



**Order of Service 1.14.2024**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Liturgical Color: Green**

**Prelude**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*—arr. Mason

**Acolyte**

**Greetings**

**Welcome/Announcements—**

Pastor Perry Hines

**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**

*Awesome God* CCLI # 41099

**Chorus**

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God

*Open the Eyes of My Heart* # 2298355

**Chorus**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

**Verse**

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

**Bridge**

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

**Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

**Special Choir Music**

*Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho*—Traditional

**Offering**

*Lead On, O King Eternal* —arr. Berry

**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**

**Sermon—** Pastor Perry Hines

**Sermon Title**

*Entering Our Promised Land Part 3*

**Scripture Lesson**

**Joshua 7:1-12 NKJV**

*7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel. 2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few." 4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water. 6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord God, why*

have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns its back before its enemies? 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?” 10 So the Lord said to Joshua: “Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? 11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.

**Closing Hymn**

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*—TFWS #2036

**Chorus**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
 Give thanks to the Holy One  
 Give thanks because He's given  
 Jesus Christ His Son

**Verse**

And now let the weak say I am strong  
 Let the poor say I am rich  
 Because of what the Lord has done for us

**Ending**

Give thanks

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

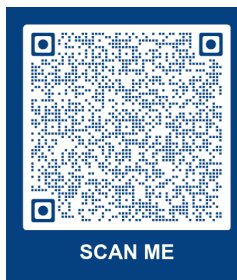
**Postlude**

*Recessionale*—Peterson

*\*Reponses in Bold*

**Volunteers Needed for Missions Day  
 Senior's Winter Party at Summit  
 Place Sunday, January 28, 2024  
 2:00-3:30 pm**

All church members are invited to attend and fellowship with the seniors. We will be having snacks, crafts, games, and prayer with the seniors at Summit Place. If you are planning on attending from the church we ask that you register so that we will know how much material/snacks to buy.



Please call the church office at 704-739-2471 to register or sign up by scanning the QR code.

**MERCY HOUSE**  
*global*

Central is hosting Mercy House Global "Share The Light" event on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00am-1:00 pm in the CAC.

Tickets will be available for purchase today during service, please see Audrey Brooks.

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. Contact Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758 for more information.



Scan the QR Code to see a video from Mercy House Global

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
 ATTENDANCE**

(1/7) 10:00a Service.....	103
<u>Operating Fund 2023</u>	
Contributions 12/31	\$15,089.00
Contributions MTD	\$55,541.00

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our church family.*

**Ushers:** Aubrey Livsie, Joe Patterson

**Greeter:** Mary Ann Hendricks

## Methodist Men Meeting Monday, January 15 at 7:00pm.

**Please note:** Beginning this Sunday, **Fellowship Snacks** has moved to the **CAC--** The Methodist Men will be providing morning refreshments from 8:45 - 9:45 am for anyone wanting to drop by.

The **8:30 am Sunday Group** led by Mark Dixon has moved to the **Asbury Room**.

The **Daily Devotionals** pamphlets are available for pick up in the Narthex.

**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).

### Altar Flower Dates Now Available

We have the open flower dates. If you would like one of these dates please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or [central@cmkm.org](mailto:central@cmkm.org) to secure your preferred date. The cost for the flowers is \$100.

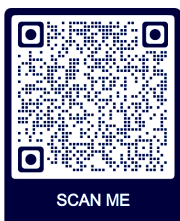
**Our next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:15 pm.** The program will be a fun game show event and the menu will be announced soon. To ensure we have enough for everyone, RSVP to the church office by **2/5/24** at 704-739-2471.

**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.

2/14/24 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm  
2/18/24 First Sunday in Lent

### Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on 1/15/24 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## Sunday Morning Groups

### 1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am Asbury Room, 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)

Our semester-based groups will be taking a brief break. Further details for our upcoming semester groups are to come. In the meantime, please feel free to join any of our Ongoing small groups or Sunday morning small groups. 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).

## 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.

Announcing a new **Women's Bible Study** beginning on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm (please note new time)**. This class is led by Liz Pflieger and will be held upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room. We will be reading the book entitled: *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered* by Lysa TerKeurst available for purchase online at [Amazon](#) and [Thriftbooks](#). Contact the church office at 704-739-2471 for more information.

### **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; 1st SGT 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:** We welcome new members Lon and Mariam Thompson who joins us today.

**Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns):** Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Carol Brazzell (healing) 12.26.23; Dr. Marty Stallings (death) 12.26.23; Allen Dixon 12.18.23.

**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) The Danner Family 11.28.23; Patsy Lunsford (healing); Jeff Hedden, (cancer) cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Kenny McAbee 12.29.23; Keith Falls 1.4.24.