

**Order of Service 12.5.2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude**

*Savior of the Nations, Come—*  
Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524/arr. Wagner

**Acolyte**—Kalin Brooks

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**  
**Scripture Reading**—Tom Bennett  
Isaiah 40:3-5

**Opening Hymn**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

(UMH 234) V1, V2, V3

**Verse 1**

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels.

**Refrain:**

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

**Verse 2**

True God of true God,  
Light from Light Eternal,  
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
**[Refrain]**

**Verse 3**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
**[Refrain]**

**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

(UMH 240) V1

**Verse 1**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King!"

**Announcements**

**Morning Prayer**

**Offering**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
—Trad. French carol/arr. Hayes

**Doxology** UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings  
flow, Praise God, all creatures here  
below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-  
lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



**Christmas Cantata**

*Lead Me Back to Bethlehem*

By Pepper Choplin

Performed by The Chancel Choir

*"Lead me back to Bethlehem" to witness the joyful exuberance of the shepherds, the serene peace of Mary, and the redeeming love of the newly born Christ-child. Lead me back to that wondrous night to experience the utter simplicity of that blessed event and to see the star of holy light, following wherever it leads us. Through his signature style, with its simplicity of means, Pepper Choplin leads us through this Bethlehem story using carols, familiar folk songs with new seasonal texts, and original music and narrative. The choral parts are exceedingly melodic and sing very easily in either voicing. And no matter the accompaniment option selected to produce this work, the real message of the Christmas story is magnificently yet simply conveyed to both performers and listeners as all are collectively "led back to Bethlehem" to rediscover the joy, peace, and love that Christmas offers to all of us.*

**Closing Hymn**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**  
(UMH #196) V1, V2

**Verse 1**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

**Verse 2**

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*  
—Plainsong/arr. McConnell



Whether you are a regular attendee or this is your first time with us, we wanted to make sure you know how much we appreciate you joining for worship today here at Central United Methodist Church of Kings Mountain!

The House of God is such a special place to be. You may have heard people refer to a church congregation as "the body of Christ." This is because the bible explains us each as individual members of one whole body.

**SMALL  
GROUPS**

We are excited to announce that we are planning to relaunch small groups again in 2022. We are currently in the development stage and will be asking you to fill out a survey on **12/12/21** to find out what kind of groups you would be interested in and looking for leaders. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Potter at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or the church office.



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### Sunday School News

**Beginning on 12/12/21 Sunday School will meet at 8:45am and will be followed by Fellowship with coffee and snacks. A volunteer snack list is being created and reminders will be sent. If you would like to volunteer to bring snacks, please let the church office know.**

Join us on **December 19, 2021** for KID Central Singing Sunday during our 10:00am worship time. Our KID Central children will be performing a mini music concert.

### \*\*\*We need ushers and greeters\*\*\*

Please see Joe Patterson, contact the church office at [central@cumckm.org](mailto:central@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471 to volunteer.

We have **altar flower dates** available in 2022. Please contact the church office for dates.

**The Russell Fellowship Class Christmas Project** will be collecting cash and blankets this year (no toys). They will be serving around 30 families in the community. To donate, please earmark your checks for Russell Christmas Project. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

### Hearing Assist System

We now have a Hearing Assist System that will allow you to connect via a belt pack that the church provides or if you have a smartphone, you can use it with your own hearing aid when you download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app. Please see an usher for assistance.

### Special Notice:

*Please note masks are encouraged for all members and visitors until further notice 8.23.21*

**December Ushers:** Joe Patterson & Jimmy Warren  
**Snack Servers:** Beginning 12/12/21

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday:** 4:30pm KID Central Music Practice

**Mondays:** Bells of Praise, 6:00pm

### Operation Christmas Child Underway

Join us in reaching 150 children this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Make out your check to Central and designate in the memo line Operation Christmas Child and the donation is \$25 per box. You can also pay online and choose your own shoebox items on the CUMC Goal Page at <https://sampur.se/2Zkijsl> or visit our website. For more information, please see Audrey Brooks or contact the church office.

### Our Christmas Eve Service on

**December 24, 2021 will be at 6:30 pm.** We

are keeping up with the latest information about the COVID variant, and as a result our worship service location is subject to change.

The location will announced as we get closer to the date.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### ATTENDANCE

(11/28) 10:00a Service.....89

#### Operating Fund

Contributions 11/28 \$ 10,027.70

Contributions YTD \$ 349,583.91

#### Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 11/28 \$ 0.00

Contributions YTD \$ 600.00

*Thank you for your support!*

### PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

*Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.*

**Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound:** Peggy Ramey; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle.

**Praise:** Bobby Childers and Darlene Combs on their engagement and upcoming spring wedding.

**Military Personnel:** SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SGT Joshua Brucker.

**Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Judy Norwood 7.12.21; Sheila Gentry 10.25.21; Sheila Dixon on the passing of her mother, Imogene Rinehart 11.7.21; Bill Tinsley (death) 12.1.21.

**Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Nancy Radford 6.7.21; Allen Ware 6.14.21 (colon cancer/[www.caringbridge.org/visit/allenware](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/allenware)); Sherry Wilson 6.25.21; Sidney Bridges 8.9.21; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Trent Hullender (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) 10.18.21.