



**Order of Service 10.22.2023**  
**21st Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**

## **Prelude**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*—arr. Leatherman

**Acolyte**—Melissa B.

**Greetings**—Kayla Potter Fuller  
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

**Welcome/Announcements**—Debbie Greene

## **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.*

## **Opening Worship**

*In Christ Alone (CCLI#3350395)*

### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*I Speak Jesus (CCLI# 7136201 )*

### **Verse 1**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your  
presence  
I speak Jesus

### **Verse 2**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

### **Chorus**

('Cause) Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

### **Verse 3**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

### **Verse 4**

Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly  
I speak the holy Name Jesus

## **Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer UMH 895*

## **Special Choir Music**

*Old Time Religion—Traditional*

## Offering— *The Love of God*-arr. Watz

### 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 2:7-11(NKJV)**

*7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. 8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

**1 John 3:11 (NKJV)** *11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another*

**Deuteronomy 6:5 (NKJV)**

*5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

**Leviticus 19:18 (NKJV)**

*18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.*

**Luke 10:25-29 (NKJV)** *25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, ' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

**Matthew 5:43-48 (NKJV)** *43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

**John 13:34-35 (NKJV)** *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

**John 15:13 (NKJV)** *13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*

**Romans 5:6-8 (NKJV)** *6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## Sermon— Perry Hines

### Sermon Title— *Upgraded Love*

### Closing Hymn

*When We All Get to Heaven* (UMH #701)

#### Verse 1

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
he'll prepare for us a place.

#### Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
we'll sing and shout the victory!

#### Verse 2

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
clouds will overspread the sky;  
but when traveling days are over,  
not a shadow, not a sigh. (Refrain)

#### Verse 3

Let us then be true and faithful,  
trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory  
will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)

#### Verse 4

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon his beauty we'll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open;  
we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)

## Benediction

## Chiming of the Holy Trinity

## Postlude

*Postlude on "What Wondrous Love Is This"* -arr. Dixon

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Bob, Wendy, and O'Kelley  
By: MaryWade Smith*

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Jim Potter

**Greeter:** TBA

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(10/15) 10:00a Service.....112

#### Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 10/15 \$ 5,098.75

Contributions MTD \$15,715.50

**Mary's Breakfast Bunch** will meet on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**, 9 a.m. at Linwood's Restaurant.

We have **yarn available** in the church office, please feel free to stop by to pick up.

Our Annual Fall Festival will take place on Sunday, October 29 from 5:30-7 p.m. **We are currently seeking 7 volunteers to help decorate their cars for our Trunk or Treat event.** Don't worry about candy, we've got that covered! Have your car set up by 5 pm. **We also need event volunteers as well to arrive by 4 p.m.** for setup and to help with event activities. We are having a planning meeting today following service in the Asbury Room. If you're interested in *Trunk or Treat* or volunteering for this event, please get in touch with Kayla Potter at [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org). Thanks for your support!

**The Methodist Men's Annual Soup Sale will be on Saturday, November 4, 2023** from 11am-2pm. See a Methodist Men member for tickets. If you have any questions, please see Jeff Dixon or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

**Methodist Women of Kings Mountain's** next meeting will be on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 pm in the CAC.

**Our next Family Fellowship Night will be Wednesday, November 8 at 6:15 pm.** The meal will be our traditional Thanksgiving spread. Please **RSVP by November 6** by noon to make sure that we have enough for everyone.

**Save the date for our Fifth Sunday Breakfast on Sunday October 29 at 9am**

Bring your favorite store-bought or homemade breakfast pastries, donuts, fruit, ham or sausage biscuits, or breakfast casserole enough to share for up to 6 people. Food will be continental style. There will be no Sunday Small Groups meetings that day. This will be time for some church fellowship before our worship service.

**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.**



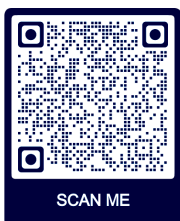
**KIDS Central & Nursery News** Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dgreene902@aol.com)

### Weekly Prayer Partners

- Leader: Kayla Potter Fuller  
[kayla@cmkm.org](mailto: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 at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto: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.

**Praises:** Birth of James Jasper Harper, son of Tracy & Justin Harper on October 3, 2023; birth of Garrison Wade Chapman, son of Emily & Joseph Chapman, grandson of Michael and Penny Norwood on October 12, 2023.

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Debby Ray's mother (healing for body) and her sister Nancy 10.10.23; Terry Edwards (shoulder surgery) 10.13.23.

**Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Tony Donadio (Uncle of Carol Velky) 8.29.23; Haley Judd (healing) 9.5.23.; Mary Donadio 10.3.23; Jamie Keever (for a good biopsy report and chemo plan direction), cousin of Audrey Brooks 8.29.23; Geneva Beachum (continued healing) 10.17.23; Louise Kale 10.16.23 (death).

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## Need help or have questions?

**Please contact: Our Administrative Assistant,**

**Candy Love at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org)**



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