

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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The Worship of God

November 29, 2026 10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Wold
Libby Alexander, organ

*Congregational Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting the Advent Wreath The Stephenson Family

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Moment John Lattimore

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming* arr. Burkhardt
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 Hymn *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

Scripture Mark 1:1-8

Sermon **JOHN** Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

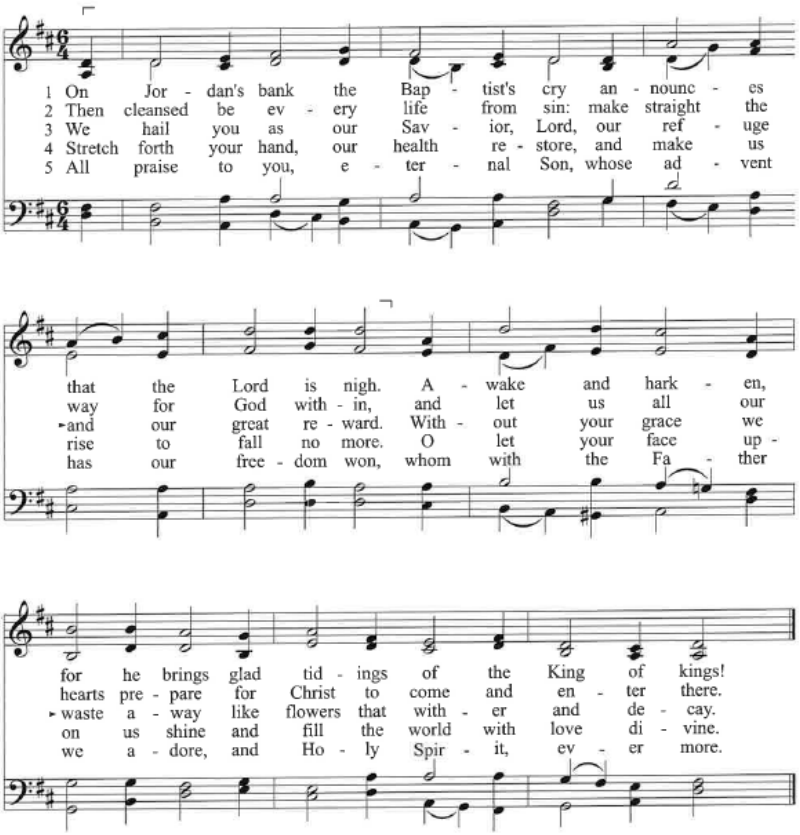
*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* arr. Chesterton
Libby Alexander, organ

*Please stand as you are able.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



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Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church!

We are grateful you are here and pray that you experience God's love, grace, and presence in worship today. As a "Safe Sanctuary" congregation, we ask that all children always remain accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, including when using the restroom during the service. The restrooms are through the doors to the right of Chancel Stage. Childcare for infants and preschool-aged children is available in Room E105. If you need hearing devices, large-print Bibles, or large-print hymnals
our users will be happy to assist you.

Central UMC Linktree QR Code: Please use this QR Code for Connect Card, Online Giving, Wish List, and all other links!

Youth Group Calendar

- • **Sunday, November 29th - 9-9:30am** Youth Worship w/Danny (In place of Sunday School) | No Youth Group
- **Friday, December 4th – Children's Christmas – ***More info to come from Caroline - reach out for details
- **Sunday, December 6th –** Youth Music Rehearsal 6-8pm
- **Wednesday, December 9th –** Youth and Adult Choir Rehearsal 6-8pm

Please see the link and QR code to sign up to feed our youth this fall. Thank you for your support going into this fall season!!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-65411038-youth

Prayer Concerns

For this week, please pray for the following:
*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

CUMC Family
1/16 Ollie Anthony
4/25 Becky and Steve Hill (Becky recently hospitalized)
8/16 John Juba, healing - cancer diagnosis
9/30 Anne Wray
10/13 Marilyn Henshaw - recovery from a fall
11/17 Diana Snyder - broken leg
11/21 Bubba and Brownie Plaster - house fire

Family and Friends
4/1 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East
6/9 Matt Arey - Cancer
8/30 Asher Sherfinski's Aunt, who is very sick and her husband who is also her caretaker
9/14 Monica Noble's cousin's husband Joshua (started an 82-day chemo journey on 9/14) and her Cousin Samantha and their three children Joshua Jr., Maddie and Sophie, all affected by this journey
9/27 Mrs. Louise Frazier, Bradley Ellis grandmother, who is widowed and struggling with loneliness and cognitive decline.
10/5 Sympathy to the Family of Lynn Luce (Cassie Plaster's mother)
10/5 Sandy Carlton, beginning cancer treatment
10/23 Sympathy to the family of Melinda Tessener
10/23 Kathy Tessener, hospice (mother of Melinda)
11/1 Judy, Sandy Allen's sister, is in the hospital
11/10 Parker Campbell deployment, Pilot on Aircraft Carrier to Middle East, deployed until February
11/11 Nancy Beam, Carol Maxwell's mother, in hospice care and praying for a peaceful transition
11/11 Azral Perry, mental health and courage
11/14 Dennis McBride - Sarah Nestlerode father - complication from bone infection - trouble walking
11/12 Willma - Jan Murray's sister passed away
11/17 Frank Ledford - blood cancer is back, starting back chemo

Early Advent Study

Join our women's Bible study group for an early Advent study by Dr. AJ Levine entitled "Light of the World". We'll be meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am on 11/12, 11/19,12/3 and 12/10. Please contact
Jessica Talbert (704) 692-3441 for more information.

Ministry Needs

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:
Backpack Ministry: For November: **Oatmeal/grits packs**
Open Table: **Water Bottles**

SONrise

SONrise is a new hospitality and welcome initiative that started last Sunday. SONrise is a casual coffee time for early arrivers on Sundays 8:00am until worship starts.

The SONrise location is in the rear of the "South Pasture" and will soon have some comfortable couches. The Washington St Sanctuary door will be open to enter and volunteer "hosts" will be there to greet you. So come, enjoy a cup of coffee before worship service and be in community with one another.

Scouting for Food Update: Our Scouts Collect 1,959 Pounds for Open Table!

Our Scouts have collected 1,959 pounds of food for Open Table here at Central! These young people put their time and energy into caring for our neighbors, and the groceries they gathered will help Open Table serve meals right here in Shelby. Thank you to our Scouts and to everyone who filled a bag or shared a few items from their pantry.

Just 541 pounds to go! If you're able, help our Scouts reach their 2,500-pound goal by dropping off a donation in the collection box outside the church office. A jar of peanut butter, a box of saltines, or a few cans of soup would be a welcome addition. Open Table can also use canned meats, stews, chili, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, pasta, and rice.

For questions about dropping off a donation, call the church office at 704-487-6336 or email central@cumcshelby.org.

Stewardship Update

2027 Estimate of Giving Update

Thank you, Central! We've received 55 Estimate of Giving cards totaling $486,000 for 2027. Our final total for 2026 was 68 cards totaling $574,000. If you haven't yet submitted your card, please prayerfully consider your gift for the coming year. Your estimate helps our Finance Committee plan for Central's ministries. Scan the QR code to find the Stewardship Letter and the 2027 Estimate of Giving Card on Central's Linktree QR code.

Ring a Bell for the Salvation Army This Christmas

Can you spare an hour to ring a bell and wish shoppers a Merry Christmas? On Saturday, December 19, our Central church family is invited to ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle at the Walmart pharmacy entrance. It's a simple way to share the joy of Christmas and support the Salvation Army's work in our community.

Volunteers can sign up for a one-hour shift between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. To sign up, let Chris Mabry know which hour works best for you. Call or text 704-472-1906 or email chrismabry23@gmail.com.





Gingerbread Christmas Family Event: A Sweet Celebration for All!

Get ready for a little sugar and a whole lot of Christmas cheer!

Join us on Friday, December 4, from 5:30–7:30 PM in the Central UMC Fellowship Hall for a festive evening of family fun! Enjoy holiday snacks, create your very own cookie house craft, and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season together. This event is FREE, open to all ages, and everyone is welcome!

Want to help spread some Christmas cheer? We are looking for volunteers to assist with setup, kitchen duties, crafts, and snacks. Whether you can lend a hand for a little while or throughout the evening, we'd love your help! Visit our Central UMC Linktree to sign up to volunteer, or contact Caroline Scism for more information.



ADVENT:
Come Home for Christmas!!

NOV 29	**JOHN** *Mark 1:1–8*
DEC 6	**MARY** *Luke 1:26–38*
DEC 13	**Christmas @ Central**
DEC 20	**ELIZABETH** *Luke 1:39–56*
DEC 24 *(Thu)*	**JESUS** *Luke 2:1–20* *Christmas Eve Services* **5:00 PM & 11:00 PM**
DEC 27	**MAGI** *Matt. 2:1–12*
JAN 3	**Flight of the Holy Family** *Matt. 2:13–18*
JAN 10	**Jesus' Baptism** *Mark 1:4–11*