9** - OR - come to Room 320 (upstairs Commons) with Mark Key on Sundays at 5:00pm starting on **September 13**. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

DISCIPLE 3 BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to be offering the *Disciple 3 Bible Study: Remember Who You Are* which covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Wayne Boger will lead this 24-session class and it will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. The orientation meeting will be held on **September 9** at 6:30pm and the first class will begin on September 16. The cost for materials is \$40 and you can pay at the orientation meeting. Please register in advance at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Oasis starts back for the Fall on **September 9**! 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.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **September 9** is Pork Tenderloin (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing receptionist@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. Grose-Kirkman and Becoming SS classes serving.

CONNECTION SURVEYS

Let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with MSUMC. Look in the Narthex and Commons for survey forms and an electronic version is also available at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" on the red stripe. Surveys are due by **September 30**.

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, August's items are toilet paper and paper towels.

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near! Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.
4. Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer's blood; Jesus, whom our souls rely on, makes us monarchs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign, and as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

FAIREST LORD JESUS

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sinsick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.