

# *Graduate* SUNDAY



10:00 A.M. Combined Worship

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Sunday, June 1, 2025  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Central UMC Sanctuary

**JUNE 1, 2025**  
**GRADUATE SUNDAY**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
10:00 A.M. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

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

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\*As the Prelude begins, please be seated and let there be silence in the Sanctuary.\*

**PRELUDE**

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

**GRADUATE PROCESSION**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen, indeed!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

✝ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Surely the Presence*

UMH 328

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

✝ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Introduction | Dr. Bill White, Jr.

Sally Shirley Bivens Scholarship | Dr. Jane Neese

Kermit and Janie Starnes Scholarship | Rena McGee-Helms & Virginia Duncan

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

## GRADUATE BLESSING

Dr. Bill White, Jr. & Julie Miles

## SONG OF PRAYER

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Crocker/Houston

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my  
Trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my  
Feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour

## 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

### *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

Kyle Pederson

*May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
May the rains fall soft upon your field*

*Until we meet until we meet  
God be with you 'til we meet  
'Til we meet again we meet again  
God be with you 'til we meet again*

*May you know grace and mercy  
May you serve as you've been served  
And may you forgive as you've been forgiv'n  
May you love as you've been loved*

*Until we meet until we meet  
God be with you 'til we meet  
'Til we meet again we meet again  
God be with you 'til we meet again*

*Until we meet until we meet  
God be with you 'til we meet  
'Til we meet again God be with you  
'Til we meet again God be with you  
'Til we meet again God be with you  
'Til we meet again we meet again  
We meet again we meet again  
God be with you 'til we meet again  
Amen amen*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

### *Amazing Grace* Central Ringers

arr. John F. Wilson

## ✝ DOXOLOGY

### *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be -  
low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - - ly Ghost. A - - men.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### ✝ SONG OF PREPARATION

*The Blessing*

Jobe/Carnes/Furtick

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  
  
Amen Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen  
  
May his favor Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family And your children  
And their children And their children

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  
  
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  
He is for you He is for you

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-29 (NRSV)

### SERMON

“Upon What Foundation Will You Build Your Life?”

### 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

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**Celebrant:** Rev. Dr. Bill White, Jr. | **Concelebrant:** Rev. J.D. Moffett

**Communion Assistants:** Jason & Sharon Kendall, Rena McGee-Helms, and Erica Kirby

## MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Brown/Joye/Furtick

### *O Come To The Altar*

*Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling*

*O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

*Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all Sing alleluia Christ is risen*

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling*

✝ BENEDICTION

RECESSION & POSTLUDE

Fanny Mendelssohn H. (1805-1847)

*Präludium im Marschstil für Orgel*

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

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

Rev. J.D. Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Julie Miles | *Director of Youth Ministries*

Nathan Clements | *Organist & Pianist*

Chancel Choir

Praise Team

Central Ringers

Ushers: Trent & Henry Dilworth and Camdyn & Kyrin Kirby

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## 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. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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# Central's CLASS OF 2025

## High School Graduates



Zach Dilworth

**Zach Dilworth** is graduating from Forest Hills High School and will attend Wingate University in the fall. He plans to pursue a degree in business while playing football for the Wingate Bulldogs.

Forest Hills High School Graduate

Will Attend Wingate University



Brooklyn Kirby

**Brooklyn Kirby** is graduating from Sun Valley High School and will attend South Piedmont Community College before transferring to a 4-year University. She is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Sun Valley High School Graduate

Will Attend South Piedmont Community College



Miles McGinnis

**Miles McGinnis** is a graduate of Union Academy High School. He plans to attend Clemson University in the fall and will major in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management with a concentration in Recreation Therapy.

Union Academy High School Graduate

Will Attend Clemson University



Collin O'Keef

**Collin O'Keef** is graduating from Porter Ridge High School and plans to join the United States Air Force after High School.

Porter Ridge High School Graduate

Will Enter the United States Air Force

## College Graduates



Taylor Apple

**William Taylor Apple** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Science. Taylor is currently working at OrthoCarolina as a Clinical Assistant. He then plans to pursue a Master's of Health Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

Appalachian State University Graduate

Will Attend Graduate School



Kenny Brown

**Kenny Brown** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wingate University in December 2024 with his Bachelor's of Science in Exercise Science. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Arts in Sports Management focused on Leadership & Coaching while continuing to grow his Sports Performance and Player Development Business.

Wingate University Graduate

Will Attend Graduate School



Lilly Ferguson

**Lilly Ferguson** graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina Wilmington in December 2024 with a major in Theatre Performance and a minor in Dance. She plans on pursuing film and television while also doing marketing on the side.

University of North Carolina Wilmington Graduate

Will Enter the Workforce