

The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a church steeple, likely the Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. The steeple is a tall, white, multi-tiered structure with a pointed top, set against a clear blue sky. It is partially framed by the dark green, leafy branches of trees in the foreground. The overall tone is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

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FALL KICKOFF *Sunday*

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11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

arr. David Howard Pettit

Festival Prelude on THAXTED

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 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN

Lead Me, Lord UMH 473 (SING TWICE)

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 *Like a River In My Soul* arr. Tim Osiek

✝ DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION **UMH 189**
Fairest Lord Jesus

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:16-26 (NRSVUE)

SERMON The Fruit of the Spirit, Part 2: Joy

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION **UMH 12, Table 2**

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION arr. Jay Althouse
Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION **UMH 715**
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major, BWV 553* J.S. Bach



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

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

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*
Chancel Choir

Nathan Clements | *Organist*
Ed Mills | *Trumpet*

Ushers: Amy Paschal & Hank Baucom, Kalli Clements & James Clements
Communion Assistants: Libby Helms, Jason and Sharon Kendall, Linda Hinson

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





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.
Senior Pastor



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Central uses visual and audio images of participants in our worship services and events for broadcast, event promotion, publicity, and other related communications endeavors.

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

Tuesday Evenings

6:00 P.M. • Dinner Church | FLC

First time visitor?

Visit centralumcmonroe.org/iamnew!

Upcoming Opportunities

TODAY!



- Returning to Regular Worship Schedule
- Modern Worship | 9 A.M.
- Brunch | 9:40-10:40 A.M.
- Traditional Worship | 11 A.M.

Sept. 7	Fall Kickoff Sunday - Regular Worship Schedule Fall Kickoff Brunch Central Youth Kickoff
Sept. 11	Central Friends Men's Breakfast Group
Sept. 13	Fall Consignment Sale
Sept. 14	Mobile Blood Drive
Sept. 16	Chalk It Up To Love Distribution
Sept. 18	Birthday Club
Sept. 20	Central Squares
Ongoing	September Shareback "Chalk It Up To Love" Central T-Shirts on Sale through September 9th

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!