

# Main Street United Methodist Church



*First Sunday After The Epiphany*  
January 12, 2025

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**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**

**Prayer 253**

*Baptism of the Lord*

**Hymn 545**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**Reading**

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

**Children's Message**

**Hymn 347**

*Spirit Song*

**Congregational Life**

**Offering**

**Hymn 95**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Scripture**

*Luke 3:15-22*

**Sermon**

*I Will Be With You*

**Prayer 893**

*Lord, we confess*

**Hymn 529**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**Sending**

**Postlude**



**Sunday Next: Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 19, 2025 - John 2:1-11**

## Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> **Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.**

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> **I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (NRSV)**

## Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup> He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." <sup>18</sup> John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

<sup>19</sup> John also publicly criticized Herod Antipas, the ruler of Galilee, for marrying Herodias, his brother's wife, and for many other wrongs he had done. <sup>20</sup> So Herod put John in prison, adding this sin to his many others.

<sup>21</sup> One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." (NLT)

## Main Street Church Calendar

<b>Sunday, January 12, 2025</b>	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
10:30 A.M.	Sunday Worship
<b>Monday, January 13, 2025</b>	
6:00 P.M.	Women's Committee Meeting - Edna Watt Rm
<b>Wednesday, January 15, 2025</b>	
6:00 P.M.	Bible Study - <i>Library</i> - John 2:1-11
7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - <i>Choir Room</i>

**Snack-Kit Ministry:** The people of Main Street United Methodist continues to give snack kits to neighbors in need. The snacks and toiletries are distributed on Wednesdays of each week at 10 a.m. Your continued contributions of deodorant, toothpaste and soap or donations to purchase supplies helps tremendously with this ongoing project. Call the church office if you would like to help. *Thank you for all donations!*

### Let Us Celebrate You!

Birthday Fellowship Meal on Sunday, February 9, 2025! After morning worship. Watch for more information, and plan to bring a friend!

The Monthly Mission Offering for January is the **Reidsville High School Principal's Fund** which helps students who need assistance with school supplies and needs for being successful in high school. *Please use the yellow Monthly Mission Offering envelopes or indicate on your check. Thank you for your support!*

The **NOW Committee** is collecting **boxes of instant oatmeal - individually wrapped** for the Reidsville Outreach Center during the month of January. *Thank you for your support!*

**Prayer List:** Homebound Members, Emma McGinnis, J.D. Paschal, Aaron Griffith, Barry Williams, Tommy Hicks, Johnny Glover, Jesse Sigmon, Joe Alexander, Joanna Gibbs, Dennis Irving, Shannon French, Wanda Poole, Mitch Mason, Regina Hampshire, Ray Gibson, Rebecca Filibey, John Noell, Donna Snoufer, John Rush, Mary Lynn Somers, Steven, Latoyia, Lee Rakestraw, Curtis Dickens, the Family of Tommie Ward, the Family of Mary Dixon Reynolds, Meryl Murphy. *\*Please call the church office to be added/removed from Prayer List.*