



Order of Service 2.4.2024
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude

Meditation on "Dix" ("For the Beauty of the Earth")
—arr. Beaumont

Acolyte

Greetings—Kayla Potter Fuller
Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Welcome/Announcements—Audrey Brooks

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

Agnus Dei (CCLI# 626713)

Verse

Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Chorus

(You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

In Christ Alone (CCLI # 3350395)

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Choir Music

Praise His Holy Name! —Keith Hampton

Offering

Holy, Holy, Holy with Holy Is the Lord—arr. Fettke

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
Confident Assurance

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:19-24 NKJV
9 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. 24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV
14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 10:9 NKJV
9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV
6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 1:5-7 NKJV
5 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Closing Hymn
Blessed Assurance —UMH #369

Verse 1
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2
Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Verse 3
Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing—arr. Wagner

**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 2/12/24 Administrative Council 6:00 pm 2/12/24 Finance 7:00 pm
<i>The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Senator J. Ollie Harris by Johnny Harris III and Family</i>
STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE
(1/28) 10:00a Service.....73
Operating Fund 2024
Contributions 1/28 \$ 3,070.00
Contributions MTD \$48,600.25
Ushers: Joe Patterson, Ricky Hall
Greeter: Carrie Bradley

Please note: The Fellowship Snacks have moved to the CAC--he 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

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 Seekers 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.

Short term **Women's Bible Study on Tuesday nights** now thru **February 20 at 6:30 pm**. 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; 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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