central
united methodist church monroe
Palm
SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
Passion & Palm Sunday
10:00 A.M. Combined Worship
Sanctuary
HOLY
Week
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✝*Please rise in body or spirit* | Congregational responses are in **bold.**

GATHERING MUSIC *(worshippers may enter)*

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty arr. Stephen DeCesare
A Solemn Processional Raymond H. Haan

PRELUDE *The Holy City* arr. Myles B. Foster

✝ **PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**
Matthew 21:1-11

✝ **THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

✝ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* UMH 280
Please wave your palms joyfully as we sing.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

✝ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277, VERSE 3

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278
Please wave your palms joyfully as we sing.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✝ **ANTHEM** *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure

Please wave your palms during the chorus.

PRAYER HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* UMH 301

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 *Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)* Paul Baloche

✝ **LENTEN DOXOLOGY** HAMBURG

✝ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM OF PREPARATION arr. Mary McDonald

In the Name of the Lord

SCRIPTURE Luke 23:1-5, 13-25 (NRSV)

SERMON "Give Us Barabbas!" Rev. In-Yong Lee, Ph.D.,
Uwharrie District Superintendent
Western NC Conference, The United Methodist Church

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** UMH 298
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

POSTLUDE *Toccata in g minor* Paul Fey

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor* Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*
Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*
Nathan Clements | Organist & Pianist Dr. Stephanie Lawrence-White | *Pianist*
Ed Mills | *Trumpeter* Abril Ruiz-Lopez | *Violinist* Luna Martinez | *Timpanist*
Festival Choir 801praise!
Ushers: Jason & Sharon Kendall Greeters: David & Kalli Clements

OUR STAFF

Dr. Bill White, Jr. | *Senior Pastor* Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*
Julie Miles | *Director of Youth Ministries* Erica Kirby | *Dir. Children's & Weekday Ministries*
Debbie Eggleston | *Business Administrator* Jessica Parker | *Administrative Assistant*
Sylvia Jenkins | *Custodian*

HOLY WEEK AT CENTRAL

Maundy THURSDAY

THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY
Maundy Thursday invites us to the table where Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper. This sacred service leads us quietly toward the cross and the unfolding story of love. Join us for this reverent evening of worship on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Featuring the Central Ringers, our Festival Choir, and Casavant organ. Gathering Music will begin at 6:50 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 3 | 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY
In the ancient Choral Service of Tenebrae, we will move prayerfully through the unfolding of Christ's passion as scripture and music are woven together in solemn beauty. You are invited to experience this profound and soul-stirring evening of worship on Friday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Featuring our Festival Choir, Casavant organ, piano, violin, and timpani. Gathering Music will begin at 6:50 P.M.

EASTER
RESURRECTION SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | 10:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY
Join us on Sunday, April 5, at 10:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary for a glorious service of worship as we celebrate the risen Lord and share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, giving thanks for the promise of new life made known through Christ. Featuring Festival Choir, 801Praise!, Central Ringers, Casavant organ, piano, violin, trumpet, and timpani. Gathering Music starts at 9:50 A.M.

Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. · Sunday School

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

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Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. · Dinner Church | FLC

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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

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Upcoming Opportunities

HOLY Week at central

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 P.M.
Good Friday Service, 7 P.M.
Easter Sunday Worship, 10 A.M.

Mar. 29	Youth Group, 3 P.M.
Mar. 31	Festival Choir Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Apr. 1	Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
Apr. 2	Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M. Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M. Maundy Thursday Service, 7 P.M.
Apr. 3	Good Friday Service, 7 P.M.
Apr. 4	Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10 A.M. Festival Choir/Central Ringers Rehearsal, 10 A.M.
Apr. 5	Easter Sunday Worship, 10 A.M.
Apr. 6	Office Closed - Observance of Easter Monday
Apr. 7	Lessie Ann Circle, 10 A.M.
Apr. 9	Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M. Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M. Central Friends, 12 P.M.
Apr. 10	UWF Executive Meeting, 2 P.M.
Apr. 12	Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service, 10 A.M.

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

Rev. In-Yong Lee, Ph.D.
Uwharrie District Superintendent
Western NC Conference, The United Methodist Church

In-Yong Lee was born and raised in South Korea. She went to Duke Divinity School/Duke University and received her M.Div. (2000), Th.M. (2002), and Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics (2012). She was ordained as an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference in the UMC in 2008. After serving three churches in cross-racial appointments, she started serving as a District Superintendent in Uwharrie District in July 2025.

As a DS, she is committed to seeking the well-being of both the clergy and the churches. She is a 4-time General Conference delegate (2012, 2016, 2019, and 2024) and served on the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters for 12 years. Her passion has been in cross-racial, cross-cultural relationships and collaboration and in multi-ethnic ministry.

She and her husband, Hee-Soo, have two sons, Ju-Heung (35) and Ju-Sung (32), and a daughter-in-law, Mimi (32). They live with her mother, Yohee (85), and their cat, Mocha, in Mount Gilead.

The Palms

tr. Theodore T. Barker

Jean-Baptiste Faure