MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 29, 2026 — 10:55am
First Sunday of Advent — Traditional Worship Service
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS — Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE — *People, Look East* — Kristina Langlois
Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Victoria Smathers
Let us shout for joy and break out in song! **Yet, even in the silence, God hears our praise.**
In the mornings and evenings, **we praise God's name in jubilant song and quiet prayer.**
Our thankfulness can never outweigh God's abundance. **Let us give thanks for all God has given. Praise the Lord!**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 202 *People, Look East* — BESANÇON

*** 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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*** GLORIA PATRI** No. 71 *Glory Be to the Father* — GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Victoria Smathers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH — The Foster Family
Advent Candle Lighting Song *Light One Candle* — Natalie Sleeth
Harper Foster, Carol Choir Soloist; Jill Branoff, accompanist
Reading from Isaiah 64: 4
Congregational Response: When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear, we remember God's steadfast love. May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.
Lighting of the Hope candle

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.

ANTHEM *Hush! Hear the Word of the Lord* Lloyd Larson

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, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Mark 13: 24-37 Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 50

SERMON "The Lights Aren't Twinkling, Clark!" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

WITNESS Caroline Kuebert

OFFERING INVITATION Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY *Musette on ADESTE FIDELES* Charles Callahan

*** 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. 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

*** BENEDICTION/INTRO TO TIME OF HEALING** Lanny Lancaster

POSTLUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* Allen Orton Gibbs

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

The Vision of Main Street United Methodist Church

Connect with Christ
Connect with Each Other
Connect with Our Community

Thank you for worshiping 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.
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
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Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
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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 **December 2** is Pork Loin *(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 cynthia.weinstein@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. Seafarers SS class serving.

POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS
As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for $10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **TODAY**. You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate or bring your payment to the Church Office. If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and ***we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 15 newsletter.***

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
United Women in Faith Circle #5 is selling beautiful MSUMC ornaments again this year. These ornaments are made of solid pewter and are made in the USA. We have about 25 ornaments left from last year's order of "Chapel in the Snow". We will ask for a suggested donation of $25 each and these will be available in the Commons on November 29 and December 6 (or until we sell out). Proceeds from this sale will go to missions of the church and our community.

DECK THE HALLS
Calling all to get into the Christmas spirit by decorating our beautiful Commons and hallways for the Holy Days. We will gather in the Commons on Monday, **November 30** at 10:00am to start the decorating. There will be cookies and cocoa and wonderful fellowship as we begin our Advent Season.

ADVENT STUDY
Tuesdays Together in Faith Bible Study group will begin a 4-week video study, The Marvel and Miracle of Advent with Christine Caine and Lisa Harper on **December 1** at 10:30am in Room 320. There is a personal study book to accompany the study. If you are interested in the book "(not required to attend the study sessions), please contact Susan Furmage at slfurmage@gmail.com or text 336-671-1244.

HERITAGE CLUB OUTING
You are invited to join the Heritage Club on **December 4** for Dinner at Cody Creek at 6:00. Van will leave the church at 4:30. Reservations are required. Deadline to sign up is **December 1**, please contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild on **December 5** starting at 9:30am as we come together to decorate our church Sanctuary and Narthex for the holiday season. What a fun way to catch the holiday spirit!

SHOEBOXES
Main Street UMC is participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! Grab a recycled shoebox and consider adding items such as coloring books, drawing and coloring supplies, stuffed animals, toys, school or craft supplies, yo-yos, hair accessories, hats, gloves, socks, puzzles, books and even hygiene items! Main Street will not be providing shoeboxes for packing this year (please use a recycled shoebox or a plastic shoebox-size bin), but the possibilities are still endless. Return your filled shoeboxes to MSUMC by **NOON** on **December 6** . Join us on December 6 at the 10:55 service where the boxes will be blessed and loaded up to deliver! Have fun shopping and packing the box while imagining the joy that this gift will bring to a child!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME FRIENDS
Let's continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other with Christmas Cards for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90. A list of names is available in the November newsletter and at the Member Pick-up Station. A collection box for your cards will be in the Narthex until **December 7**.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING
The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Your Pastors and Compassion in Action team invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a *Service of Hope and Healing* on **December 8** at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.