



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 2026

10:55am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Bachiana
Jill Gardner, organ

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Sing praise to God, **our Creator and Redeemer.**

Sing praise to Christ, **our Lord and Savior.**

Sing praise to the Spirit, **who has called us to worship this day.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 888

Victoria Smathers

Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6 and Colossians 1: 15-20

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. 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.

CANTICLE UMH No. 135 (with sung refrain) Canticle of Moses and Miriam

Lila Warfield

ANTHEM

I Then Shall Live

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, 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

Revelation 3: 20

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 247

SERMON

"Connect with Christ"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 348

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

THOMPSON

WITNESS

Ella Vinay

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Offertorium

Gordon Young

* **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. 396

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

* **BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Gordon Young

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)

6:00pm 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
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THANK YOU

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

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

It's not too late to join the 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **September 16** is Taco Bar (*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. Cornerstone SS class serving.

SHREDDING

Circles #2 and #5 are 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.

NOW SERVICE

You are invited to worship with us at our *Night of Worship (NOW)* service every 3rd Sunday at **6:00pm** in the Chapel. Nursery will be available for tiny ones and we will have *Kids Connect* small group for school-aged children. The next NOW service will be on **September 20** and we hope to see you there!

HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club will go see Thomas Dambo's "Little Sally" Troll in High Point on Monday, **September 21**. The van will leave the church at 10 am. You can ride in the van, follow us or meet us there. There is a short nature trail leading to the sculpture so you might want to bring a cane or walker if you feel like your balance might be challenged. We will eat lunch at Santorini's Grill in High Point afterwards. If you would like to join us, please call or text Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

FROZEN CASSEROLE PRE-SALE

United Women in Faith are taking orders in the Commons before worship on **Sept. 20, Sept. 27, and Oct. 4** for frozen casseroles. Plan to pickup your casseroles on November 8 in the Fellowship Hall; all casseroles must be preordered. Varieties include Sweet Potato, Mrs. Mary's Chicken, Poppyseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken casseroles.

PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM ENDING

Our Nex-Trex plastic bag recycling program is coming to an end. The collection bins will be removed from locations around the church on **September 27** and we encourage you to bring in your final plastic bag donations before that date. Even though Main Street's project is ending, we hope you will continue to recycle your plastic and drop it off at local grocery stores—our donations have resulted in over 1000 pounds of plastic bags staying out of landfills, so it really makes a difference!

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

The United Women in Faith are sponsoring a Spaghetti Lunch on **September 27** from 10:45am until 12:30pm. Make plans to meet up with some of your church friends to enjoy food and fellowship together! No reservations needed. Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go towards the mission projects of United Women in Faith.

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**.

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

Our pumpkins will be arriving Saturday, **October 3** at 8:00 AM! We'll meet in the parking lot at 7:45 AM and could use lots of helping hands to unload the truck. Can't make it that early? No problem—come when you can! We especially need extra help toward the end of unloading the truck, so even if you can't arrive right at 8:00, we would LOVE to have you join us! Many hands make light work, and we're so excited to fill our patch with pumpkins! We also need help with volunteer shifts in the pumpkin patch throughout October. Contact Kellie Vinay at the preschool or Victoria Smathers at the church office for more information (336-993-3411).

ADULT MISSION TRIP

As you know, there is still a lot of need in the wake of Hurricane Helene even though it's been almost 2 years. This year's October rebuild mission will be near Asheville, NC in Swannanoa. We will stay at a Baptist on Mission (BOM) facility. The dates are **October 25-30** and we will be doing construction-related home repair and/or new build (details TBD). All/any skill level is needed. In the past, we've done painting, caulking, finish trim, framing, roofing, insulation, window/door installation, siding, and more. Contact MSUMC member Ivan Johnson for more details and/or go online to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLR5ZCJ>.

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; (give to thee) I will ever give to thee.

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. Come home, (Come home), come home; (come home); you who are weary, come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.