

Central United Methodist Church



The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Our Vision:

***Making Christ known by extending hospitality,
serving the community, pursuing justice and embracing all.***

201 - 3rd Avenue Knoxville TN 37917
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We Gather to Praise God

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Stephen Nielson

Welcome

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Rev. Jimmy Sherrod

Opening Prayer

Archie Ellis

† **Call to Worship**

God calls each of us by name.

Today, we respond to God's loving call.

Jesus offers us grace and space to change.

May we open our hearts to transformation.

God's spirit breathes new possibilities into our lives.

Holy Spirit, come join us here and now!

† **Opening Song**

Christ Is Alive

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

† **Scripture**

Luke 19:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

A Time for Young Christians

Ali Umbarger

Sunday school for nursery through 5th grade is offered every week following children's time except on Sundays when we celebrate Holy Communion (typically the first Sunday of each month).

Anthem

Just As I am, I Come

Victor C. Johnson

Given by Bud and Carolyn Cottrell in memory of Kim Ball

Sermon

Called by Love

Rev. Sherrod

We Respond to God's Great Love

† Hymn

You Are Mine (vv. 1,2,4)

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still, and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

(refrain) Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand up, now, walk, and live. (refrain)

Congregational Prayer (pray in unison)

God of hope, thank you for loving us however we show up today. Thank you for knowing us and calling us by name. Help us to recognize your loving call to grow into the people you have created us to be. May we receive your grace to see what we need to let go of and what changes we need to make so that we can live and love more fully. Give us courage to take the next step with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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.

Announcements

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

I Am Thine, O Lord

arr. David Paxton

† Dedication of Gifts

UMH 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.

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

UMH 340

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

(refrain) I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [refrain]

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [refrain]

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth, is to feel your need of him. [refrain]

† Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Heather Sorenson

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† Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer List
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Pat Keyes's condition is declining. She's at her apartment in Georgia. Please remember Peter also during this time. The address is 2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033.

Ford Deese (Mary Humes's grandniece) has completed five radiation treatments in Jacksonville and is enjoying the activities at the Ronald McDonald House. The address in Jacksonville is Ford Deese, Room #210, Ronald McDonald House, 824 Childrens Way, Jacksonville, FL 32207. You can follow Ford's progress on <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/forddeese>

Larry Ketron (Jodie Overton's father) started chemotherapy in Knoxville this week.

Charles Sartwell (Ann Sartwell's father and former CUMC member) is hospitalized in California with infections. He will be moved to a rehabilitation facility once the infections are gone. Family members are going out to check on him.

The **family of Betty Wilkerson** (Maddie Coffey's grandmother), who died October 2.

Tiffany Mynatt is working with a large family whose housing has been sold and is looking for a new rental within their financial constraints. She asks prayers that they can find an affordable place to live.

Please remember all those devastated by the flooding, isolated by water and utility outages, and trying to travel in and out of those areas. Add a special thanks for those doing clean-up, opening roads, and working to restore water and electrical service.

Please continue to remember **Pat Cowart** (Melanie Gangaware's mother), **Michael Dearen** (Patty Parham's nephew, 7900 Stephanie Cove, Bartlett, TN, 38133), **Emalie and Haley Dockery** (5215 E Sunset Rd, 37914), **Lena Frye** (friend of Lauren Gangaware), **Brenda Bacon Goble** (friend of Susie Knable), **David Helms** (801 E Inskip Dr, 37912), **Peter Keyes** (2806 N Decatur Rd, Apt. 514, Decatur, GA 30033), **G.R. Lewis** (wife is friend of Ali Umbarger), **Diane Lowe** (7125 Meadowbrook Cir, 37918), **Joan Moon** (7655 Apple Cross, Corryton, 37721), **Nancy Morgan** (3105 Atoka, 37917), **Donna Shirley** (Larry Ward's sister, 4133 Stephanie, Jonesboro, AR 72405), **Mike O'Tool** (Ron O'Tool's grandson), **Billy Varnell** (4121 Riverstone Ln, 37918), **Carroll and Lucy Varnell** (4408 High School Rd, 37912), **Kathy Whaley** (friend of Penney Helms, 200 Nodding Oak, Chapel Hill, NC, 27516), **Bill Winans** (1658 Wisteria View Way, 37914), and **Rev. Grady Winegar** (5503 Pinecrest Rd, 37912).

Looking Ahead ~ Our Calendar

Weekly:

Builder's Class Bible Study via Zoom, Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Handbell Rehearsals, Wednesday at 5:30-6:15 pm

Choir, Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:45 pm

Worship, Sunday at 10:45 am

Monthly:

1st Tuesday – Prayer Group, 10am, Room 213
Caswell Manor Lunch Prep

1st Wednesday – Serve Caswell Manor Lunch

3rd Thursday – VMC Lunch Prep

3rd Friday – Serve VMC Lunch

4th Thursday – Help at Minvilla Manor
Second Harvest Food Pantry

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| October 13 | Ministry Team Meeting, Noon-2pm, Room 210 |
| October 15 | Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209 |
| October 16 | Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209 |
| October 17 | Discipleship Pathway Team, 6:30 pm, Room 210 |
| October 18 | Centro Health Fair, 8am-2pm, Fellowship Hall |
| October 20 | Justice Meeting, Noon – 1:30 pm, Room 209 |
| October 21 | Justice Knox, 6:30 pm, Room 209 4 th and Gill Meeting, 6:30 pm, Room 210 |
| October 22 | Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209 |
| October 23 | Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209 |
| October 24 | Beaumont Partners Breakfast, 9am-11am, Fellowship Hall |
| October 25 | Wedding Rehearsal, 5pm, Sanctuary |
| October 26 | Wedding, 4pm, Sanctuary |
| October 28 | Board of Ordained Ministry, 8am-8pm, Entire Building Leadership Council, 6:30 pm, TBD |
| October 29 | Retired Teachers, 10am-12noon, Room 210 Bible Study, 6:30-8pm, Room 209 |
| October 30 | Bible Study, 10am-11:30am, Room 209 |
| October 31 | Autism Up Halloween Party, 9:30am-2:30pm, Fellowship Hall |

Serving the Community

Founded by Cokesbury Church in 2014, **Susannah's House** is an independent 501c3 non-profit organization. Their mission is to provide a source of hope for the pregnant or parenting mother following detox from opioids. These are women who want to maintain their sobriety. I met Cheryl, the House Coordinator at Susannah's House, who came through the program and is now celebrating three years of sobriety! Cheryl was able to regain custody of her daughter who is now four years old. Cheryl explained to me that the classes and the support from Susannah's House included involvement from the community and all of this was a huge part of her recovery! This place saved her life. We, at Central, want to lift up these women and their children with our prayers and physical gifts needed for them to grow and recover. They have an Amazon list for donations, and we are collecting items to deliver to them on a weekly basis. The needed items are shampoo, conditioner, body wash, clock radio, drawstring trash bags (medium, large, xl) 5 gallon trash cans with lids, crib mobiles, sound machines, waterproof crib mattress protector, first aid kit, bathroom accessories (towel rack, toilet paper holders, etc) and towel sets. **Please leave items in the far left corner of the Fellowship Hall.** Thank you, Central, for being a light in the lives of these women and children!

Snacks for Beaumont Academy - When a kid is hungry, it affects how they listen and how they learn. Central identified the need of supplying snacks in our schools through the development of our ministry with Beaumont Academy. Before Central began donating snacks, the teachers would cover the costs of providing snacks on their own. It's not in their job description as a teacher, but they were doing it to help their kids! Then Central stepped in to ease the financial burden on the teachers and to stop the hunger pains of the students. Whether a child eats lunch early (10:30 am) or late (12:10 pm), they have a long period of time in the school day to endure without the help of a snack. It's been proven that snacks help our brains in between meals regardless of our age! So when you buy *your* snacks this week at the grocery store, pick up **additional snacks** for our kids at Beaumont. Please remember they need to be individually packaged and no nuts or peanut butter to avoid allergies. Thank you, Central, for helping our children grow and learn.

Election Day Café — It's finally here! Tuesday, November 5, is only 3 weeks away. This is the big one, so our neighborhood voter turn out should be a large number. Our neighbors enjoy voting at Central UMC because they are greeted by friendly people and great refreshments. Sign-up sheets for a 2 hour shift and snacks are on the table under the sign-up board. Thank you for your Volunteer spirit!

At Central we are continuing our pursuit of justice by beginning our second season as Justice Knox members. We will kick-this-off with our JK House Meetings on Sunday, October 20th at noon (just after services) in Room 210 and Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm in Room 209, and each will include a light meal. Missy Parker and Bruce Peters, our Justice Ministry co-leaders, ask that our current Justice Knox network members and all those potentially interested in becoming a member attend one of these House Meetings. You will have a forum to voice your community justice concerns that will be provided to the Justice Knox leadership for consideration as a Research to Action issue and an opportunity to commit, or for existing members re-commit, to Justice Knox.

Service Update Thank you, Central, for the donated crockpots for the residents of Minvilla Manor, the residential apartments managed by VMC, the Volunteer Ministry Center. The residents were so excited that everyone wanted one! And every resident that wanted one received one! We thought we needed 10 and we gave out 26! God is good! Thank you for your amazing generosity! There are two more opportunities in October! We prepare and serve a meal at the Volunteer Ministry Center, VMC, on **Friday, October 17th**. We need volunteers to help serve at 11:45 am to approximately 1 pm. In addition, the Pantry at Minvilla Manor has been moved up a day to **Wednesday, October 23rd**. Volunteers are needed from Noon to approximately 2 pm. You can sign up electronically in The Hub or on the sign up board outside of the sanctuary. Serving others in need just feels good. It's like knowing you are in the right spot at the right time! Volunteer and experience it for yourself!

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to let us know you were here. In front of you, in the pews, you will find a visitor card. If you are willing, leave us your name and phone number, or e-mail address so that we can connect with you and find out more about you and share more about who we are as well.

Care and Prayer

If you have a prayer request, let us know so we can be in prayer for you. Either use the visitor cards in front of you or e-mail Kathy Gant at gants@att.net

Sunday Morning Coffee

The coffee is on! Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am, you are invited to join us for coffee. Connect with Central folks for fellowship and conversation. Coffee is available from 9:30 until 10:45 am.

The Central Hub

Keep up with what's going on each week by subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter. You can subscribe by going to knoxcentralumc.org and fill out the form at the bottom of the page.

Spiritual Discipline of Giving and Financial Update

Giving financially is a spiritual discipline and has the power to shape and transform us. When we give, it expresses priorities in our lives. All are encouraged to give out of the abundance that God has provided us. We aren't currently passing the offering plates, but we do ask you to consider giving to the ministries of Central Church in one of the following ways.

- Place your gift in the offering Plate on Sunday Morning. You'll find them as you exit the sanctuary.
- Mail a check to 201 Third Ave. or bring it by the office.
- Give online (text to give) and through the Vanco Mobile App.
- Set up an automatic withdrawal through your checking account. Please reach out to Laurie in the office to sign up.
- Scan the PayPal QR code to donate through PayPal.



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