



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026

10:55am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

JC GROSE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Jan Hampton

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Jill Gardner, organ

Robert J. Powell

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night. Welcome the presence of Christ.

We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the storm.

Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.

Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 885 A Modern Affirmation

Victoria Smathers

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

People: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 828 (with sung refrain) Psalm 105: 1-11 Bonnie Macumber

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

T.A.Dorsey/arr. Lloyd Larson

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 14: 22-33

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 16

SERMON

"Keep Your Eyes on Jesus"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 512

Stand By Me

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WITNESS

Allee Davis

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

I've Been in the Storm So Long

African-American Spiritual

arr. David Kidwell

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** DOXOLOGY** No. 94

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. 129

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord

Douglas E. Wagner

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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LOST AND FOUND

Our "Lost and Found" bins are overflowing! Please check the Member Pickup Station along the brick wall at the entrance to the Commons to see if anything belongs to you. All items that are unclaimed by **August 14** will be donated.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 13** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Club on **August 14** for dinner at Hillbilly Hideaway. If anyone wants to carpool, please meet at the church at 5:00. Everyone will pay for their meal at the restaurant and reservations are required. Deadline to sign up is August 11; contact Debbie Smith to sign up!

HELP NEEDED AT THE HONEYBEE FESTIVAL

Our church will have a booth at this year's Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **August 15** from 10am until 5pm at 4th of July Park. This is a chance for you to represent our church and engage the Kernersville community. The goal is to make more disciples. We are looking for church members to take shifts at the booth. Sign up to help at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" on the red stripe.

CHURCH MOUSE PROGRAM

The Church Mouse program is a "secret pal" program designed to keep our MSUMC college students connected to their church family. A Church Mouse is assigned a specific college student and provided with a list of their interests and favorites. Throughout the school year, the Church Mouse is encouraged to send a combination of notes, inexpensive treats, care packages, or gift cards. The identity of the Church Mouse is kept a secret throughout the year and is then revealed at the end of the school year in late April/early May. If you have questions, please reach out to Christie Hunter or Tara Stamper. Contact Betsy in the church office (336-993-3411 betsy.tang@mainstreetumc.org) by **August 15** if you would like to be a Church Mouse for the 2026-27 school year!

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.

NOW SERVICE

You've been asking, and we have been listening. We are excited to share that our *Night of Worship (NOW) Service* will re-launch this Fall! We will worship together every 3rd Sunday at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Nursery will be available for tiny ones and we will have *Kids Connect* small group for school-aged children. Mark your calendars for Sunday, **August 16** at 6:30pm as we celebrate the start to a new school year by worshipping together with the NOW Praise Band and a guest speaker. We hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We will celebrate the start of a new school year by having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the 10:55am worship service and the 6:30pm NOW service on **August 16**. Anyone with a backpack is welcome to participate!

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.

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.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendars for **October 25-30**. There will be an adult trip to Swannanoa, NC, where we will be assisting with rebuilds from the damage of Hurricane Helene. We are staying at the Baptist facility in Swannanoa. If you're interested, look for future information, and keep the last week of October open. For information now, contact MSUMC member Ivan Johnson at ivan.in.nc@gmail.com or call him at 704-957-1887

MY HOPE IS BUILT

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

STAND BY ME

1. When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me) when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me) When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)
2. In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me) When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail, thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)
3. In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me) When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)
4. In the midst of persecution, stand by me; (stand by me) in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me) When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way, thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)

5. When I'm groGIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears thy way; wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.
3. Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command; so shalt thou, wondering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
4. Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our latest breath thy love and guardian care.
wing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me) when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me) When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)

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