

Order of Service

12.18.2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

Carol of the Bells—Leontovich/arr. Smith

Acolyte—Eli O.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Penny & Jim Larson

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (UMH# 240)

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!"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Announcements

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Offering

Mary, Did You Know?

—Lowry & Greene/arr. Schrader

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

A Candlelight Christmas

—by Benjamin Harlan

We want to give special thanks to Teresa Williams for writing the narration for this year's cantata. Her words are powerful and inspiring. We also want to thank Tom Bennett for being our narrator and for his dedication to help our music team. We are thankful for our dedicated music team for their work on this program.

Closing Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234
V1, 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 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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning, Jesus,
to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing

Refrain

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Postlude on "Joy to the World"
—arr. McConnell



12/24 Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Service, 7 pm

12/25 Christmas
Day Service &
Communion, 10 am



The ladies' circles of Central would like to invite the women of the church to meet together on Monday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the CAC.

Anyone interested in joining a ladies group is welcome to attend. We will discuss future projects and decide on a new name for this group.

Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Wilson (704-466-0187), Amy Dixon (980-215-5757) or Marie Brinkley (704-277-6961).

We look forward to seeing you in February!

End of Year Giving Reminder

2022 Contributions must be postmarked by 12/31/22 or received in by December 31, 2022. Remember you can always donate online www.cumckm.org.

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

Scan Me! 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.

Church Office Hours—Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, December 26, Friday, December 30, & Monday, January 2. Our Administrative Assistant, Candy Love will be on vacation from December 27-January 2 and during the week the church office will be open from 10 am—3 pm.

Merry Christmas! You are invited to join us for our 12/24 **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7:00 pm. Join us for our **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, Jimmy Warren

Greeter: Cecelia Meade

Livestream
Volunteers

Central is in urgent need of more Live-streaming volunteers!

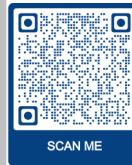
Since April 2020 and the Covid times, two church volunteers have faithfully served by running live-streaming each Sunday. The

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

Retired Chrismons Display
We invite you to come and check out the retired Chrismons display in the hallway across from the hanging quilt and by the stairwell.



Welcome Visitors!

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(12/11) 10:00a Service.....139

Operating Fund

Contributions 12/11 \$ 5,779.25

Contributions YTD \$ 377,498.84

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 12/11 \$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 (death) 12.6.22 ; 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; Marsha & Carl Morrow 12.1.22; Buck Buckner (cancer) 12.1.22.