



**Order of Service 10.8.2023**  
**19th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**

## **Prelude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*—arr. Gawthrop

## **Acolyte—**

## **Greetings**

Kayla Potter Fuller, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

## **Welcome/Announcements—** Ruby O.

## **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.*

## **Goodness of God (CCLI Song #7117726)**

### **Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### **Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

### **Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

## **Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

## **Opening Worship**

*Build My Life (CCLI#7070345)*

### **Verse 1**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

### **Verse 2**

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

## **Chorus**

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

## **Bridge**

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

## **Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

## **Special Choir Music**

*I Speak Jesus* —arr. Joseph Martin

## **Offering**

*Near to the Heart of God* —arr. J. Smith

## **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**  
***Psalm 34:17-18 (NIV)***

*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

**Sermon**— Jim Larson

**Sermon Title**— *How*

**Closing Hymn**

*Amazing Grace* (UMH #378) V1, 2, 3, & 6

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

**Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

**Verse 3**

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

**Verse 6**

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*—arr. L. Smith

**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.

**Our next Family Fellowship Night will be Wednesday, November 8 at 6:15 pm.** More details will be coming soon. 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 School classes that day. This will be time for some church fellowship.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Faye Kerns  
By: Alyson & Joey Gray*

*The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Margie Alexander, my mother's best friend  
By: Michael Norwood & Family*

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Jim Potter

**Greeter:** TBA

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
ATTENDANCE**

(10/1) 10:00a Service.....76

**Operating Fund 2023**

Contributions 10/1 \$ 7,728.75

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**You're Invited to our Annual 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, October 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](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org).

**Finance & Administrative Council Notice**—Currently, there are no scheduled meetings for the Administrative Council or Finance Committee.

**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.



**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.**

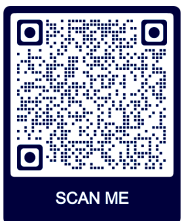
**KIDS Central & Nursery News** Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org) or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is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

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry.

**Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns):** All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; 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.; MaryBeth Donadio 10.3.23.