

central

united methodist church monroe

Messiah



DECEMBER 28, 2025
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10:00 A.M. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ, our Messiah has come!
Christ, our Messiah has come, indeed!

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

✝ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230, Verse 4

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Joy to the World* UMH 246

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER HYMN *Away in a Manger* UMH 217

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

Manger Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

✝ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

SERMON

"New Year's Resolution for Christ"

Rev. JD Moffett

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

UMH 251

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

arr. Stickles

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries*

Cindy Sartain | *Pianist*

Central Festival Choir

Ushers: Phillip & Susan Apple, Jason & Sharon Kendall



WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our Combined Worship Service at Central! As we worship together as one body in Christ, we remember that Christ is born! Today we celebrate the gifts of Christ's coming and the hope, peace, joy, and love our Messiah brings!

Whether this is your first Sunday with us or you've been part of our family for years, we pray you feel at home in this time of worship. May God draw us closer to Him and to one another in this holy season.

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



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!

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



Our Staff

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



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Upcoming Opportunities

NEXT SUNDAY!

- Returning to Regular Worship Schedule
- Modern Worship | 9:00 A.M. - Central Hall
- Traditional Worship | 11:00 A.M. - Sanctuary

- Dec. 24-29** Church Office Closed in Observation of Christmas
- Dec. 31** Church Office Closed in Observation of New Year's, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.
- Jan. 1** Church Office Closed in Observation of New Year's
- Jan. 4** Modern Worship Service, 9 A.M., *Central Hall*
Sunday School, 10 A.M.
Traditional Worship Service, 11 A.M., *Sanctuary*
- Jan. 6** Lessie Ann Circle, 10 A.M.
- Jan. 7** Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
80! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Jan. 8** Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Soul Food Bible Study, 10 A.M.
Central Friends, 12 P.M.
- Jan. 9** UWF Executive Board Meeting, 2 P.M.
- Jan. 11** 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.

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!