



Order of Service 1.19.2025
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color: Green

Announcements

Finance Report—Vincent Rees

Prelude

All People That on Earth Do Dwell —arr. Smith

Global Church Mission Statement

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Pass the Peace

Opening Worship

I'll Fly Away (CCLI # 26399)

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus

I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by I'll fly away

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Chorus

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

Chorus

I Speak Jesus CCLI License #2017851

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

Chorus

Bridge 3x

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

Chorus

Verse 1

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

Performed by the Chancel Choir

Jesus Is Coming Again—John Peterson

Morning Prayer—

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Offering

Wayfaring Stranger—arr. Livingston

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—*Giving From the Heart—Part 2*

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:4 (NKJV)

"For all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Mark 12:41-44 (NKJV)

"Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.'"

2 Samuel 24:18-23 (NKJV)

"And Gad came that day to David and said to him, 'Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.' So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded. Now Araunah looked and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground. Then Araunah said, 'Why has my lord the king come to his servant?' And David said, 'To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.' Now Araunah said to David, 'Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood.' All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king.' And Araunah said to the king, 'May the Lord your God accept you.'"

2 Samuel 24:24 (NKJV)

"Then the king said to Araunah, 'No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing.' So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver."

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 16:25 (NKJV)

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Changed Lives

I want to tell you something from observation.

I have never met anyone who tithed who did not tend to be happy about the fact he did. He was not just happy about tithing ... but about a lot of other things.

I've never met anybody who tithed very long, who gave it up.

I have never met anyone who tithed who did not say at sometime it has been extremely difficult...

Generous people seem to be the happy ones.

Miserly people seem to be the unhappy ones.

The critical spirit is with those who are not giving people.

Just look around you and you can tell. —Ben Haden

Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

Refrain

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Grand Chorus—Franck/arr. Ryan

***Reponses in Bold**

*The altar flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in memory of Ruth Wilson
by Kathy & Aubrey Livsie*

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

(1/12/25) 10:00a Service.....79

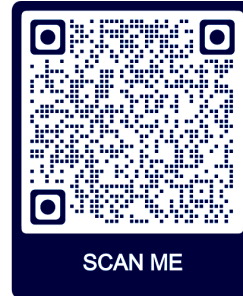
Operating Fund 2025

Contributions 1/12/25 \$15,050.00

Contributions 1/12/25 \$29,374.00

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Aubrey Livsie

Greeter: MaryAnn Hendricks



Welcome Visitors!

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

What: District Rally of the Gastonia Area Global Methodist Churches **When:** Today Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 3:00 pm
Why: To Celebrate our Christian faith as we kick off a new year! **Details:** Led by Presiding Elder Barry Drum with a message by Rev. Cliff Wall of Cold Springs Methodist Church, there will be singing, praying, and opportunities for spontaneous testimonies of the goodness and faithfulness of God. **Where:** Central Methodist Church **Everyone is cordially invited to attend!**

The Methodist Men will meet on **January 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm.**

Mary's Breakfast Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**, at 9:00 AM at Linwood Restaurant (also known as Keith's). Join us for fellowship and conversation.

On Sunday, January 26th, right after church, we invite anyone interested in helping with wall construction for **Cabins4Christ** in Forest City, NC, to meet us in the **Asbury Room**. This will be a daily mission trip for the first two weeks of February. For more information, please see Debbie Greene or contact the church office at 704-739-2471.

Media Team Volunteers Needed Interested in being a part of our media team and running our NEW media system on Sunday mornings? Be a part of morning worship by showing the words on the new screens, running the new cameras for online streaming, or running the program for the new lights. All these things add up to a great Sunday morning experience. Help us be a part of making Central shine His light!

We need plastic grocery bags for the Community Kitchen. Please bring your bags and leave in the CAC hallway.

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.

We have several available flower dates for 2025. Cost of flowers is \$100. If you are interested please contact Candy Love in the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

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, 2025. 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.

Daytime Women's Bible Study We are happy to announce that the Daytime Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesdays starting on January 22, 2025, at 1:00 pm in the Asbury Room. They will be studying Lyrics for Life by Lisa Harper. **A Psalm for Every Situation**--We sometimes feel like we need to curate our emotions when we talk to God. But God wants us to come to him honestly, no matter what we are feeling or going through. Join Bible teacher Lisa Harper as she teaches from the book of Psalms, looking at the variety of circumstances faced by followers of God. In this eight-session series, we learn how to find comfort in any situation based on this songbook of the people of God. This class is led by Stephanie Wilson sswduch@carolina.rr.com and Debbie Greene dgreene90254@gmail.com.

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 completed.

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 & Barbara Jones 11.13.24; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; Bob Smith III, (death) son of MaryWade Smith 1.6.25; Margie Alexander (death) 1/7/25; Betty Potter (speedy recovery) 1.13.25; Larry Hamrick Sr. (death) 1.16.25.

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); Tim Hamrick, stepson of Marilyn Hamrick (cancer) 8.29.24; Mother of Steve Velky, Ruth Velky (healing) 9.30.24; Lesley McIntyre (heart attack) 12.16.24.