



Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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The Worship of God

November 14, 2021 10:00am

Gathering *A Love Supreme* Coltrane
David Parker, guitar

Welcome and Announcements Savanna Craig

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* arr Kim
Libby Alexander, organ

*Congregational Song *Mighty to Save*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.**

Congregational Hymn #103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
(st. 1, 3, 4)

Children's Message Ann Anthony

Anthem *I Will Follow You* DiMarco
Buckner Trio

Sermon "Saul to Paul" Rev. David Lee
Acts 9:1-19

Offertory *Oh, What Their Joy* Evans
David Parker, guitar

*Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #390

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (st. 1,3,4)

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Birchwood

Libby Alexander, organ

*Please stand if able

Prayer Concerns

We invite you to pray during the week for the following:

- ❖ All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional, including Wayne Black; John Reid; Morgan Morrison; Talmadge Strickland; Jimmy Toole; Travis and Stacey Hoyle; Sarita Verma; William Pierce; Bill and Loretta Harris; Wayne Black; Larry Brown; Lillian Rogers; Marilyn Herndon; Anne Stevens Cicci; Larry Thomas; Claudia Rose; Frankie Patterson; Bill Jack; Jessie Sumrell; Dawn Russell; Gina Blanton; Dale Almond; Emily Ousley; Rita Hamrick; Pat Ellison; Bill Ledford; Brian Goff; Judy Beachley; and Alan & Scarlette Funderburke.
- ❖ We pray for those who experience injustice. Give us hearts of compassion to stand united with all people.
- ❖ We pray for our world as we continue the COVID-19 battle. May we continue to persevere with wisdom and care for each other.
- ❖ For caregivers carrying more burdens than we may understand
- ❖ Those who grieve, may they find comfort. We pray especially for the family of Jean Eaker; Ellen Benfield whose mother, Jane Corriher passed away; Virginia Story on the passing of her husband, Bill; Iris Francis on the passing of her son, Steven; and Claudia Rose on the passing of her sister, Sue Willis (aunt to Jennifer Rose Cook), and the families of Doris Kunkle, Peggy Almond, and Jackie Guy
- ❖ Our shut-ins and others feeling alone. May we be arms reaching out, enfolding them into the body of Christ.
- ❖ The church universal and the United Methodist Church.
- ❖ We pray for peace in our world, nation and communities. May God heal and unify all people.
- ❖ The ministries of Central United Methodist Church. We especially pray for the CUMC youth group. May our young people continue to grow together and in relationship with God as they make a huge impact in our community.
- ❖ And though unknown and unspoken, may we help carry each other's burden and praise God for each other's joys.

Based on the recommendation by the CDC, Governor Cooper, and the Bishop's office, and recognizing the ongoing high number of cases of the Coronavirus in our community, we are requiring the use of masks inside the church building.

Return Policy for COVID positive/exposure

Under the advisement of United Methodist Church guidelines, local health care leaders, and the CUMC COVID-19 Task Force, we are implementing the following plan for re-entry back into church life after having COVID-19 or being exposed to COVID-19 within a family household.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19: Before participating in any activities at Central UMC, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning the first day you had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within your family household or high-risk exposure outside of household: You must quarantine until the last person in your household that tested positive for COVID has completed their 10 day quarantine (beginning the first day they had symptoms and/or a positive COVID test). Following that 10 day quarantine period, wait an additional 5 days or test negative for COVID-19.

This standard will be the same for both vaccinated and non-vaccinated church members and will apply to all church activities- worship attendance, music rehearsals, Sunday School, Open Table, Children's Ministry gatherings, Youth Ministry gatherings, etc.)

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your children are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

To Our Guests:

Thank you for sharing in worship today. We are honored that you have chosen to spend a portion of your day with us and we want to help you have a meaningful experience. Here are a few things that you may find helpful.

-**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E106.

-**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

-**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them.

The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

Charge Conference

TODAY immediately after worship in the Sanctuary.

Backpack Ministry

We need your help in filling our closet with food for the backpacks we deliver to James Love and Shelby Middle each week. Each month we will request a specific item that will be included in the backpacks. You may drop them off at the office **Mon.-Thur. 9AM-4 PM and Fri. 9 AM-1 PM**. These will be added to weekly bags of food sent home from school with food insecure students for weekend meals. For November, we are requesting **individual ravioli/spaghetti—any brand is fine**.

Bible Study

Every Thursday from 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a Bible study centered around **1st & 2nd Samuel**. This study will be focused on seeing these possibly familiar stories in Scripture with a new, deeper lens. Daniel Sprinkle will lead! Please contact Savanna or Daniel for more information.

Sunday Night Hangs

Sundays 5:30-7 PM, all **6th-12th grade students**

Midweek Check-In

Wednesdays 4-4:45 PM. This group is open to all **6th-12th grade students**. We meet at **LilyBean Coffee**.

Central Kids

Wednesdays 5-5:45 pm. Ages from 4 years to 5th graders

Upper Room Devotions

Upper Rooms for November/December are now available outside the office and the sanctuary.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a life...save three lives....give blood on November 16th in the Fellowship Hall from 2 pm until 6:30 pm.

Schedule your appointment time at redcross.org

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service
The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Tuesday, November 23 at 7 p.m.

This year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer** on Tuesday, November 23 at 7 pm. Congregation leaders from the community will lead the service and the Rev. Randy Blanton of Aldersgate UMC will preach. The worship service will be streamed online also. More information regarding online viewing will be forthcoming.

If possible, please bring an offering of canned goods for the Shepherd's Table feeding ministry at the Episcopal church. Winter coats are also being collected for West Shelby, and women's clothing is being collected for Cleveland County Rescue Mission. A financial offering will also be received for the Cleveland County Rescue Mission, Trailhead Resources, the Abuse Prevention Council and Common Ground Cafe.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Please note that the office will close Wednesday, November 24th at 1 pm for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend. All music and children/youth events are cancelled for that Tuesday and Wednesday. Normal hours will resume Monday, November 29th.

Sermon Notes
