



# 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

January 2, 2022

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Rocky Lutz

Prelude

*We Three Kings*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Kim

\*Congregational Song #228 *He Is Born*

Morning Prayer

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 Song #237 *Sing We Now of Christmas (st. 1,4,5)*

Children's Message

Caroline Laney

Congregational Song #254 *We Three Kings (refrain after st. 1 & 5 only)*

Sermon

"Hope Found in Bethlehem"  
Ruth 1:16-19

Rocky Lutz

Offertory

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*  
Libby Alexander, organ

arr. Varner

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to Earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.  
O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.

\*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.**

\*Congregational Song #238 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

arr. Raney

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Please stand if able

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.

### **Office Hours for the Holidays**

The Office will be closed Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Normal hours will resume Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 Doris Pierce; Phyllis Brackett; Tammy Mauney; Christy Miranda; Sarah Beam; June Miller; Wayne Black; John Reid; Morgan Morrison; Talmadge Strickland; Jimmy Toole; Travis and Stacey Hoyle; William Pierce; Bill and Loretta Harris; 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 & Peggy Ledford; Brian Goff; Judy Beachley; and Alan & Scarlett 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. Especially the family of Bill Beattie
- ❖ 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.

## **New Church Directory**

We hope to put out a new/updated church directory in January. (no pictures will be involved) If you have changed mailing addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses, please contact the office at 704-487-6336 or [central@cumcshelby.org](mailto:central@cumcshelby.org) so we can update our records before printing and distributing the new directory.

## **Disciple 3 Bible Study**

Rob Laney is looking to start this bible study on January 25th from 4-6 pm. This session takes a look at the Prophets and Letters of Paul all with the focus of identity and remembering who we are. It will be an incredibly meaningful, deep study that you will get a lot out of. If you are interested you may contact Rob or the office. Cost of the books is \$25.58. Additional days/times may be added if needed.

## **COVID-19 Policy**

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

**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.*

### **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.