



Order of Service 1.28.2024
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

Grace Greater than Our Sin—arr. Leatherman

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements

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

Good Good Father (CCLI#7036612)

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers

Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

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

Chorus

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music
I Can Only Imagine—Milliard

Offering
Jesus Loves Me—arr. Lopez

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
What is True Love?

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:11-18 NKJV
11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

John 13:34-35 NKJV
34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:13 NKJV
13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Romans 5:8 NKJV
8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Closing Hymn
Majesty Worship His Majesty—UMH #176

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty with O Worship the King —arr. Kim

**Reponses in Bold*

Upcoming Events
2/14/24 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm 3/24/24 Palm Sunday 3/31/24 Easter
Upcoming Meetings
2/5/24 Trustees, 6:00 pm 2/6/24 Endowment, 6:00pm
<i>The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann "Gran" Kerns By Faye & Clyde Kerns</i>
STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE
(1/21) 10:00a Service.....95
Operating Fund 2024
Contributions 1/28 \$35,320.00
Contributions MTD \$45,530.25
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.

Our next Family Fellowship Night on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:15 pm.

The program will be a fun game show event and an Italian meal. To ensure we have enough for everyone, RSVP to the church office by **2/5/24** at 704-739-2471.

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.

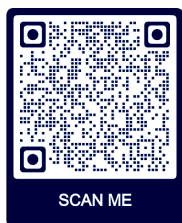
Altar Flower Dates Now Available We have the open flower dates. If you would like one of these dates please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org to secure your preferred date. The cost for the flowers is \$100.

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 who 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

TENTATIVELY RESCHEDULED! The Missions Day Senior Winter Party at Summit Place has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 18, 2-3:30 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 volunteering and attending from the church we ask that you [register](#) online contact the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471, so that we will know how much material/snacks to buy.

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 Kerns & Carolyn Hindel,
- Time & Location: 8:45am Upstairs in the Central Fellowship Room
- Leader: contact info: clydekerns@att.net or carolynhindel@yahoo.com

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.

Short Term Groups

Women's Bible Study

- Leaders: Debbie Greene & Stephanie Wilson
- Time and Location: Tuesdays 10:00 am in the Asbury Room beginning Jan. 31 and ending on March 20, 2024
- Leader: contact info: dgreene902@aol.com or sswduch@carolina.rr.com
- Description: We will do the 8-week study *The Easter Series* on RightNow Media- this is an Eyewitness Bible series on the Easter story seen through the eyes of those who were there during Holy Week.

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](#) 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 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; SFC 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; Mindy Thompson 1.23.24 Luke Thompson 1.23.24; Eric Dixon (hospital), cousin of Jeff, Mark & Greg Dixon 1.24.24.

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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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