

central

united methodist church monroe



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10:00 A.M. Blended Modern and Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

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

PRELUDE

Chorale Trio on Christus, der ist mein Leben

("Abide, O Dearest Jesus")

Sigrid Karg-Elert

GREETING

The Lord be with you
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

✝ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louis Giglio

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!

Verse 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm found
 Was blind, but now I see

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone, I've been set free
 My God, my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy reigns
 Unending love, amazing grace

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures
 {Repeat Chorus Twice}

Verse 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God who called me here below
 Will be forever mine
 Will be forever mine
 You are forever mine

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

By Faith

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise, God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ SONG OF PREPARATION

Raise a Hallelujah

JD Helser, M Helser, M Skaggs, and J Stevens

Congregation,
led by 801Praise!

Verse 1 I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

Verse 2 I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear, you lost your hold on me
[Repeat Chorus]

Bridge 1 Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

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Sing a little louder
[Repeat Chorus twice]

Ending I raise a hallelujah

SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:8-17 (NIV)

SERMON

“How Are They To Hear?”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Adapted Table 2

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION, & PARDON

The table of the Lord is open to all who love him. Let us repent of our sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

Almighty God, we confess that we have not followed your call to live fully as your disciples. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bless us with renewed faithfulness to live as true servants of Jesus. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, Christ loves you and forgives you!

**Christ loves you and forgives you!
Glory to God. Amen!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As we lift our hearts to the Lord, we remember that it is a right, good, and joyful thing to always give our hearts to you, our Creator. You formed us in your image and called us to be your people. When humanity failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from slavery to sin and death by the passion and resurrection of Jesus. You made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he blessed bread and cup with thanksgiving to you. He instructed his disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of his broken body, and the blood poured out for forgiveness. Doing so, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his Heavenly banquet.

Amen.

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

✝ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Faith Is the Victory

Ira D. Sankey, arr. Harold DeCou



ONE BODY IN CHRIST
CONNECTING WITH



**GOD
EACH OTHER
COMMUNITY**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Chancel Choir 801 Praise!

Ushers: Philip and Susan Apple Greeters: David Clements and Kenneth Neese

Communion Stewards: Libby Helms, Jason and Sharon Kendall, Erica Kirby



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WELCOME TO **central**

Welcome to our Blended Modern and 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.



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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Sunday Mornings

9:00 A.M. • Sunday School

10:00 A.M. • Blended Modern and Traditional Worship Service | 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

- Aug. 2 Hospitality Social after Worship Service
- Aug. 3 SPRC, 6 P.M.
- Aug. 5 801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Aug. 6 Men's Breakfast Group, 8 A.M.
Nehemiah Bible Study, 9:30 A.M.
- Aug. 9 Back to School Blessing at Worship Service
- Aug. 12 Steering & Finance Committee Mtg., 6 P.M.
801Praise! Rehearsal, 6 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7 P.M.
- Aug. 14 UWF Executive Board Meeting, 2 P.M.
- Aug. 15 Central Squares, 8 A.M.

2nd Quarter Treasury Report

Budget Summary 2026 vs 2025		 Dr. Bill White, Jr. Senior Pastor Rev. J.D. Moffett Associate Pastor	
Budget area	YTD 2026 Actual	YTD 2025 Actual	Actual Differences
Revenues	253,967	258,816	(4,849)
Investment Earnings	100,000	50,000	50,000
Operating expenses	381,862	383,535	(1,673)
Balance (income minus expenses)	(27,895)	(74,719)	(46,824)