



*Graduate*  
SUNDAY



**JUNE 7, 2026**  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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## GRADUATE SUNDAY

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

† *Please rise in body or spirit* | Congregational responses are in **bold**.

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**PRELUDE**

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 1*  
E. Elgar/arr. E.H. Lemare

**GRADUATE PROCESSION**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

† **CHORAL RESPONSE**                      *Surely the Presence*                      UMH 328

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**                      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*                      UMH 89

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**REFLECTION FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**                      Anna McGinnis

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

**Introduction** | Julie Miles

**Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship** | Dr. Jane Neese

**Kermit and Janie Starnes Scholarship** | Sandi Mills & Virginia Duncan

**Music Scholarship Award** | Barbara Pfau

**Kathy Miles Gordon Servant's Heart Award** | Katie Stewart & Julie Miles

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRADUATES**

**GRADUATE BLESSING**

Dr. Bill White, Jr.

## PRAYER SONG

*The Blessing*  
Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Futrick

Congregation,  
led by 801Praise!

*Verse* The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

*[Repeat Verse]*

*Chorus* Amen, Amen, Amen  
Amen, Amen, Amen

*[Repeat Verse and Chorus]*

*Bridge 1* May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations and your family  
And your children, and their children, and their children

*Bridge 2* May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you, all around you, and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

*Bridge 3* May His presence go before you  
And behind you, and beside you, all around you, and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

*Bridge 4* In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming and your going  
In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you

*Tag* He is for you, He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you  
He is for you, He is for you

*[Repeat Chorus Two Times]*

*[Repeat Verse]*

## 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.**

# PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

*Gratitude*  
Hastings, Lake, and Bowe

Nathan Jones

## ✝ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High*  
Rick Founds

Congregation,  
led by 801Praise!

*Verse* Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

*Chorus* You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

*[Repeat Verse]*

*[Repeat Chorus Two Times]*

*Tag* Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I lift Your name on high

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON

“The Church’s Mission: Go”

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Adapted Table 2

### *THE INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON*

The table of the Lord is open to all who love him. Let us repent of our sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not followed your call to live fully as your disciples. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bless us with renewed faithfulness to live as true servants of Jesus. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, Christ loves you and forgives you!

**Christ loves you and forgives you!  
Glory to God. Amen!**

### *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

As we lift our hearts to the Lord, we remember that it is a right, good, and joyful thing to always give our hearts to you, our Creator. You formed us in your image and called us to be your people. When humanity failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from slavery to sin and death by the passion and resurrection of Jesus. You made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he blessed bread and cup with thanksgiving to you. He instructed his disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of his broken body, and the blood poured out for forgiveness. Doing so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his Heavenly banquet.

**Amen.**

### *THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP*

POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Symphonie V*  
Charles-Marie Widor

Nathan Clements

\*Please be seated until the end of the Postlude.\*

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor*

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Julie Miles | *Director of Youth Ministries*

Nathan Jones | *Director of Music Ministries*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's & Weekday Ministries*

Nathan Clements | *Organist*

Chancel Choir

801Praise!

Ushers: Henry and Trent Dilworth    Greeters: Phil and Susan Apple

Communion Stewards: Susan Apple, Liv Brown, Emily Dilworth, Julie Miles

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## WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service at Central! We're so glad you've joined us today as we come together in reverence, community, and praise. While we embrace the timeless traditions of our faith, we also seek to create a welcoming space where modern hearts can connect with the rich history and deep meaning of our worship. Whether you're here for the first time or have been with us for years, you belong!

We hope you find a sense of peace, inspiration, and connection as we lift our voices and prayers together. Welcome home!

*Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message.*

**ONE BODY IN CHRIST**  
CONNECTING WITH



**GOD**  
**EACH OTHER**  
**COMMUNITY**

# central Class of 2026



## High School Graduates



**Nathan Clements** is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Porter Ridge High School and will attend Furman University in the fall. He will pursue a Bachelor's of Music in Organ Performance as a Herring Music Fellow and Bell Tower Scholar.

**NATHAN CLEMENTS** | Porter Ridge High School Graduate

**Furman University**

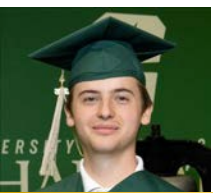


**Camdyn Kirby** is graduating from Sun Valley High School and will attend South Piedmont Community College. She is pursuing a degree in medical sonography.

**CAMDYN KIRBY** | Sun Valley High School Graduate

**South Piedmont Community College**

## College Graduates



**Donald Eggleston** graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in May 2026 with a Bachelor's of Science in Economics. He is pursuing a Master's Degree in Economics at University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

**DONALD EGGLESTON** | University of North Carolina at Charlotte Graduate

**Graduate School**



**Anna McGinnis** graduated with honors from Clemson University in May 2026 with her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Marketing at Clemson University.

**ANNA MCGINNIS** | Clemson University Graduate

**Graduate School**

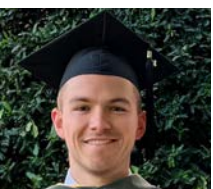


**Erin White** is graduating with honors from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Arts in Global History, a minor in Africana Studies, and a certificate in Intermediate French Proficiency. She is pursuing a Master's of Arts Administration with a minor in Museum Leadership and a certificate program in Archives and Curation.

**ERIN WHITE** | Drexel University Graduate

**Graduate School**

## Postgraduates



**Kenny Brown** graduated from Wingate University in May 2026 with a Master's of Art in Sports Management. Kenny is the Player Development Coach for Giovanni Mack Basketball.

**KENNY BROWN** | Wingate University Graduate



## Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Sunday School

10:00 A.M. • Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service | Sanctuary  
Stream online at [centralumcmonroe.org/media](https://centralumcmonroe.org/media)

## Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. • Dinner Church | FLC

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Visit [centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!](https://centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!)

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, where we believe in a holistic approach to ministry. We address the needs of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. We have numerous ministries and programs that enable us to effectively serve God, our community, and each other.

Come and experience our vibrant and meaningful worship, where faith is formed and reformed and connections are strengthened through fellowship.

We hope that you will live out your call to Christian Discipleship by uniting with Central UMC, share your spiritual gifts and talents, and be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours In Christ,  
**Dr. Bill White, Jr.**  
"Dr. Bill"  
Senior Pastor



## Our Staff

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Julie Miles - *Director of Youth Ministries*

Erica Kirby - *Director of Children's & Weekday Ministries*

Debbie Eggleston - *Business Administrator*

Jessica Parker - *Administrative Assistant*

Sylvia Jenkins - *Custodian*



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## Upcoming Opportunities

June 7 Graduate Sunday

June 9-11 Dr. Bill - Out of Office, Attending his Daughter's College Graduation in Pennsylvania

June 10 801Praise!, 6:00 P.M.  
Chancel Choir, 7:00 P.M.

June 11 Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.

June 12 UWF Executive Meeting, 2:00 P.M.

June 15-18 Vacation Bible School, 5:00 P.M.

June 15-16 Dr. Bill - Out of Office, Attending his Daughter's College Graduation in Pennsylvania

June 18 Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.

June 18-21 WNCC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska

June 20 Central Squares, 8 A.M.

**For more details about Central's Upcoming Opportunities and to view the full Central Link, visit [centralumcmonroe.org/news](https://centralumcmonroe.org/news) OR visit the NEWS icon on the Central App home page!**