



 **Main Street**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**January 2, 2022**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

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

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday

White

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## Prelude

Amy Fennell, organist

## Welcome Visitors, Church Concerns and Announcements

Pastor James

## Chiming of the Trinity

### \*Call to Worship

Toby Chappell, Lay Reader

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**People: The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**People: Take the journey that leads to the child.**

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

**People: We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.**

### \*Hymn No. 240

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Crucifer: Quinn Marino, Acolyte: Colson Marino

### \*Statement of Faith No. 883

### \*Glory Be to the Father No. 70

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Proclaiming the Good News

### Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Toby Chappell

### Anthem

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

arr. Philip Kern

### Children's Message

Pastor James

### Reflection

*Covenant*

Pastor James

## Responding to God's Word

### The Invitation

Dearly beloved: the Christian life, to which we are called, is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin by Christ, and consecrated to God through Christ. We have entered upon this life, having been admitted into that new covenant of which our Lord Jesus Christ is mediator, and which Jesus sealed with his own blood, that it might stand forever.

On one side of the covenant is God's promise to fulfill, in and through us, all that God declared in Jesus Christ, who is the author and perfecter of our faith. We are sure that this promise still stands, for we have known God's goodness and proved God's grace in our own lives day by day. On the other side, we promise to live no more for ourselves, but for Christ, who loved us even to death. He called us to serve God so that the purposes of Christ's coming would be fulfilled.

From time to time we renew our vows of consecration—especially when we gather at the Lord's Table. But today we meet expressly, as generations of our ancestors have met, to joyfully and solemnly renew the covenant which bound them and binds us to God. Remembering the mercies of God and the hope of God's calling, let us then examine ourselves by the light of the Spirit, that we may see where we have fallen short in faith and practice. Considering all that this covenant means, may we give ourselves again to God.

cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us.

**\*All: Therefore let us make the covenant of God our own. Let us engage our heart to the Lord, and resolve in God's strength never to go back. Being thus prepared, let us now, in sincere dependence on God's grace and trusting in God's promises, yield ourselves anew to Christ.**

### **\*The Covenant Prayer**

Leader: O Lord God, Holy Father, who has called us through Christ to participate in this gracious covenant: We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of You, to seek and do Your perfect will. We are no longer our own, but Yours.

**\*All: I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low for You; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

### **Worship with Tithes and Offering**

*(Please sign red attendance pad. Return to center aisle when all have signed.)*

### **Offertory**

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95

**A Service of Word and Table** No. 12

**Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving** No. 15

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn No. 246** *Joy to the World*

### **\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Benediction** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (refrain)* No. 251

### **Postlude**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

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### **Chancel Flowers**

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ben Cunningham and in honor of Selah Kelly who were both born on January 3<sup>rd</sup> by Jim and Kathy Kelly.

### **New Office Hours**

The Church will have new office hours beginning on January 4, 2022, when we return from the New Year's holiday. The new hours will be 9am-1pm Monday through Thursday.

Today's video recording is available on our website, [www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).

Flower calendar for 2022 is now available. Please call the Church Office to sign up.

## **The Act of Adoration**

Leader: Let us adore God, the Creator of Love who made us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and has given us the light of the knowledge of the Almighty's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**All: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

Leader: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, though rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who went about doing good, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who was tempted in all ways as we are, yet without sin; who became obedient to death, even the death of the cross; who was dead, and lives forever; who opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who sits at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

**All: You are the King of glory, O Christ.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God and made members of the Body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us; who waits to do for us abundantly more than we ask or think.

**All: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer**

### **\*The Act of Thanksgiving**

Let us rise and give thanks to God for the Lord's many mercies. (Please rise as you are able.)

Leader: O God our Creator, the fountain of all goodness, who has been gracious to us through all the years of our life: We give You thanks for Your loving kindness which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

**All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.**

Leader: You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world which is full of Your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands and minds of others.

**All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.**

Leader: You have set in our hearts a hunger for you, and given us Your peace. You have redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. You have given us a place in the fellowship of Your Spirit and the witness of Your Church.

**All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.**

Leader: In darkness You have been our Light, in adversity and temptation our Rock of Strength, in our joys the very Spirit of Joy, in our work the all-sufficient Reward.

**All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord.**

Leader: You have remembered us when we have forgotten You, followed us even when we fled from You, met us with forgiveness when we turned back to You. For all your patience and the abundance of Your grace,

**All: We praise Your holy name, O Lord. Amen.**

## **Silent Prayer**

### **The Act of Confession**

Leader: Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and watching our hearts, lest by self-deceit, we shut ourselves out from God's presence. Let us pray:

**All: O God our Creator, who has set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son: We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Jesus, our reluctance to follow Christ. You have spoken and called, and we have not given heed. Your beauty has shone forth, and we have been blind. You have stretched out your hand to us through strangers among us, and we have passed by. We have taken great gifts and given little thanks. We have been unworthy of Your changeless love. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader: Forgive us, we ask You, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our inconstancy and unbelief. Forgive our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretenses, and our willful ignorance of Your ways.

**All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader: Forgive us where we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us where we have excused our own wrongdoing or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good; that we have drawn back from the cross.

**All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us. Forgive us where we have cherished the things that divide us from others, where we have made it hard for them to live with us, and where we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, and grudging in forgiveness.

**All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader: If we have made no ventures in fellowship, if we have kept in our heart a grievance against another, if we have not sought reconciliation, if we have been eager for the punishment of wrongdoers and slow to seek their redemption,

**All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Leader: Let each of us in silence make confession to God.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Words of Assurance**

This is the message we have heard from Jesus and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Covenant Hymn No. 413**    *A Charge to Keep I Have*

### **\*The Covenant**

(Please remain standing if you are able.)

Leader: And now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us. This means that we are heartily content that Christ appoints us our place and work, and that Christ alone will be our reward. Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some, we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others, we

## Serving This Sunday, January 2

**Sound System Operator:** Stuart Driver

**Media Team:** Preston Goforth

**Welcome Center:** Zella Williams

**Prayer Sentinel:** Kit Adkins & Tommy McNeill

**Acolyte Parent Volunteer:** Rebecca Marino

**Extended Session:** Hannah Thompson &  
Hannah Crooks

**Sanctuary Stewards:** Carol Burgess &  
Miriam Garner

## 2021 Stewardship Report as of 12/26/2021

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$674,234	\$897,106
YTD EXPENSES:	\$663,465	\$897,106
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$10,769	

## Apportionments Report as of 12/26/2021

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

\$33,216 Apportionments Paid to Date

\$66,430 Balance of Apportionments due

**Note:** Member contributions were used to pay one month's Apportionments the week of 12/19/21. Balance of funds available for next payment = \$3,173. Member contributions of \$3,173 will be used to pay another month's apportionments week of 12/27/21. Church budget will provide the additional \$5,131 required to pay a full month payment. Member contributions are held in a restricted acct until a full month's payment of \$8,304 is collected, and then will be 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.

## Attendance 12/26/2021

9:00 am Prayer Service	19
Sunday School	76
11:00 am Service	87

## THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

### Monday, January 3

**Church Office is closed for New Year's holiday**

### Tuesday, January 4

10:00 am Susanna Circle-Wesley Commons  
2:00 pm Cookies & Canvases-Asbury Gym  
4:00 pm Care Team Committee Meeting-Library  
5:00 pm IT Committee Meeting-Library

### Wednesday, January 5

4:00 pm Children's Movie-Sing 2 at theater  
6:00 pm Young Adult Fireside  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### Thursday, January 6

2:00 pm Baking for a Cause-Asbury Gym  
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Gym

### Sunday, January 9

9:02 am Early Service-Sanctuary  
10:00 am Sunday School Classes  
11:00 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Elevate Youth-Youth Room  
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](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org).*

## Sunday Childcare

is available for infants through 2-year olds 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.

## 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/](http://mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/). Or call the Church Office at 864-229-7551 and speak with one of our staff.

## Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministries

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Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

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