



Order of Service 1.7.2024
Epiphany Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name—arr. Price

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

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

I Speak Jesus CCLI #7136201

Verse 1

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

Verse 2

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Chorus

('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Verse 3

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Verse 4

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly
I speak the holy Name Jesus

How Great Thou Art UMH #77

Verse 1

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe
displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in
the trees; when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and
feel the gentle breeze;
[Refrain]

Verse 3

And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he
bled and died to take away my sin;
[Refrain]

Verse 4

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation and take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in
humble adoration, and there proclaim, my
God, how great thou art!
[Refrain]

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Promised Land—Natalie Sleeth

Offering

Come, Thou Almighty King —arr. Krieger

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 2

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 6:1-5

6 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

Joshua 6:10-16 NKJV

10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11 So he had the ark of the Lord circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. 12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. 15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!"

Reception of Members

Congregational Response in bold:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Closing Hymn

We Are the Church UMH #557 — V1, V2 and V4

Verse 1

The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

Verse 2

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.
(Refrain)

Verse 4

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying:
(Refrain)

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Joyful! —arr. Schram

**Responses in Bold*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(12/31) 10:00a Service.....87

Operating Fund 2023

Contributions	12/31	\$15,089.00
Contributions	MTD	\$55,541.00

Ushers: Aubrey Livsie, Joe Patterson

Greeter: Mary Ann Hendricks

There will be a **Finance Meeting Monday, January 8 at 6:00pm** and an **Administrative Council Meeting at 7:00pm**. The **Endowment Committee** will meet on **January 9 at 6:00pm**.

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

Mission Trip to Manos de Fe Panama Planning Meeting January 7, 2024 at 11:30 am in the CAC We're having an info meeting for a mission trip to Manos de Fe, Panama in 2024. All are welcome, including older high schoolers and college students. Debbie Greene will lead the discussion and answer questions.

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.

Methodist Women of Kings Mountain Host: Mercy House Global "Share The Light" event on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10:00am 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 to let us know you are willing to serve. Thank you for your interest!

Missions Day Senior's Winter Party at Summit Place Sunday, January 28, 2024 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 704-739-2471 to register.

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.

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.

Church Office Holiday Schedule
The church office will be closed on 1/15/24.

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 (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

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.

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