



## Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,  
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card  
to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can  
connect you to our ministries.

# The Worship of God

January 4, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

arr. Hamlin

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Congregational Song

*The First Noel*

Morning 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.**

Children's Message

Ann Anthony

Offertory

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

arr. Hobby

*Did the Shining Star Behold*

Libby Alexander, organ

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Congregational Song

*We Three Kings*

Scripture

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

**The Wisemen**

Rev. David Lee

Holy Communion

\*Congregational Song

*A Star Shone Bright*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming the Trinity

\*Postlude

*What Star Is This*

arr. Ritter

Libby Alexander, organ

\*Please stand if able

## **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

Visitors are invited to visit the Welcome Table for a free gift and additional information about Central United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here!



### **Connect with us!**

Use this QR Code for a direct link to all things CUMC. Get easy access to online giving options, connect cards letting us know you were in worship (in person or online), updated bulletins, newsletters and more!

### **Prayer Concerns**

For this week please pray for the following:

\*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

#### **CUMC Family**

12/15 Ollie Anthony  
12/15 Jo Marsh  
12/15 Frank Richardson  
12/30 Peggy Conlin & family (passing  
of her daughter-in-law, Denise, on 12/18)

#### **Other**

Military & First Responders  
Our Homeless Community  
Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan  
Our Nation, County, and City

#### **Family and Friends**

12/15 Deborah Martin (Stephen Ager's sister; cancer recovery)  
12/15 Gerald Lamonte Jennings (cancer)  
12/15 Rodney Grant Jr. (Loss of leg)  
12/17 Dale Eaker (Jessica Talbert's mom; cancer)  
12/29 Sandra Raynor & family  
12/29 Kimberlyn Floyd  
12/30 Bob Conlin (Cancer)  
1/2 Jerry Hendricks (Lynn Carter's mom- hip replacement & Medical complications  
1/2 Pam Folk (Lynn Carter's cousin- cancer & hospice care)

### **Ministry Needs**

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For January: **Fruit Cups**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

### **Children's Choir**

Wednesday night children's choir will resume this week. (1/7).

### **Interested in Feeding the Youth in 2026?**

Sign up to provide a meal Sunday evening at 5pm in the fellowship hall.

Please reach out to Katie with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-61391068-meal#/>

## **Children Serve At Open Table**

As a Children's Ministry service initiative, children and parents are invited to help distribute food at Open Table on Saturday, Jan 17. Please enter through the Kids Place doors and meet in the PAC at 10:00am and we will start serving at 10:30. This is recommended for ages 3+ with a parent.

We will go out to eat afterwards at Chick-fil-a at the mall.

## **Stewardship Update**

To date we have received 68 estimates of giving for a total of \$574,012.

This is very helpful as we plan our budget for the upcoming year.

If you have not sent in your 2026 estimate of giving, please either mail it or bring it to the church office.

Together we can carry out the mission the Lord has given us.

## **Discipleship Opportunities**

### **Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study**

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month.

### **The Book of Matthew**

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven? Good thing to wonder! Matthew's gospel pulls back the curtain and says, "Thanks for asking, here it is." Taught by Dr. Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries

### **Disciple Class**

Disciple is an in-depth four-year Bible Study that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the conference room from 3-5PM. We will resume meeting some time in February. Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

## **Spring Studies**

Keep an eye out for the Spring Bible Studies! We offer different options throughout the week and will be starting up soon!

SAVE THE DATE

# Youth Valentine's Fundraiser

Sunday, Feb 22, 2025

If you are interested in donating to  
the silent auction, please reach out to  
Katie or drop off items in the office.

With love,  
CUMC Youth

## Central UMC Ministry Opportunity

This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people's lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in! Together we shine the bright light of Christ!

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your Children are always accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

**Restrooms** are located outside the right-hand side of the sanctuary, as you look at the chancel area.

**Childcare** is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

**Hearing devices** are available for those who need them.

**Large print Bibles & Hymnals** are available for those who need them. The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

### SERMON NOTES

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