



Order of Service 11.19.2023
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

Reflection on "Kremser"—arr. Lasky

Acolyte—Ruby O.

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—Brian Brooks

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

Thank You, Lord (UMH #84)

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
I just want to thank you, Lord.

We Gather Together (UMH #131)

Verse 1

We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Goodness of God (CCLI#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

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Give Thanks—Henry Smith

Offering—

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come —arr. Dengler

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!

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Lesson

I John 2:24-27 NKJV

24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life. 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Psalm 90:10 The Message

We live for seventy years or so (with luck we might make it to eighty). And what do we have to show for it? Trouble. Toil and trouble and a marker in the graveyard.

John 3:14-15 NKJV

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:36 NKJV

36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 5:24 NKJV

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 17:3 NKJV

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

I John 1:1-2 NKJV

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us

I John 5:13 NKJV

13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Sermon— Perry Hines

Sermon Title— "Living Forever"

Reception of Members

Responsive reading in bold:

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We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Central Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Closing Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (UMH #540)

Verse 1

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

Verse 2

I love thy church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

Verse 3

For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

Verse 4

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

Verse 5

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Flourish on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

—arr. Ryan

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Judy Norwood for her birthday
By The Norwood Family*

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Aubrey Livsie **Greeter:** Dru White

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(11/12) 10:00a Service.....107

Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 11/12 \$ 6,495.00

Contributions MTD \$ 9,342.35

Pastor Perry Hines will be leading the Kings Mountain Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church located at 605 W. Kings Street **later today at 6:00pm.**

Poinsettia Orders You can help decorate the church this Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Orders are due by November 27.** The cost is \$11 each and order forms can be picked up in the narthex, CAC Hallway or from the church office. Please make your checks payable to Central Methodist Church.

Community Kitchen News The Community Kitchen will be opened special hours on **Thursday, November 23** from 11:30am-1:00pm.

You are cordially invited to attend our **Christmas Cantata**, "The Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson, on **Sunday, December 17th** at 10:00am.

Save the Date for the 2024 Methodist Women's Parade of Tables on Saturday, January 20! If you would like to sponsor a table or purchase tickets, please see Marie Brinkley or Elaine Dixon. Proceeds for this event will benefit local charities. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumkm.org.

This year the Russell Christmas Project is now collecting cash and blankets to donate to a local elementary school with many families in need. You can bring your blankets to the church office. For donations, please make your check out to **Russell Christmas Project**. We will be collecting these items until Sunday, December 3. Thanks for your support!



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

2024 Ushers and Greeters Needed We are looking for ushers and greeters for Sunday Morning Worship at Central. This is a ministry that can help our church grow, and we need your help. We are currently working on the usher and greeter calendar for the upcoming year, and we are in need of 4 volunteers each month. There are many spots available, so please consider volunteering. You can contact Joe Patterson or the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

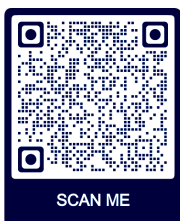
KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th 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

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.

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 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: Our newest members joining our church on 11.19.23.

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; Haley Judd (healing) 9.5.23.; Mary Donadio 10.3.23; Jamie Keever (colon cancer), cousin of Audrey Brooks 8.29.23; Kathy Rogers (cancer journey) 10.24.23; Tim Best (healing) 10.24.23; Sarah Margaret White (death) mother of Debby Ray and Ashley Kerns 11.4.23, Tina Melvin, (death) mother of Nikki Van Dyke 11.7.23; Charlene Maxey 11.14.23.