

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a ***Connect Card*** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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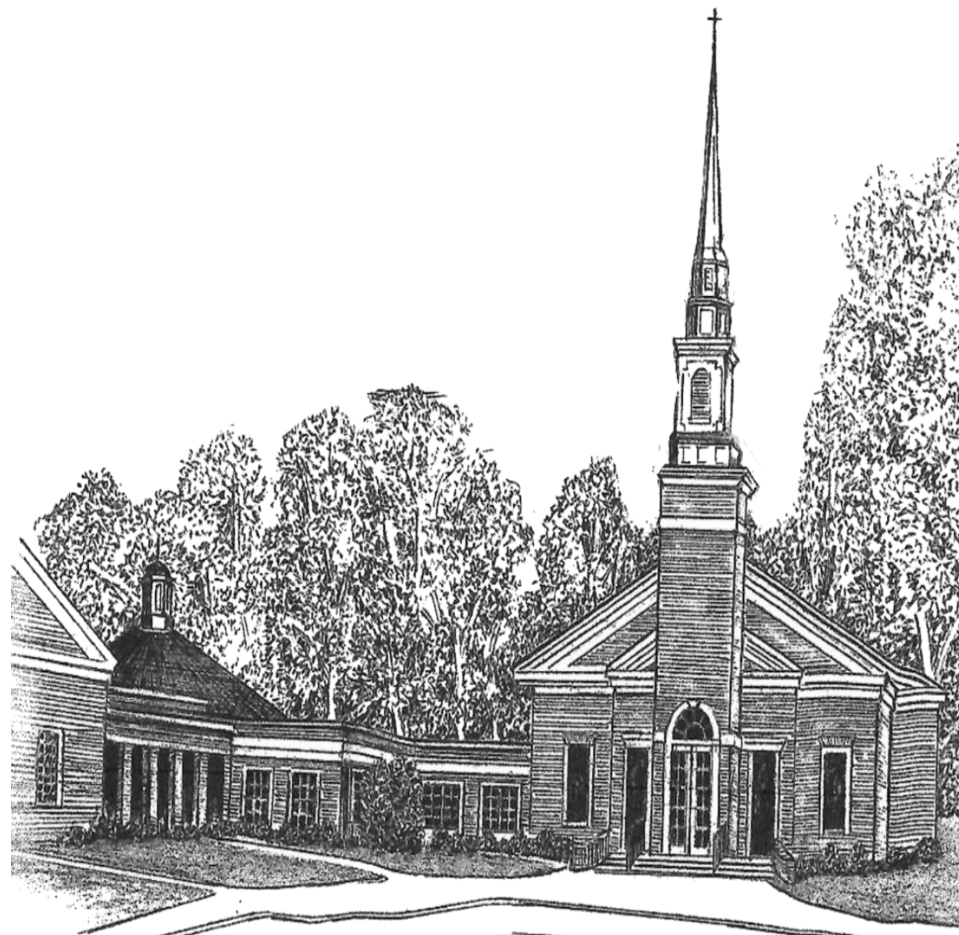
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Central

United Methodist Church



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 23, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

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Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship

March 23, 2025

✠ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
Congregational responses in **bold**.

As the Prelude begins, please enter into an attitude of worship.

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Music by Frederick C. Maker
Setting by Mark Hayes
Nathan Clements-Piano

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

✠ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place UMH 328

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy UMH 121

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN *Near to the Heart of God* UMH 472
(please remain seated)

PASTORAL 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. Amen.

ANTHEM *There Is A Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on "Pilot"* UMH 509

✠ **DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* UMH 514

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

SERMON "Into the Wilderness, Pt. 2: Bread"

✠ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

BENEDICTION

✠ **POSTLUDE** *The Unclouded Day*
Music by J. K. Alwood
Setting by Carolyn Hamlin
VAV-Organ
Please be seated until the end of the Postlude

Serving in Worship Today

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bill White, Jr.

Associate Pastor: Rev. J.D. Moffett

Director Children's Ministries: Erica Kirby

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Valarie Alexandra Valois

Central UMC Chancel Choir

Ushers: Ken Neese, James Clements, Jack Hargett and David English