Vision

"To be a historic church with a living mission."

Purpose

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread Scriptural Holiness."

Guiding Principles

We Are Anchored In God's Faithfulness

Throughout our history, God has been faithful to His people, and we trust that His faithfulness will sustain and guide us into the future. We place our confidence not in our own plans, abilities, or accomplishments, but in God's unchanging character, steadfast love, and enduring promises.

We Are Christ-Centered

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the foundation of everything we believe and do. Our identity, priorities, and future are shaped by our commitment to be saved by Him, follow Him, and be transformed for Him and His Kingdom.

We Are United In The Holy Spirit

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are united in Christ as one body, joined together in one purpose, one hope, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We Are Rooted In Scripture

We are rooted in the truth of Scripture and the historic Christian faith. We seek to speak the truth in love, remain steadfast in our beliefs, and faithfully live out the teachings of Jesus. Through God's Word and the transforming work of His grace, we seek to make disciples who grow in Christlikeness and embody what John Wesley called "Scriptural Holiness."

Large Print Hymnals

Large print hymnals are available in the center rack of each pew. Additional copies can be found at the sanctuary entrances. Please return these hymnals at the conclusion of the service.

Welcome to Buncombe Street Methodist Church

Worship Services

Traditional Worship
8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

The Table Worship
11:00 AM

Clergy

The Reverend
Lonnie Pittman
Senior Pastor

The Reverend
Grover Putnam
Pastor of Congregational Care

The Reverend
Chris Ashley
Pastor of Adult Discipleship

The Reverend
Angie Gage
Pastor of Missions & Evangelism

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The Centering Words

As we gather in God's presence, we are reminded that Christ is found not only in this sanctuary, but also in the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the forgotten. In Matthew 25, Jesus calls us to lives of compassion, mercy, and justice, teaching that every act of love offered to another is an act of love offered to Him. Let us quiet our hearts, open our hands, and prepare to worship the One who meets us in both glory and service. May our praise today shape us into people who see Christ in all whom we meet.

The Greeting

*The Passing of the Peace of Christ

The Chiming of the Hour

The Voluntary

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" (8:45 AM) PLAINCHANT
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*

Voluntary on KREMSER (11:00 AM) Setting, Young
R. Vance Jenkins, *Director of Music & Principal Organist*

*The Hymn of Procession — OGRP 83

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the people of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**An asterisk noted in the Order of Worship indicates a time to stand. Please stand as you are able.*

The Prayers of the People

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.

*The Offertory Hymn OGRP 81

"We Gather Together" KREMSER

*The Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with gifts in abundance and called us to serve Christ in the least, the lost, and the forgotten. Receive these offerings and use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the suffering, and share your love with all your children. May our giving reflect grateful hearts, and may our lives become offerings of mercy and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Anthem at the Offertory

"For the Cause of Christ the King" (8:45 AM) Getty
Madeline Simon, *Soprano*

"My Eternal King" (11:00 AM) Marshall
BSMC Chancel Choir

*The Doxology OGRP 682 OLD 100TH

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.

*The Lesson from the Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Sermon "The Expectations of Our King"

The Reverend Lonnie Pittman, *Senior Pastor*

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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The Invitation to Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

The Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(time of silent confession)

The Pardon

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy to give thanks to you in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from you and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God and called us to new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, we praise you with the angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one as your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ and gather us together with all your saints in the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit in your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for you. May it preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you.

The Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn OGRP 282

"Jesus Shall Reign" DUKE STREET

*The Blessing of the People

*The Choral Benediction (11:00 AM)

*The Chiming of the Holy Trinity

*The Organ Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" Callahan