



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purple

Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful
Angels We Have Heard on High
Mary Margaret Skinner and Sarah Bowen Hecox

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Christmas Welcome
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

*Call to Worship

Myra Greene, Lay Reader

Leader: Come to the Lord, all you people!

People: We come, seeking God's healing love.

Leader: Make your hearts ready to discover God's power in your lives.

People: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God's loving gifts.

Leader: Hallelujah!

People: Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Sing We Now of Christmas
Crucifer: Peyton Larkins
Acolyte: Ryder Larkins
Advent Banner: Josh Albon

#237

Children's Message with Rev. Keck & Charlie

*Following the Children's Message, 3-year-olds through Kindergartners
may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Jennifer, Tyler, Peyton & Ryder Larkins

A Lesson from Isaiah 9:6-7

Reader: ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*Apostles Creed

#881

*Glory Be to the Father

#70

Anthem	<i>Sussex Carol</i>	Jay Rouse
	Rhonda McGinnis, Flute and Becky Gardner, Oboe	
*Gospel Reading	Matthew 11:1-6	Myra Greene
Sermon	<i>Love Came Down!</i>	Rev. Keck
*Hymn of Response	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	#229

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offering

Offertory	<i>Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
	Joey Plyler, Soloist	

***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.

*Hymn of Dedication	<i>He is Born</i>	#228
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***Closing Prayer**

***Congregational Response**

Angels We Have Heard on High #238 verse 4
 See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*Postlude	<i>Carrilon on Joy to the World</i>	Mary Beth Bennett
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*Please stand as you are able

Chancel Flowers

The Poinsettia chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Anne Drake and loving memory of Chuck Drake by their children.

WELCOME VISITORS!

May God richly bless you in this Service today and bring you back to be with us again. If you would like to learn more about Main Street ministries, get connected to a Bible Study or request prayer, please visit our website mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/ or call our Church Office at 864-229-7551.

Canned Food Drive

We are collecting canned foods all year long for our new food pantry ministry to begin in January. For December 12 through the end of year, please bring canned fruit & crackers.

A Prayer Sentinel in the balcony is praying for the Holy Spirit to move among our church family.

Serving This Sunday, December 18

Sound System Operator: Josh Skinner

Media Boot/Camera: Drew Philipp

Prayer Sentinel: Allie Williams

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Jennifer Larkins

Extended Session: Melissa Scott

Sanctuary Stewards: Carol Burgess & Miriam Garner

2022 Stewardship Report as of 12/11/2022

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$706,858	\$715,800
YTD EXPENSES:	\$681,954	\$715,800
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$24,904	

(Apportionments have been paid through November.)

Attendance 12/11/2022

9:02 Service	105
Sunday School	165
11:00 am Service	264
Online	8

WEDNESDAY ENGAGE DINNERS

Thank you to all the groups that provided dinner these past months. Our Engage Dinners & Studies will resume January 11th. Sign-up to host dinner by calling the church office at 864-229-7551. Dates are open in all months January through May. Engage Studies will be announced soon along with sign-ups to be available on our website.



Today at 3:00 pm

Come help spread Christmas cheer to our homebound members! Meet at the Playground parking lot to divide up, optional dinner after.

Sunday Childcare

is available in the nursery for infants through 2 year olds from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm, in the Asbury Bldg. Each child must be signed in & out. Ask an usher if you need assistance finding the nursery.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, December 19

6:30 pm Men's Group-Drake Class

7:00 pm Youth Lock-In-Youth Room

Tuesday, December 20

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 am Wednesday Breakfast Small Group

Thursday, December 22

10:00 am Advent Book Study-Drake Classroom

7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

Friday, December 23

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight

Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

No Sunday School

10:00 am Christmas Worship Service-Sanctuary

Sunday, January 1

No Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service-Fellowship Hall

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

Youth Lock-In December 19-20

We are looking forward to having a youth lock-in at church tomorrow from 8PM Monday, December 19 to 8AM Tuesday morning, December 20. More details to come, but mark on your calendars for a fun night during the week before Christmas!

Coat Closet Giveaway

We are collecting coats of all sizes year round for our Coat Closet Giveaway. This ministry will help those who need coats during the winter. Our next giveaway will be in January 2023.

Project Warm

Due to the unavailability of our planned project this year, we have postponed until first of the year.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

Steve Keck, Senior Pastor

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministries

Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

Melissa Scott, Children's Ministries Coordinator

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

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David Weathers, Building Superintendent

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Today's video recording is available on our website at www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.