



Order of Service 11.26.2023
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Liturgical Color: White

Prelude

Trumpet Prelude on "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"—arr. Macchia

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—Kalin 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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (UMH #196)

Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

***I Saw the Light* (CCLI Song #45064)**

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that
God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Prepare the Way of the Lord!—Lloyd Larson

Offering—

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Savior of the Nations Come—arr. McKibben

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 2:28-29 NKJV
28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

John 14:1-3 NKJV

14 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to

Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

II Peter 3:3-4 NKJV

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

II Peter 3:8-10a NKJV

⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come...

I Corinthians 3:11-15 NKJV

¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Sermon— Perry Hines

Sermon Title— "Jesus Is Coming "

Closing Hymn

O come, O come, Immanuel (UMH #211)
V1,2,&6

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

Verse 6


O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Refrain

Benediction
Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

People, Look East -Basque carol/arr. Krug



Sunday, December 3
and ends Sunday,
December 24

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LET'S GO CAROLING!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 3:30 PM

Meet at Central to go caroling to our local shut-ins

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
ATTENDANCE	
(11/19) 10:00a Service.....	94
Operating Fund 2023	
Contributions 11/19	\$ 5,592.02
Contributions MTD	\$ 14,934.37

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.

Mary's Breakfast Bunch will not meet in November or December.

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!

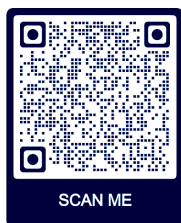
KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th 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.
- Will resume meeting in **January 2020**
- 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
- 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, Cindy & Mark Eaker.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (fall) 11.17.23.

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 (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; Dan Dixon brother of Greg Dixon & Teresa Williams 11.21.23; Rev. Bruce Hobson (death) 11.20.23.