

Order of Service 11.27.2022

1st Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore the Thee—
Henry Van Dyke

Acolyte— Ruby O.

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Bruce & Deborah Gwyn

Welcome

Call to Worship

Days of Elijah (CCLI #1537904)

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

Opening Hymn

We Believe (CCLI#6367165)

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the
dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud
our God will save
We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

Announcements

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Music

Jesus Is Come—Words/Music by Justin Harper

Offering

Carol of the Bells—Michael G. Sinshack
Performed by Melissa Brooks

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!

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:1-12

*1 an account of the genealogy of Jesus the
Messiah, the son of David, the son of
Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac,
and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the
father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and
Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by
Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and
Hezron the father of Aram, 4 and Aram the
father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the
father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of
Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by
Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth,
and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the
father of King David. And David was the
father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and
Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and
Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah
the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father
of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father
of Joram, and Joram the father of
Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham,
and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the*

*father of Hezekiah, 10 and Hezekiah the
father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father
of Amos, and Amos the father of
Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of
Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the
deportation to Babylon. 12 And after the
deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the
father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of
Zerubbabel.*

Sermon—Pastor Bruce Gwyn

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; the third day he arose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World (UMH 246)

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude Greensleeves— English folk song

Performed by Kathy Livsie—Flute

12/18 Christmas Cantata, 10 am
12/24 Candlelight Christmas
Eve Service, 7 pm
12/25 Christmas Day Service &
Communion, 10am

Central News and Events



It's Time for Operation Christmas Child

This year for Operation Christmas Child help Central build shoeboxes online! Join us in reaching 100 children this year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For a donation of just \$25, we will pack it and send it for you in Jesus' Name. If you would like to physically pack a box pick one up from the tables in the hallway or narthex. Be sure to share this opportunity with others and let's see what God will do! If you have questions, please contact Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758. Make out your check to Central and designate in the memo line Operation Christmas Child and the donation is \$25 per box. Or you can scan the QR Code and pay online and choose your shoebox items on the CUMC Goal Page.

Scan Me!

You are Invited! Our **Christmas Cantata** will be 12/ 18 at 10:00 am. You are invited to join us for our 12/24 **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7:00 pm. Join us on Christmas Day & Communion Service, 10 am. *Please note on 12/25/22 There will be no KIDS Central or Nursery available.*

Sunday School News ****Please Note New Time**** Sunday School now will be meeting in the CAC at 8:30 am.

Our Nursery is available during worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

KID Central is our church's church for ages 5-12. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org.

UMYF United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact **Pastor Bruce Gwyn** please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or pastor@cumckm.org.

Ushers: Joe Patterson, JD Burris, Aubrey Livsie

Greeter: Dru White

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.



Central is in urgent need of more Live-streaming volunteers! Since April 2020 and the Covid times, two church volunteers have faithfully served by running live-streaming each Sunday. The desire is

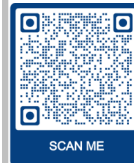
to add two new volunteers to the live-streaming team so rotations can be developed. The goal would be one month-on volunteering and three months off. Our shut-ins greatly appreciate this ministry.

Learn this exciting new technology and how to operate this light Apple iPad iPhone Wifi-based live-streaming system. The Livestream setup starts every Sunday morning at 9 am. Pray over this opportunity and consider serving the church in this capacity. If interested, contact Todd Wilson at 704-692-1217 or kmguy@carolina.rr.com

The Family Fellowship Night Committee

is seeking your feedback to help improve our programming. Please answer the questions below to help assist us in our future planning.

Scan the QR code to take this survey.



Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(11/20) 10:00a Service.....94

Operating Fund

Contributions 11/20 \$22,301.51

Contributions YTD \$356,838.59

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 11/20 \$0.00

Contributions YTD \$0.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

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

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua 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; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Jim Ware 8.26.22; Penny Norwood (knee surgery recovery) 10.10.22; Ray Robinson (surgery).

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22; Sherry Curtis 4.20.22; Jennifer Wall 4.26.22; Parker Byrd 7.27.22; Clyde V. (motorcycle accident); Robert Childers, Sr., 9.22.22; Terry and Johnny Neil 10.17.22; Charles Bagwell 10.17.22; Tina Melton 10.24.22; Phyllis Sweezy, mother of David Sweezy (death) 11.15.22.