



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30, 2026

10:55am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude on I AM THINE

Robert J. Powell

Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Give thanks to the Lord. **Call on God's holy name.**

Sing praises to the Lord. **Tell of God's wondrous deeds.**

Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power. **Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.**

Give thanks to the Lord. **Call on God's holy name.**

* OPENING HYMN No. 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

* 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.

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* 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 828 (with sung refrain) Psalm 105: 1-11 Wayne Purdy

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

Southern Folk Hymn

This anthem, which will be sung later today at Betty McAdoo's Funeral Service, is lovingly offered in worship today in memory of her and her many years of service to the Music Ministries at Main Street UMC.

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: 21-28

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 18

SERMON

"Take Up Your Cross"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 415

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

WITNESS

Jule Connolly

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Rhosymedre ("Lovely")

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*** 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. 424

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

MAITLAND

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Recessional

F. W. Asper

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

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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 Vonderyl Hall, Karen Davis' father.

THANK YOU

for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food and coffee/beverages.

UPCOMING FUNERAL

The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member Betty McAdoo will be at 3:00pm **today** in our Sanctuary.

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.

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. 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 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.

PREACHER JEOPARDY

It's that time of year again! Time to make your reservations for the Main Street Methodist Men's Edition of Preacher Jeopardy. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, **September 15**. Dinner will be served at 6:30, with the game starting soon after. Please sign up to attend as soon as possible, because this has become a popular dinner the last couple of years. So, clear your calendars for September 15, make your reservations by **September 11** online at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" on the red stripe, and we look forward to seeing you there. The Methodist Men thank you in advance for your support. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

SHREDDING

Circle #2 is sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **September 19** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

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, September's items are instant grits and oatmeal.

I AM THINE, O LORD

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. Draw me nearer, (nearer, nearer,) nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

TAKE UP THY CROSS

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

MUST JESUS BEAR THE CROSS ALONE

1. Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.
2. How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here! But now they taste unmingled love, and joy without a tear.
3. The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free; and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.