



CENTRAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Green)

Prayer Focus: Those Affected by Recent Storms

GATHERING

The People Come Together in the Lord's Name

PARISH CONCERNS

(The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayer are encouraged.)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Robert J. Powell
He Comes to Us as One Unknown (REPTON)

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR
(*All who are able are invited to stand.)

*GREETING

Leader: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

People: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 400 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

COLLECT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus' sake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we now pray:

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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 39 Hutchinson Pierce Shumpert
son of Mary Amanda and Stokes Shumpert
(Following the profession of faith on page 41, we will sing the Gloria Patri on page 71.)

BAPTISM HYMN 608 AZMON
This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

PROCLAMATION

God's Word is Shared

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Leader: The Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Bruce Neswick

Epiphany Carol

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold, grave and God and king foretold. Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do." Then, then from heaven a double sign dovelike Spirit, voice divine hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son." Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call. Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain's crest, where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God, God would save.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*ACT OF PRAISE 854 Psalm 139

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children are invited to the chancel. After Children's Time, children ages 2nd grade and older will return to their seats and children ages 3K to 1st grade will go with a leader and may be picked up in room #145 or #147 after the service.)

*HYMN 128 HE LEADETH ME

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Thomas Smith

*Come and See
Series: Jesus Who?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING IN FAITH **We Respond to God's Word in Worship**

OFFERTORY John S. Dixon

Aria

*DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100th

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH **We Respond to God's Grace with Our Lives**

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 593 HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

CLOSING VOLUNTARY David Blackwell

Recessional on "CHRISTE SANCTORUM"

Assisting in Worship

Preacher	Rev. Thomas Smith
Liturgist	Rev. Meg Bryce Jiunnies
Children's Time	Brandie Love
Organist/Choir Director	Dr. Don Grice
Organist/Choir Accompanist	Beverly Hazelwood
Lay Readers	Ginny Hill, Connie Lee
Acolyte	Ellison Higgs
Crucifer	Hugh Granger
Chancel Choir	

Music Note

Robert Powell (born 1932), composer of today's opening voluntary, is an American composer, organist, and choir director. Powell earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Louisiana State University with a focus on organ and composition. Powell was Director of Music and Organist of Christ Church (Episcopal) of Greenville, South Carolina from 1968 to 2003. He has composed in nearly all genres common to church music, including anthems, service music, hymn concertatos, organ music, music for handbell choir, and large-scale oratorios. His publications appear in *The Hymnal* 1982 as well as in the catalogs of most of the significant American publishers of church music. According to publisher GIA, Powell is "a composer whose output bridges denominational boundaries and who is able to serve the larger Church."

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth and Jay Campbell in honor of the baptism of Hutchinson Pierce Shumpert, son of Mary Amanda and Stokes Shumpert, and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Gene Guyton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Stokes, and Mr. Charles Shumpert.

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 07, 2024

Sanctuary Service	255
The Well Service	110
Wednesday Service of Prayer & Holy Communion	15
Children's Sunday School Totals	49
Youth Sunday School Totals	25
Adult Sunday School Totals	104

2024 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2024 General Operating Budget

Approved Budget for 2024 \$2,318,729.52
Received Week of 01-07-2024 \$45,376.56
Received YTD \$46,896.56

2024 Capital Building Fund

Received Week of 01-07-2024 \$661.75
Received YTD \$711.75

2024 Special Gifts

Received Week of 01-07-2024 \$1,148.38
Received YTD \$1,174.78

2024 Endowment Gifts

Received YTD \$0.00

IN MEMORY OF

DISCRETIONARY FUND

Bertie Permenter by Kari & Ben King
Gloria Brown by Jeanne Stephens

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Jean Martin, Rhoda Rabon by Geneva & Larry Rabon
Hart & Opal Spears by Linda Hart & Claude Smith
Gail Elmore..... by Harriett Whitlock

SUNSHINE CLASS

Jerome Davis, Gloria Brown by Florie Ervin

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mike Timmsby Beth & Stewart Jones

IN HONOR OF

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

Ladies in Courtney Graham Women's Bible Study, New Horizon Sunday School Class, John & Libby Charles
..... by Beth Ann & Marvin Owen
Congregational Care Visitation Team by Nancy & Carroll Player
Davis & Sarah Meade Jordan by Linda Hart & Claude Smith

SPECIAL GIFTS

BEDS MINISTRY by Laura Lee & Art Justice

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Willie Jones

DISCRETIONARY FUND by Carol & Ken Stone

DISCRETIONARY FUND & YOUTH MINISTRY by Kriste & Chuck Lindler

MUSIC MINISTRY by Karen West

SANTAHATCHIE MISSION by New Beginnings Sunday School Class, Wayne Grantham,
..... Ellen Knight, Cathy & Don Swartz

SANTAHATCHIE MISSION, MUSIC MINISTRY by Joy & Brian Higgs

YOUTH MINISTRY by Ashley & Tilly Thompson