

# central

united methodist church monroe



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Lord*

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11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

**PRELUDE** *Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 650* J.S. Bach

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you!**

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** UMH 66  
*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

**THE WESLEY COVENANT 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**

*Like a Dove*

John Purifoy

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

Léon Boëllmann

*Prière à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique*

**✝ DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH 600

*Wonderful Words of Life*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:14-30 NIV

**SERMON**

“What Are You Doing with Your Gifts?”

**✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION**

UMH 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

**✝ BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Léon Boëllmann

*Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique*

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Nathan Clements | *Organist*

Chancel Choir

Ushers: Philip & Susan Apple

Greeters: Jason & Sharon Kendall

## OUR STAFF

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## WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our 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**

# THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

“I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with  
whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for  
thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy  
pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on  
earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

# EXPLANATION OF THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

John Wesley adapted this prayer from the Puritan tradition that was so important to his parents, Samuel and Suzannah, and life in the Epworth rectory. It informed his theology and preaching.

The prayer describes the life of a participant with Christ in his mission. It is a practical description of what Jesus was talking about when he said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

The Covenant prayer helps us remember what this Jesus-way of life looks like and what loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves requires of us.

When we pray this prayer we remember that we are baptized. The Covenant Prayer describes missional life devoted to following Jesus and serving as Christ's representative in the world he loves and is working to redeem. It tells us that being a Christian is more a way of life than a system of beliefs. The Covenant Prayer describes the Jesus way of self-giving and self-emptying love.

You are invited to pray this prayer silently first. Then, I will ask us to pray it together aloud.





## Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Modern Worship | Central Hall

10:00 A.M. • Sunday School

11:00 A.M. • Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

Stream online at [centralumcmonroe.org/media](https://centralumcmonroe.org/media)

## 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

- Jan. 11** Modern Worship Service, 9 A.M., *Central Hall*  
Blood Drive, 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
Sunday School, 10 A.M.  
Traditional Worship Service, 11 A.M., *Sanctuary*  
Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 12** Grace and Mercy Circle, 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 14** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.  
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 15** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.  
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.  
Birthday Club, 11:30 A.M.
- Jan. 16** Stephen Ministers, 9:30 A.M.
- Jan. 17** Central Squares, 8:00 A.M.
- Jan. 18** Modern Worship Service, 9 A.M., *Central Hall*  
Sunday School, 10 A.M.  
Traditional Worship Service, 11 A.M., *Sanctuary*  
Youth Group, 3 P.M.
- Jan. 19** New Beginnings Circle, 6 P.M.
- Jan. 21** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.  
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 22** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.  
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 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!**