



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 12, 2021

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Purple

ENTRANCE

Prelude

*Chorale Prelude on
'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme'* Bach
Rhonda McGinnis, flute and Rodney Cleveland, organist

Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements

Pastor James

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Reader

Leader: The Reign of God is drawing near:

People: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord:

People: A just and peaceful path!

Leader: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

People: For the glory of God!

*Hymn No. 246

Joy to the World
Crucifer: Addison Leopard
Acolyte: Caroline Leopard

*Statement of Faith No. 883

*Glory Be to the Father No. 70

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Cindee, Steve and Tracee Stewart

A Lesson from Isaiah 35:10

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Sung Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

Mary Lynn Polk

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Moments

Pastor James

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through 1st Graders may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

Anthem

The Shepherds' Lamb

Dan Forrest

Sermon

Good News, Bad News

Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 221**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Rodney Cleveland, organist

***Offering Response No. 219**

What Child Is This

(Verse 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members No. 48

Sharon and Brad Wenner

***Benediction**

***Sung Response Hymn No. 217** *Away in a Manger*

vs. 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

***Postlude**

People Look East

Velde

Rodney Cleveland, organist

**Please stand as you are able*

New Members Joining Today

We welcome Sharon and Brad Wenner today! They come to us by transfer from Weddington UMC in Weddington, NC. Please show our steadfast love and join in welcoming them into our church home.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us. If you would like to learn more about Main Street ministries, get connected to a Bible Study, or request prayer, please visit mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/. Or call the Church Office at 864-229-7551 and speak with one of our staff members.

A video recording of today's service is available on our website,

www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

Serving This Sunday, December 12

Sound System Operator: Brian Andrews

Media Team: Asa Stallworth

Welcome Center: Ann Workman

Prayer Sentinel: Ann and Charlie West

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Ashleigh Leopard

Extended Session: Susan Thompson
& Hannah Crooks

Sanctuary Stewards: Margaret and Larry Gearhart

2021 Stewardship Report as of 12/05/2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$621,993	\$845,350
YTD EXPENSES:	\$615,173	\$845,350
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$ 6,820	

Apportionments Report as of 12/05/2021

\$99,646 Apportionments due by 12/31/21

\$24,912 Apportionments Paid to Date

\$74,734 Balance of Apportionments due

Note: \$8,187 contributions to Apportionments are held in a Restricted Account until a full month's payment of \$8,304 is collected, and then sent as a monthly payment to the Conference. If contributions don't reach a full month's payment, we distribute the contributions proportionally among the various line items for a partial payment @ EOY.

Attendance 12/05/2021

9:00 am Prayer Service	32
Sunday School	118
11:00 am Service	155

Sunday Childcare

for infants through 2-year olds is from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm, in the Asbury Building. Children must be signed in & out. Ask an usher if you need help finding the nursery.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, December 13

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building
6:00 pm Mud Pies Christmas Program-Sanctuary
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911-Scout Room

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 am College Bible Study-Howard's on Main
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool-Asbury Building
9:30 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Celebration Circle-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 pm Engage Women of Christmas-FH
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

Saturday, December 18

9:00 am Children's Play Rehearsal and Christmas Party

Sunday, December 19

9:00 am 9 O'clock Service-Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School Classes
11:00 am 11 O'clock Service-Sanctuary
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

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

Children's Rehearsal & Christmas Party

Final play rehearsal-Saturday, 12-18, at 9 am with Christmas Party following. If you aren't in the play & want to come to the party, contact Melissa at melissa.scott@mainstreetgreenwood.org

Youth Christmas Party Today

All Youth grades 6th-12th our Christmas Party is 5-7 pm at Brandon and Tara Smith's! Join for some good food, s'mores, games, and an ugly Christmas sweater contest. We'll also have a white elephant gift exchange (max. \$10 gift)

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Organist

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Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director