



Order of Service 12.8.2024
Second Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

Creator of the Stars of Night —Plainsong/arr. Lau

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Reader: Jim Larson

The Angels Speak - The Lord is With You

Pass the Peace

Opening Worship

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
—CCLI#39441

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 3

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

Chorus

Verse 7

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

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 Music with The KIDS Central Choir and The Chanel Choir

O Who's That Yonder?—John F. Wilson

O Who's That Yonder? O Who's That Yonder?
Looks like the shepherds kneeling by a manger.

O Who's That Yonder? O Who's That Yonder?
Looks like the shepherds kneeling by a manger,
looks like Joseph standing by a manger.

O Who's That Yonder? O Who's That Yonder?
Looks like the shepherds kneeling by a manger,
looks like Joseph standing by a manger, Looks like
Mary sitting by a manger.

O Who's That Yonder? O Who's That Yonder?
Looks like the shepherds kneeling by a manger,
looks like Joseph standing by a manger, Looks like
Mary sitting by a manger, Looks like my Lord
lying in a manger.

Jesus is Born Tonight—by Lloyd Larson

Morning Prayer—The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Offering

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming -16th C. German carol/
arr. Purifoy*

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 —Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:31-32 NKJV 31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

Deuteronomy 24:1 NKJV 1 “When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it in her hand, and sends her out of his house.”

Matthew 5:32 NKJV 32 “But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.”

Matthew 19:1-3 NKJV 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. 2 And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there. 3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

Matthew 19:4-5 NKJV 4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?”

Matthew 19:6 NKJV 6 “So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Matthew 19:7 NKJV 7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

Matthew 19:8-10 NKJV 8 He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” 10 His disciples said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry.”

I Corinthians 7:10-16 NKJV 10 Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. 12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 For the

unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #194

Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night — arr. Leatherman

*Reponses in Bold



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

*The Narthex flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in memory of
James Alexander on the occasion
of his 100th birthday and
in honor of Marjorie Alexander
By: Their Children*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(12/1) 10:00a Service.....90
Operating Fund 2024
Contributions 12/1 \$6,660.00
Contributions MTD \$6,660.00

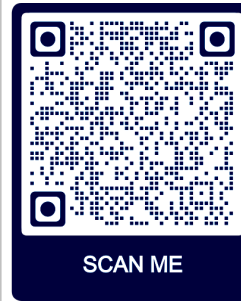


Come join us
on Sunday,
December 22
at 9:30 am for a
Mini Handbell Concert

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Kevin Osborne
Greeter: Jennifer Osborne



Save the Date
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 15
10:00 am



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

Parent Bible Study

CHILDCARE
PROVIDED

Join us for a Parent Bible Study every 2nd Sunday of the month. A children's program for all ages up to 5th grade will be offered simultaneously with age-appropriate activities such as music and games. We will have a Pot Luck Meal in the CAC for December 2024!



DECEMBER
8TH



4:30-6:00 PM



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.

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; Margie Alexander 11.26.24.

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 .