



Order of Service 12.22.2024
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Announcements

Prelude

Voluntary on Two Carols —arr. Kidwell

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Reader: Greg Dixon

The Angels Speak - Good News of Great Joy

Pass the Peace

Opening Worship

O Little Town of Bethlehem —CCLI#5697331

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

O Come All Ye Faithful

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 4

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Chorus

Verse 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Chorus

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.*

Special Choir Music

*Good News! with Go Tell It on the Mountain
From the Christmas Cantata,
Spirit of Christmas by Marty Parks*

Congregation:

***Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born (2x).***

Morning Prayer—

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Offering

What Child Is This?— arr. Harris

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—*The Word Became Flesh*

Scripture Lesson

John 1:14 NKJV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Colossians 1:15 NKJV He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 2:9 NKJV For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Luke 2:14 NKJV Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!

Luke 21:28 NKJV Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.

I Thessalonians 5:1-5 NKJV But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, Peace and safety! then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Isaiah 48:22 NKJV There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked.

Isaiah 57:20 NKJV But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

James 4:1-2 NKJV Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 14:27 NKJV Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth—CCLI Song #93690

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Postlude on "Joy to the World" — arr. McConnell

**Responses in Bold*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



KIDS CENTRAL
Teachers Needed



We are seeking passionate volunteer teachers for our KIDS Central ministry on Sundays.

If you love teaching children about Christ and want to make a difference in their lives, please reach out to Stephanie Wilson at sswduch@carolina.rr.com, contact the church office central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471.

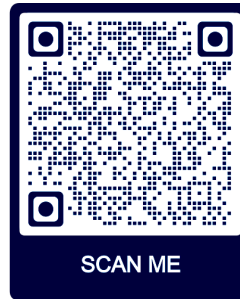
Your time and talents can help shape young hearts!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
ATTENDANCE**

(12/15) 10:00a Service.....102
Operating Fund 2024

Contributions 12/15 \$ 4,544.00
Contributions MTD \$25,047.00

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Kevin Osborne
Greeter: Carrie Bradley, Jennifer Osborne



Welcome Visitors!

Scan the QR code to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.



You are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00pm

We will have our **Fifth Sunday Breakfast on 12/29/24 at 8:45 am** and bring something to share with your church family!



It's time for **Operation Christmas Child!** Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite you to build a shoebox online for the cost of \$25 or you write a check to Central Methodist Church for \$25 a box and we will build it online for you! Please write Operation Christmas Child in the memo line. Our Goal is 85 boxes online and 35 physical boxes.

For more information, please contact Audrey Brooks at 404-274-1758.

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. **KIDS 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 the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@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 the church office at 704-739-2471.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996.

Sunday Morning Groups

1. Sunday Morning Group

- Leader: Mark Dixon
- Time and location: 8:30 am Asbury Room, Sunday mornings
- Age: All ages

2. Sunday Small Group

- 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

Dwell Walkers

Meetings will be on Tuesdays, at 11:30 am. You are invited to join us as we learn about the practice of prayer and take prayer requests. We meet in the small conference room across from the church office.

Monthly Groups

Mary's Breakfast Brunch (Resumes in January 2025)

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.
- Leader: contact info: 704-739-2653

Short Term Study

Women's Evening Bible Study

We are excited to announce our upcoming Women's Evening Bible study titled "Gideon: Your Weakness, God's Strength" by Priscilla Shirer, taught by Liz Pflieger. It's a wonderful study that has the potential to change our lives to be more conformed to the image of Jesus.

The study materials are available for purchase, including the book with digital video access for \$24.99. While a standalone book may be found for \$13.99, we highly recommend the video access for an enriching experience, as the videos range from 40 to 50+ minutes and are worth revisiting.

To order, please visit Christianbook.com and search for "Gideon - Bible Study Book with Video Access: Priscilla Shirer: 9781087789095."

We will gather on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, starting on January 14, 2024. Liz will do her best to conclude by 8:15 PM, but please note that the videos may extend our time together.

We look forward to diving into this study with all of you! Feel free to invite a friend to join us on this journey.

Prayer List: Praises and Concerns

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Barbara Bridges; John Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick; Margie Alexander.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SFC Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; MAJ Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force.

Praises: Growth in our children's ministries; Renovation project is now underway.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Vicky Still (continued healing) 7.11.24; Lisa & Ernie Howell (continued healing) 8.8.24; John Eagle (cancer treatment) 9.3.24; Those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton; Volunteers and workers for recovery efforts from the storms 10.11.24; Bob Smith III son of MaryWade Smith 11.12.24; Bob & Barbara Jones 11.13.24; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; Danny Lovelace 11.19.24; Pat Chapman 11.19.24; Manos de Fa Panama Community Bridge and water supply issues 11.19.24.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Jeff Hedden, (cancer) cousin of Clyde Kerns 12.22.23; Melissa & Ned Owens, parents of Audrey Brooks (healing) 6.25.24; Sharon Zolciak (CNS lymphoma) 6.25.24; Doris Bradley (Keith Bradley's mother) 6.27.24; Jamie Keever, Audrey Brooks' cousin (cancer); Our Sanctuary renovation workers 8.20.24; Tim Hamrick, stepson of Marilyn Hamrick (cancer) 8.29.24; Mother of Steve Velky, Ruth Velky (healing) 9.30.24; Martha W. James, (death) sister of Carrie Bradley 12.2.24; Lesley McIntyre (heart attack) 12.16.24.