



**Order of Service 12.10.2023**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Liturgical Color: Purple**

**Prelude**

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

**Acolyte**

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

**Welcome/Announcements**—Debbie Greene

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**—Jim Larson  
*Advent II We Wait in Peace*  
*Responsive Reading: Isaiah 9:6*

LEADER: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
**ALL:** And the government will be on his shoulders.

LEADER: And he will be called.  
**ALL:** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.

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**FISHERMAN:** Jim Larson

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*LIGHTING RESPONSE AND PRAYER: Romans 15:13*

LEADER: The candle of peace prepares us for Christ's  
coming.  
**ALL:** Our hearts glow with the light of peace.

LEADER: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and  
peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with  
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** We wait in peace. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Opening Worship**

*O Come All Ye Faithful* (CCLI Song # 31054)

**Verse 1**

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

**Chorus**

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

**Verse 2**

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

**Verse 3**

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

**How Great Is Our God** (CCLI # 4348399)

**Verse 1**

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

**Chorus**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

**Verse 2**

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

**Bridge**

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

**Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

**Special Choir Music**

*Guide Us to Thy Perfect Light*—Lloyd Larson

**Offering**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*—French Carol/arr. Hayes

## 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 3:4-5 NKJV

<sup>4</sup>Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Romans 3:23 NKJV

<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Romans 6:22 NKJV

<sup>22</sup>But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Colossians 3:1-4 NKJV

<sup>3</sup>If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

## Sermon— Perry Hines

### Sermon Title "The Purpose for Jesus' Coming "

### Closing Hymn

Joy To the World (UMH #246)

V1,2,3,4

### Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

### Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

### Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### 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.*

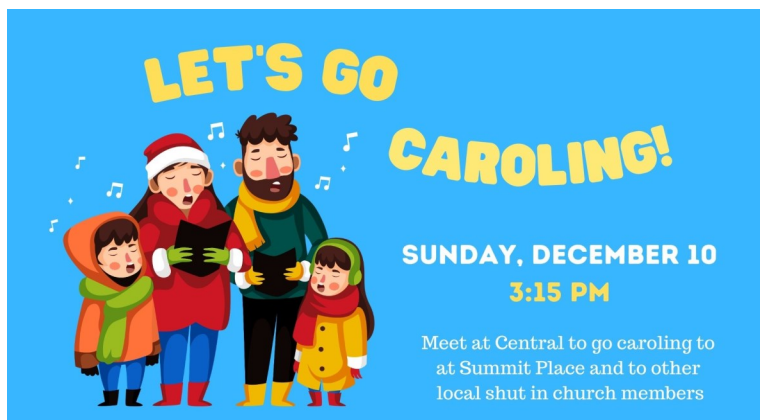
## Benediction

## Chiming of the Holy Trinity

## Postlude

Festivity on "Here We Come A-Caroling"

—English Carol/arr. Wagner



**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Jimmy Warren, Allan Propst

**Greeter:** Cecelia Meade

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(12/3) 10:00a Service.....109

### Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 12/3 \$ 4,791.00

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## Upcoming Meetings:

**12/11/23** Finance Meeting, 6:00pm & Administrative Council, 7:00 pm

**12/12/23** Endowment Meeting, 6:30 pm

**12/14/23** Missions Committee 6:30 pm

## Christmas Events

**12/10/23 Let's Go Caroling!** Meet at Central at 3:15pm to go sing at Summit Place and to local shut-in members.

**12/17/23** Come join us for our annual **Christmas Cantata**, "The Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larson at 10:00 am

**12/24/23** Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00am.

**12/24/23** Come join us for our **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 7:00 pm.

**Please note:** On Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Service there will be no nursery available.

**Mary's Breakfast Bunch** will not meet in December.

**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](mailto:central@cumkm.org).

**Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Host: Mercy House Global "Share The Light" event on Saturday, February 10, 2024, in the CAC.** Mercy House Global exists to rescue girls and empower families so that we can redeem future generations in Jesus' name. We work with women around the world through partnerships and sustainable Fair Trade product development. Every purchase made in the Fair Trade online marketplace provides dignified work while also sustaining our two maternity homes in Kenya.

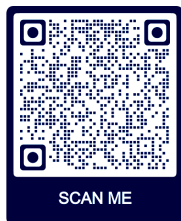
This will be an immersive Mercy House Global experience. With a powerful message from our founder, a Fair Trade Pop Up Shop, and a coinciding candle class and volunteer project, this event gives guests a unique glimpse into the work of MHG and how they can be a part of how God is empowering vulnerable families around the world! Tickets are \$25 each. More details will come soon; you do not want to miss this event! Contact Audrey Brooks 404-274-1758 for more information.

**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](mailto: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](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 (will resume in January 2024)

- 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.
  - Will resume meeting in **January 2024**
  - Leader: contact info: 704-739-2653

### 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  
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.

We want to thank you all for your support of our small groups here at Central as well as our small group leader. We pray that this ministry has been a blessing to you. Our semester-based groups will be taking a brief break until the beginning of the new year. Further details for the start of the 1st 2024 semester are to come. In the meantime, please feel free to join any of our Ongoing small groups or Sunday morning small groups. You can find a list of these in your weekly bulletin. If you are interested in leading a small group during the 1st 2024 semester, please reach out to Kayla at [kayla@cmkm.org](mailto:kayla@cmkm.org).

## *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:** The growth of our church.

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (fall) 11.17.23; Mark Dixon 11.28.23; Dana Potter (guidance in life decisions) 11.28.23.

**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 (chemo treatments), cousin of Audrey Brooks 8.29.23; Kathy Rogers (chemo treatments) 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; Travis 11.28.23; The Danner Family 11.28.23; Dan Dixon (death) brother of Greg Dixon & Teresa Williams 11.30.23; Keith Falls 12.7.23.