



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday

Welcome to Main Street United Methodist Church.
Our Mission is: "Following Christ from City Center"

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Green

ENTRANCE

Welcome Visitors/Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Mary Kate and Josh Skinner

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

This is the Feast of Victory
Rodney Cleveland, organist

Callahan

Call to Worship

Shell Dula, Lay Reader

Leader: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

People: O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Leader: This is my story. This is my song.

People: Praising my savior all the day long!

Call to Praise

How Firm a Foundation

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Shell Dula

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and

it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

It's Always Darkest Before It Goes Totally Black

Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

Anthem

Celtic Communion

Myra Greene, Lisa Smith, Gary Funderburk

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn**

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

**Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.**

**Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove; but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Praeludium in F Major

Buxtehude

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers today are given to glorify God and in memory of Nelson and Mildred Greene, and Virgil and Dot Wactor by Myra Greene and Fred Wactor.

November 8th is available to provide flowers for our worship services. Please contact the church office at 229-7551 to sign up!

A video recording of today's service is available on our website, www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

There is a link to make on-line donations there, also!

Serving This Sunday, October 4

Sound System Operator: Jeff Smith

2020 Stewardship Report as of 09/27/2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$452,924	\$677,118
YTD EXPENSES:	\$426,846	\$677,118
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ 26,078	

Apportionments Report as of 09/27/2020

\$106,908 Apportionments due by 12/31/20
\$17,818 Apportionments Paid to Date
\$ 89,090 Balance of Apportionments due

Two month's portion has been paid.

Attendance 09/20/2020

8:30 am Service	24
11:00 am Service	72

Nursery & Extended Session Volunteers Needed

All parents, friends, and grandparents-we need your help. In order for us to provide nursery and Extended Session, we must have Safe Sanctuary mandated volunteers to work with our paid staff. Those who are interested in helping to make it possible for children to return to church, please contact Josie Shirley and Gray Stallworth.

Reminder: Extended Session is where children ages 3-5 leave before the sermon and will be returned to the sanctuary by the time you have to leave.

Childcare is available this morning

Until further notice, infants through two-years old can be in the nursery, Asbury Building, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. You must sign your child in and out.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, October 5

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool
6:00 pm The Essentials-Zoom

Tuesday, October 6

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
10:00 am Susanna Circle @ Wesley Commons
6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship-SWB

Wednesday, October 7

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool
6:00 pm Youth meet at Grace Street Park
6:30 pm Back Porch Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 8

7:00 am Men's Bible Study-Fat Daddy's
9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool

Friday, October 9

9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery Worship

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am Early Service-Fellowship Hall
SS Classes - 10:00 am
Children-Asbury Building
Cornerstone
Drake Class-Zoom and in-person
Dula Class-Zoom from Harley Family Center
Genesis to Revelation Class-Zoom
Is Jesus Calling You-Library
Youth
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm Elevate Youth Zoom

To learn more about future events planned at Main Street, visit us on our website at www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Organist

Josie Shirley, Children's Program Coordinator

Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant

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Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director