# MAIN STREET
## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 29, 2026 — 8:30am
First Sunday of Advent — Traditional Worship Service

**WELCOME** — Wayne Purdy

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** — Wayne Purdy
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!**

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

**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.

**ANTHEM** — *Hush! Hear the Word of the Lord* — Lloyd Larson
Adult Chancel Chorale: Amei Manten, Andy Anderson, Carol Manz, Celia Leal, Cheryl McKinney, Chuck Dagenhart, Chuck Foster, Dan Whitney, Dave Black, Debbie Prior, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Leon Martin, Theresa Johnston-Crews; 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

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

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881 — The Apostles' Creed — Wayne Purdy
**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.** **universal*

*** 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** Wayne Purdy

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS** Wayne Purdy

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895 Wayne Purdy

**OFFERING INVITATION** Wayne Purdy

**OFFERTORY** *Musette on ADESTE FIDELES* Charles Callahan

*** DOXOLOGY** No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:**
**Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Wayne Purdy

*** HYMN** No. 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

*** BENEDICTION/INTRO TO TIME OF HEALING** Wayne Purdy

**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
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
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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.