



Order of Service 9.24.2023
17th Sunday After Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

Softly & Tenderly / In the Garden—arr. Behnke
Performed by the *Bells of Praise*

Acolyte— Melissa B.

Greetings

Kayla Potter Fuller, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements— Audrey Brooks

Build Your Kingdom Here (CCLI Song #6186078)

Chorus

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop

Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus

Opening Worship

Good Good Father (CCLI#7036612)

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

In Christ Alone—arr. Mark Hayes

Offering

Church of God—arr. Ingram
Performed by the *Bells of Praise*

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

1 John 1:5-7 (NKJV) 5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

John 8:12 (NKJV) 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1 John 1:6 (NKJV) 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 1:8 (NKJV) 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 2:4 (NKJV) 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:6 (NKJV) ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Sermon— Pastor Perry Hines

Sermon Title— *Walking In the Light*

Closing Hymn

Nothing But The Blood (UMH #362)

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

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.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

To God Be the Glory—arr. Krug

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of AVJ's 2nd Birthday By: Caitlin Larson

The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Melissa Brooks' Birthday By: Lisa & Ernie Howell

Ushers: Jim Larson & Mark Dixon Greeter: Mary Ann Hendricks

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(9/17) 10:00a Service.....91

Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 9/17 \$ 4,006.00

Contributions MTD \$ 16,523.25



It's Time for Operation Christmas Child This year for **Operation Christmas Child** help Central build shoeboxes online! Join us in reaching 75 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. 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 CMC Goal Page. Shoebox donations are due by Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Mary's Breakfast Bunch will meet on Wednesday, September 27, 9:00 am at Linwood Restaurant.

Save the date for the **Methodist Men Annual Soup Sale** on **Saturday, November 4, 2023** from 11am-2pm. Tickets will be available soon. If you have any questions, please see Jeff Dixon.

Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30 pm** in the CAC. Audrey Brooks and Debbie Greene will be doing a program for us. Below is some information on what that will entail. Hope to see each of you at our meeting. Our Program will be: "2 Shirts" Helping the Vulnerable. Community in Christ can make the difference. *"He replied to them, "The one who has two shirts must share with someone who has none, and the one who has food must do the same."—Luke 2:11 CSB*

Save the Date for our upcoming Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29 from 5:30-7:00pm. Our planning meetings will be held after service in the Asbury Room on **Sunday, September 24, October 1, 8, & 22.** We are in need of **10** cars for Trunk or Treat. We are now collecting candy for the **Fall Festival on October 29.** Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in front of Kayla's office in the CAC hallway. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

Don't forget to stop by the Asbury room on Sunday mornings to get some refreshments before heading to your preferred Sunday Morning Small Group! Refreshments will be offered every Sunday from 8:45 -9:45 am.

Small Groups News: Small Groups Semester begins September 24—Short term study small groups start meeting. Please see next page for Small Group information.

Choir Hymn Caroling Night Wednesday, September 27, 2023. We would like to invite the church congregation to join our choir as we travel to sing to our homebound members. The Choir will meet at 6:45pm in the choir room and depart on the church bus at 7pm. If you would like to participate or schedule a visit please contact Justin Harper at Justin@cmkm.org or the church office at 704-739-2471.

Save the Date for our upcoming Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29. We will start collecting candy for the festival. Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in front of Kayla's office in the CAC hallway.

Central Senior Trip

We're excited to invite you to our Central Senior Trip to Lake Lure on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023!** It's going to be an amazing day exploring the beautiful area and indulging in some delicious Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. Don't forget to bring some cash for the meal and any sightseeing you want to do. We'll all meet up at the church at 10 am and head out together, with the option to carpool or take a bus depending on the response. We'll wrap up our adventure at 4 pm. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to Debbie Greene at 330-603-4355 or dgreene90254@gmail.com. Please **RSVP** by Monday, **October 2** so we can make sure everything is all set for the trip.

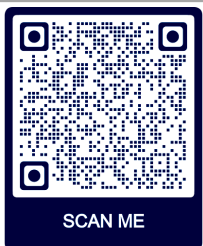
KIDS Central & Nursery News

Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am 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@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

KID Central is our church's church for K-5th and **check in is now at 9:00am** on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org.

Central Youth 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@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996.



Welcome Visitors!

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

Sunday Morning Groups

1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am CAC, Sunday mornings
- Age: All ages

2. Daughters of Wesley Sunday morning Group

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: 9 am in the Parlor/Bride's room
- Leader contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net
704-473-9148

3. Pilgrim's Progress Study Sunday Morning Group

- Leaders: Clyde and Faye Kerns, Jimmy Warren, & Jim Larson
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader contact info: clydekerns@att.net

Weekly Groups

Men's Bible Study

- Leader: Tim Miller
- Time and location: Weekly on Tuesdays, 7:30 pm in the Asbury room
- Leader contact info: tmnkm@bellsouth.net
704-473-9148
- Description: We are an ongoing small group for men of all ages. Dedicated to studying God's word as it is shared to us in the Bible. We meet for fellowship and worship in a safe and non-judgmental environment. We recognize and appreciate that not everyone is at the same level in their Biblical study, and we work together to make God's word understood and relevant for each of us in our lives

●Mary's Breakfast Brunch

- Leader: Betty Masters
- Time and location: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am. Location is Linwood Restaurant: 805 Cleveland Ave, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.
- Leader contact info: 704-739-2653

Semester Groups

Women's Seekers Bible Study Group

- Leader: Debbie Greene
- Time and location:
We will meet weekly, Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:00 pm at the church in the Asbury room
- Group Type: Women's, open to all ages
- Group Description: Our study will be on The Book of Ephesians by J.D. Greear. Ephesians is our survival manual. JD Greear digs into the text verse by verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. It will be from our mouths that others will hear about Jesus. Come join us as we study together the book of Ephesians.
- Leader Contact information:
(330)-603-4355 dgreene902@aol.com

Weekly Prayer Partners

- Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller
kayla@cmkm.org
- Time and Location: Tuesday 12:30pm-1:15pm in the CAC starting 9/26/23
- This will be a time we will spend together in prayer for our church prayers requests, our community, global needs and for one another. Members will be given weekly prayer assignments.

Just Added!

Prayer List: Praises and Concerns

*Please note names will stay on list for one month unless otherwise requested—
Contact the church office. 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to
have names added/or removed from the prayer list.*

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; John 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; SSG Colby Bailey—Army; 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; Evelyn Eagle (death), wife of John Eagle 8.27.23; Terry Edwards (safe travels) 9.21.23.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23; Martha Wright, sister of Patti Jolly (death) 8.24.23; Marsha Morrow (knee replacement surgery) Tony Donadio (Uncle of Carol Velky) 8.29.23; Jamie Keever (healing), cousin of Audrey Brooks 8.29.23; Haley Judd (healing) 9.5.23.