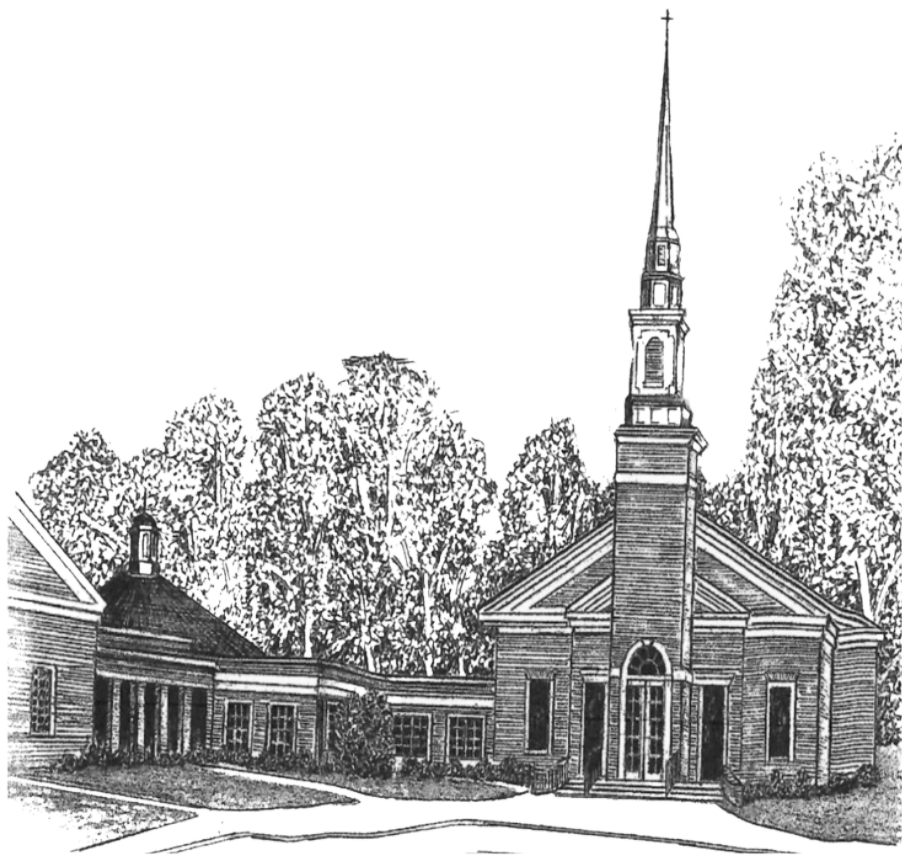


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11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

Trumpet in Dialogue from the Suite on the First Tone

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 75

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN *Near to the Heart of God*

UMH 472

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 *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. Dale Wood

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

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✝ HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 469
Jesus Is All the World to Me

SCRIPTURE Psalm 42 NIV

SERMON “Be Like the Deer”

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION UMH 526
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *The Agincourt Hymn* John Dunstable

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

Rev. JD Moffett | *Associate Pastor*

Erica Kirby | *Director of Children's Ministries* Dr. Martha Asti | *Guest Organist*

Chancel Choir

Ushers: John & Mary Ann Burns

Greeters: Matt & Nancy Gustafson

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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



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



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Upcoming Opportunities

Jan. 18 Modern Worship Service, 9 A.M., *Central Hall*
Sunday School, 10 A.M.
Traditional Worship Service, 11 A.M., *Sanctuary*

Jan. 19 Office Closed in Observance of MLK Jr. Day
New Beginnings Circle, 6 P.M.

Jan. 21 Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Finance Committee Meeting, 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.

Jan. 25 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. 28 Central Ringers Rehearsal, 5:30 P.M.
801! Praise Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Administrative Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.

Jan. 29 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 OR visit the NEWS icon on the Central App home page!