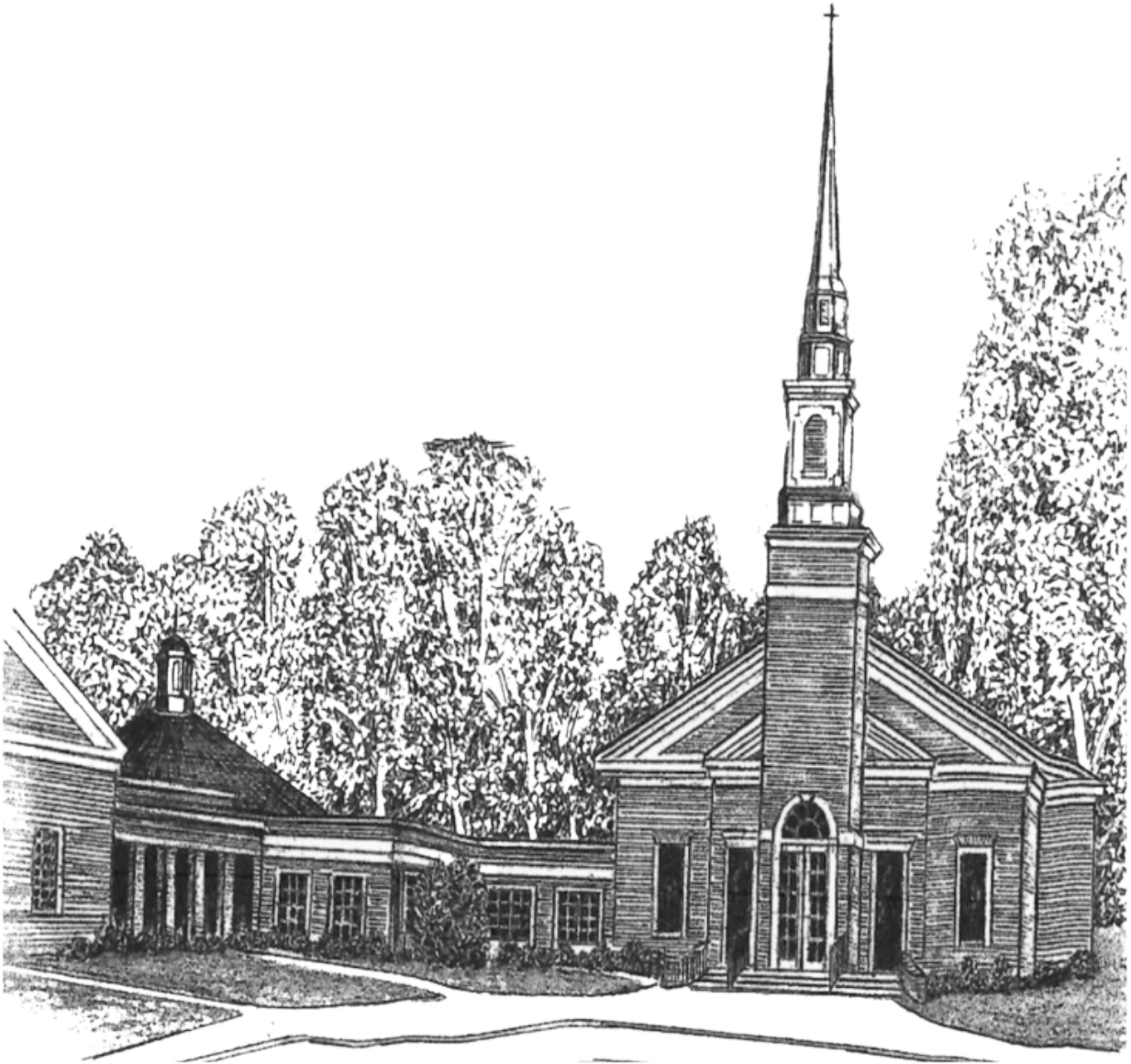


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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Nun lob mein' Seel den Herren
("Now praise, my soul, the Lord")
Johann Pachelbel

GREETING

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ 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

PRAYER SONG

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Lighthelm

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!
Please sing throughout!

Verse 1 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

Chorus 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

Verse 2 Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge 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

{Repeat Bridge twice}

[Repeat Chorus]

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter, arr. 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!
Please sing throughout!

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 twice]

Ending Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I lift Your name on high

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-14 (NIV)

SERMON

“God’s Plans for You, Part 1:
From Jerusalem to Babylon/Exile ”

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

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Chancel Choir

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Louis F. Benson, V. Earl Copes

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Only Trust Him

UMH 337

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'm Not Alone

John W. Peterson, arr. Harold DeCou



ONE BODY IN CHRIST
CONNECTING WITH
GOD
EACH OTHER
COMMUNITY



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Chancel Choir 801 Praise!

Worship Leader: David Paschal

Ushers: Linda and Robert Hinson Greeters: Jason and Sharon Kendall

Communion Stewards: Emily Dilworth, Rena McGee-Helms, Jean Semken, Libby Helms



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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.

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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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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

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Upcoming Opportunities

SEPTEMBER 13



- Sunday School | 9 A.M.
- Blended Worship | 10 A.M.
- Fellowship | 11:15 A.M.
- Jr. Youth & Youth Group | 3 P.M.

Sept. 6-8	Pastor JD's Vacation
Sept. 7	Church Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 8	Dr. Bill at Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting
Sept. 9	801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
Sept. 10	Dr. Bill & Pastor JD at WNCC Ethics Training Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M. Memory Care Ministry, 5:30 P.M.
Sept. 11	UWF Executive Board Meeting, 2 P.M.
Sept. 13	Fall Kickoff Sunday Jr. Youth and Youth Group, 3 P.M.
Sept. 14	SPRC Meeting, 6 P.M.
Sept. 16	Nominations Committee, 4:30 P.M. Finance Committee, 6:00 P.M. 801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
Sept. 17	Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M. Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M. Memory Care Ministry, 5:30 P.M.
Sept. 18	Stephen Ministers Meeting, 9:30 A.M.
Sept. 19	Central Squares, 8:00 A.M.

Dr. Bill's Weekly Schedule

(Subject to Change and Appointments Available)

Monday	10:00 A.M. - Noon 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. 3:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Home Office Church Office Days of Board Meetings
Tuesday	10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Church Office
Wednesday	<i>Sermon & Sunday Preparation</i> 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	Home Office Board & Committee Meetings
Thursday	10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Church Office
Friday	Pastor's Sabbath Observance	