



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026

10:55am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

VOICE OF DIAKONIA (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Chuck Dagenhart

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Fanfare on NICAEA
Jill Gardner, organ

Nancy Hill Cobb

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Holy, holy, holy. **Holy God is here.**

Holy, holy, holy. **Love has called us here.**

Holy, holy, holy. **We gather to worship our holy God.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 64

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

* 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 Olivia Warfield

ANTHEM *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Mark Hayes

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Ann Stoebe, 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 Romans 12: 9-21 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, NT page 162

SERMON "Connect with Each Other" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 432 *Jesu, Jesu* CHEREPONI

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* arr. Dino Kartsonakis
David Culler, pianist

*** 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** No. 467 *Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

*** BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Joy, Love and Peace* Marianne Kim
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
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 Pat Turner.

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 **TONIGHT** and we hope to see you there!

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 23** is Chicken Marsala (*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 or check. Rise/Genesis/Christian Fellowship SS classes serving.

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).

REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET

Creation Care Team's "Really, Really Free Market" is Saturday, **October 10** from 9 to noon in the church parking lot. Please bring your unneeded items to the church parking lot that morning. At this market, no money changes hands. We clean out our unwanted items and share them with our neighbors who may have uses for them. It's just another way to recycle! Keep in mind that we can't handle heavy, unwieldy furniture or appliances. Your Creation Care team members will have tables ready and will assist you in unloading and putting out your items. See our display near the Welcome Desk for more information.

TRIP TO SEE JILL PERFORM

Our Jill Gardner is a featured performer at the Martha Bassett show in Elkin on Thursday **October 15**. We would like to show our support by attending the show. We have access to half-price tickets at a cost of \$15 and will stop for dinner on the way (if you use church transportation then please bring \$5). If you would like to travel with the group from the church to see this performance, please register online at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Contact Jan Hampton with any questions at janwardhampton@gmail.com. Cash payment will be accepted when you arrive for the show.

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

JESU, JESU

1. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
2. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
3. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

TRUST AND OBEY

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
4. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.