



Order of Service 3.23.2025  
Third Sunday of Lent  
Liturgical Color: Purple

## Announcements

### Prelude

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life—arr. Stanley*

**Lenten Reading**—Greg Dixon—The Sneering Ruler

### Global Church Mission Statement

*The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Our vision is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.*

### Pass the Peace

### Opening Worship

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**  
CCLI Song #4768151

#### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

#### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

#### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

#### Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

#### Chorus

#### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

**Goodness Of God** (CCLI Song #7117726)

#### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Verse 1

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Chorus

#### Verse 2

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

#### Chorus

#### Bridge (2x)

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

#### Chorus

#### Tag

I will sing of the goodness of God.

### Apostle's Creed

*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

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*— #140 OGRP

## Morning Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

## Offering

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* —Spiritual/arr. McDonald

## Doxology OGRP #682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Offertory Prayer

## Sermon—Pastor Perry Hines

## Sermon Title—Where Is Your Treasure?

## Scripture Lesson

**Matthew 6:19-24 (NKJV)**

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”*

**Luke 12:15 (NKJV)**

*“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’”*

**I Timothy 6:10 (NKJV)**

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

**I Timothy 6:17-18 (NKJV)**

*“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.”*

**Matthew 25:35-36 (NKJV)**

*“For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

**John 6:27 (NKJV)**

*“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”*

**Hebrews 11:10 (NKJV)**

*“For he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”*

**I Peter 1:4 (NKJV)**

*“To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”*

**II Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)**

*“While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*

## Closing Hymn

*I'd Rather Have Jesus* CCLI# 16653/#140 OGRP

## Verse

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.  
I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand

## Chorus

Than to be the king of a vast domain  
Or be held in sin's dread sway.  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.

## Verse 2

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.  
I'd rather be true to His holy name

## Chorus

## Verse 3

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs.  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

## Chorus

## Benediction

## Chiming of the Holy Trinity

## Postlude

*See the Morning Sun Ascending*—arr. Burton

*\*Responses in Bold*



**Third Sunday**  
IN LENT



**Basic Sewing Workshop**  
**Hosted by The Methodist Women**  
**of Kings Mountain**

**When:** Thursday, April 3, at 5:30 PM in the CAC  
 Workshop Overview: Join us for a basic sewing workshop where we will create a simple decorative pillow. This event is open to individuals aged 12 and older.

**What to Bring:** Please bring a portable sewing machine if you have one and fabric scissors; we have extra machines if needed. All other materials will be supplied.

Additionally, we ask that you bring one of the following food items to donate to KM Crisis Ministry:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti noodles
- Spaghetti sauce (no meat)
- Small bag of flour
- Small bag of sugar
- Small bottle of cooking oil

**Note:** This workshop is limited to 12 participants. To secure your spot, please sign up by **March 27** by contacting the church office at 704-739-2471 or emailing central@cmkm.org.

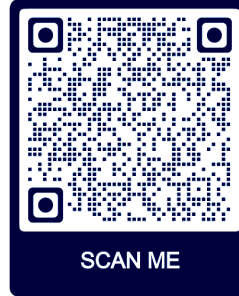
**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**ATTENDANCE**

**(3/16/25) 10:00a Service.....82**  
**Operating Fund 2025**

**Contributions 3/16/25 \$ 3,185.00**  
**Contributions MTD \$18,843.00**

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Allan Propst, Ken Levra

**Greeter:** Carrie Bradley



**Welcome Visitors!**

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

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jimmy Gaddy & Donna Gann by Penny Norwood and Family*

The **Parents Bible Study** will meet tonight, **3/23/25** from 4:30-6 pm in the CAC and childcare will be provided.

Don't forget to order your **Easter Lilies** in honor or memory of your loved ones to place at the altar. The cost is \$12, and order forms are available in the narthex. The deadline to order is March 26, 2025.

**Mary's Breakfast Bunch** will meet on **Wednesday, March 26** at 9:00 am at Linwood Restaurant aka Keith's.

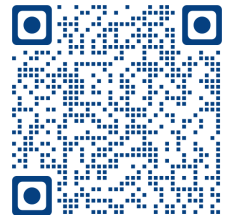
Our next **5th Sunday Breakfast** will be on **Sunday, March 30**, at 8:45 AM. Please bring a dish to share with your church family!

Our next **Family Fellowship Night** will be on **Wednesday, April 9** at 6:15 pm. Keith Falls will be providing the meal and the program will be a Cake Walk. If you would like to donate a cake, please contact Penny Larson at 407-928-8579. Please RSVP to the church office by 4/7/25.

**Holy Week Schedule:**

- 4/13/25 Palm Sunday Service, 10:00 am—The Children's Choir will be performing with the Chancel Choir during service.
- 4/17/25 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm
- 4/20/25 Easter Sunday Service, 10:00 am—Please bring flowers to decorate the outdoor cross

**A Week that Changed Everything: Jesus's Impact Sunday, April 13, 2025 3 PM to 5:30 pm** All Children or Grandchildren (Infants to 5th grade) are invited to join us for an afternoon filled with interactive stations, followed by a re-creation of the Last Supper. Parents and grandparents may arrive at 4:45 PM to join in the meal. This is a free event and will be held in the CAC. Children, feel free to invite a friend! Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 9, to the church office at central@cmkm.org or 704-739-2471. You can also scan the QR code to RSVP.



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 meets at 10:00 am on Sundays** and is our church's church for K-5th.

**Central Youth** meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm.

You can reach **Pastor Perry Hines** at 828-768-5996. If you have any questions about church events, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cmkm.org.

## 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](mailto:clydekerns@att.net) or [carolynhindel@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

- Leader: Betty Masters
- Time and location: Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Groups

### **Women's Daytime Bible Study**

- There is a new Women's Daytime Bible Study that will begin on Wednesday, April 2 at 1:00pm and run through May 7th in the Asbury Room. We will be studying "Essential Faith" by Lisa Harper.
- Leader contact info:  
Debbie Greene [dgreene90254@gmail.com](mailto:dgreene90254@gmail.com)  
Stephanie Wilson [sswduch@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sswduch@carolina.rr.com)

### **Women's Nighttime Bible Study**

- There is a new nighttime Women's Bible Study that will begin on Tuesday, April 1, at 6:30 PM. We will be studying the Book of Ruth, exploring themes of loss, love, and legacy over the course of this wonderful 7-week study.
- Leader contact info: Liz Pflieger at 704-466-1202 or [liz@hengagement.com](mailto:liz@hengagement.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; and 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; Presentation of Bibles to KIDS Central children.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Lisa & Ernie Howell (continued healing) 8.8.24; John Eagle (cancer treatment) 9.3.24; Bob & Barbara Jones 11.13.24; Donnie Jenkins 11.19.24; Penny Larson 2.9.25 (health and healing); Emily Chapman (pregnancy complications), daughter of Mike & Penny Norwood 2.18.2025; Keith Bradley 2.25.25; Andrea Larson (career guidance) 2.25.25.

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; Sharon Zolciak (CNS lymphoma) 6.25.24; Jamie Keever, Audrey Brooks' cousin (cancer) 6.25.25; Mother of Steve Velky, Ruth Velky (family) 9.30.24; Lesley Brazzell, daughter of Gib & Carol Brazzell (heart attack) 12.16.24; Rex & Susan Gibbs (healing) 1.31.25; Shep (grandson of Paula & David McDaniel) 2.5.25; Beth Weatherford (cancer, leukemia, seizures) niece of Dorothy McDaniel 2.13.25.