



Order of Service 1.21.2024
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

Outburst of Joy —arr. Dobrinski
Performed by The Bells of Praise

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—
Debbie Greene

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(CCLI # #4768151)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Glorious Day (CCLI # 7081388)
V1, V2, CH, V3, CH, Bridge, CH

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

Chorus

Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

Chorus

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Midnight Cry—Greg Day and Chuck Day/arr. Tom Fettke
Soloist: Greg Dixon

Offering

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley —arr. Page
Performed by The Bells of Praise

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

Walking in Victory

Scripture Lesson

I John 3:6-10 NKJV

⁶ *Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.* ⁷ *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.* ⁸ *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.* ⁹ *Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.* ¹⁰ *In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

“Satan wants to create a fantasy that completely overshadows the beauty of our reality.”

Closing Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross—
UMH #298 (V1 & V4)

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Verse 3

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Gigue—Young/arr. Wagner

***Responses in Bold**

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ruth Wilson's Birthday, January 21
By her family: Ken and Dolores Wilson,
Erin and Kristen Wilson,
Kathy and Aubrey Livsie, Stewart and Andrew Livsie*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(1/14) 10:00a Service.....112

Operating Fund 2024

Contributions 1/14 \$5,085.00

Contributions MTD \$10,210.25

Ushers: Aubrey Livsie, Joe Patterson

Greeter: Mary Ann Hendricks

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

Join us on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:00 am, for a Tribute Sunday honoring B.S. "Sonny" Peeler, Jr. His family will be present at this special service to honor him at Central.

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.

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 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 to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

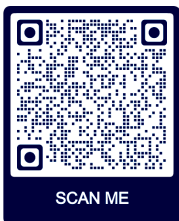
KIDS Central & Nursery News Our **Nursery** is available starting at 9:00 am for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. **KID Central** is our church's church for K-5th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



Small Groups News We are now offering Short-term small groups here at Central! These will be taking the place of what was previously known as our Semester Groups and we will no longer be following a semester-based small group schedule. Instead, these groups will plan to meet on a short-term basis for a predefined amount of time such as a 6-week, 12-week, or 18-week group. The leader of this type of group will choose their time frame and can start and end their group at any time they wish. If at any point a potential leader would like to begin a short-term small group study, please reach out to me and we can work out the details as well as get your group added to our list in the bulletin.

Don't forget that we also offer two other types of groups, Sunday morning groups and Ongoing groups. Ongoing groups are groups that plan to meet consistently each month indefinitely. Keep an eye on your bulletin to make sure you don't miss any new groups being added as well as to see the different groups being offered at this time. We need small group leaders! Remember, anyone can be a small group leader! We are more than willing to help equip you as a leader with small group studies and resources. If you are interested in leading a Short-term, Ongoing, or Sunday morning group, please reach out to Kayla at 704-739-2471 or kayla@cmkm.org and let her know.

We will be having a **Recruitment Sunday on February 18th** directly after service in the CAC. Each of our currently active small groups as well as their leader will be present at this event. We want to encourage you to come out to see the different groups we have to offer here at Central as well as connect with our group leaders to ask any questions. We hope that this helps you to find a great group fit for you!

Help serve at the church: Live-streaming volunteers are needed for 2 open positions. The goal is to have 4 volunteers to rotate time and serve 2 Sundays on then have time off for 6 Sundays. It's an important ministry for our shut-ins and members away from home that want to connect. Please contact Candy in the church office at 704-739-2471 or let Todd Wilson know your interest.

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. Checks should be made to Central Methodist Church and in the memo write Mercy House Global.

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

Volunteers Needed for Missions Day Senior's Winter Party at Summit Place Sunday, January 28 from 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.



SCAN ME

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
704-473-9148

3. The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson

- 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 **February 2024**
- Leader: contact info: 704-739-2653

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.



Announcing a new short term **Women's Bible Study** beginning on **January 16– February 20 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](https://www.amazon.com) and [Thriftbooks](https://www.thriftbooks.com). 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 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: The growth of Central's membership.

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.

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, friend of Audrey Brooks (Hospice) 1.18.23; Tim Best (healing) The Danner Family 11.28.23; Patsy Lunsford (healing); Jeff Hedden, (cancer) cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Keith Falls 1.16.24.

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Need help or have questions?

Please contact: Our Administrative Assistant,

Candy Love at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org



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