

Calendar of Events

Sunday 3/13

5:00-7:00pm UMYF

Monday 3/14

4:00pm Math Tutoring
Hospitality Room

5:30pm Civitan Meeting
Scout Hut

Tuesday 3/15

6:30pm Missions Team Meeting
Room #114

6:30pm Church Council - *Library*

6:30pm Knitting Girls
Pathfinders

Wednesday 3/16

10:00am Soul Food Circle
Library

10:00am Financial Seminar
Hospitality Room

6:00pm Celebration Singers
Choir Room

6:00pm Youth Vocals - *Chapel*

6:00pm Central Squares
Hospitality Room

7:30pm Chancel Choir
Choir Room

Thursday 3/17

8:30am Thursday Men's Group
New Time - Hilltop

11:00am Eating Together Faithfully
Hospitality Room

6:15pm Handbells - Sanctuary

6:30pm Pilot Club Meeting
Pathfinders Class

7:30pm Trinity - *Choir Room*

Saturday 3/18

9:00am Brass Rehearsal

10:00am InnerChange Vocals
Choir Room

11:00am InnerChange Instruments

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OUR FAITHFULNESS

February 24th Attendance

Contemporary (8:45 am)	99
Traditional (11:00 am)	102
Total:	201

Tithes & Offerings

	MTD	YTD
Received	\$56,464	\$111,141
Expenses	(\$60,118)	(\$126,902)
	\$ 3,654	\$ 15,760



11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE • SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather round, we have come for worship.

We come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.

Lord Jesus, may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.

*HYMN No. 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of rainbows and puddles,

Lover of snow showers and clear blue skies,

we confess to you and to one another

the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us.

We make ourselves busy with many things,

and neglect to listen to your voice.

All too often we see the worst in the world around us,

and look past your signs of hope.

We are quick to voice our dissent with one another,

and refuse to see your face

in the persons with whom we disagree.

We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments,

and close our hearts to your transforming grace.

O Holy Light of the world, forgive us.

Open our eyes to your endless possibilities.

Give us courage to listen for your call to us.

Take our hearts of stone,

and make them new again with your holy love. Amen.

All pray in silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid. God's light has come into the world and has scattered the darkness; the morning star rises in our hearts. Rejoice! For God does not hold our sins against us, but embraces us as God's own beloved.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Come, Share This Feast of Love*
Chancel Choir

Beall/Larson

SERMON **Change Requires Vision**
Matthew 17:1-9
Reflection

Rev. Danny Leonard

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God who created us and loves us, still and all. We believe in Jesus Christ who leads us and calls us to follow. We believe in the Holy Spirit, present to us in our challenges and changes. We believe we are the church, called to bring solace to the troubled, hope to the hopeless and love to the lonely. We believe in the power of prayer, which enables us to live a life of love and service in the grace of God. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER *Eat This Bread*

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MORNING PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO PRESENT GIFTS

MUSIC SELECTION

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HOLY COMMUNION No. 15

SOLO *He Shall Feed His Flock*

G.F. Handel

Vicki Bivens, Soprano

***HYMN No. 454** *Open My Eyes*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able are invited to stand.
Items in bold indicate congregational response.*

TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for sharing in worship today. Here are a few things that you may find helpful:

- Childcare is available for infants through preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in Room #107
- Hearing devices are available for those who need them. They are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Connect cards are available in the seat-back pocket in front of you. This is a simple way for you to connect with the ministries at Central, request more information and let us know that you joined us for worship. We also invite you to use this card for sharing your prayer requests.
- A copy of today's service is available on DVD. Contact the Church office (704-289-3186).
- The ushers are available to assist you in making this a pleasurable experience, please let them know if you need anything.

SERVING TODAY

USHERS: David Paschal, Davey Plyler, Eric Shupe, Jody Jennings

GREETERS: Charles Smith, Leigh Smith, Derek Eason, Carol Eason

MARCH ALTAR GUILD: Nancy Ratliff and Martha Rollins