



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
December 25, 2022**

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

*Welcome friends, family, and visitors. May your hearts be touched by the Holy Spirit as we join in worship with devotion, songs, and prayer.  
Our Mission: To experience God's life-changing love and take God's love into the world.  
Our Vision: To be a church where everyone is involved in ministry.*

Gathering Music                      Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow                      Arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship              Angels from the Realms of Glory                      Choir

†Greeting

Leader: Jesus Christ is born today!

**All: Alleluia**

†Hymn:                      Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!                      UMH 224

Prayer for Illumination:

Be born in our hearing, Lord Jesus, and open our lives to you: Our Word, our Light, our Life.

**Amen.**

Word and Response

Gospel Reading                      John 1: 1-2

Prayers for the mission of the church, to listen and follow the Word made flesh...

Hymn                      Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      UMH 229

Gospel Reading                      John 1: 3-5

Prayer for our social, economic, and political life – to reflect the light of Christ, and build, sustain, and protect life of every kind in our world

Hymn:                      Sing we Now of Christmas                      UMH 237(v. 1&2)

Gospel Reading                      John 1: 6-8

Prayers for all who proclaim the gospel, and for ourselves to proclaim Christ faithfully

†Hymn                      Sing we Now of Christmas                      UMH 237 (v. 3-5)

Gospel Reading                      John 1:9-11

Prayer: For all who are left behind, isolated, harmed, or unwelcomed by the world, and for all who are sick

Anthem    Scottish Worship Carol    Arr. Choplin    Choir

Gospel Reading    John 1: 12-14

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering

Offertory    Natale, Natale    Respighi    James Esterline, piano  
Anita Trumpler-Rich, piano

†Doxology

†Hymn    There's a Song in the Air    UMH 249

Responsive Dismissal:

Leader: We have seen his glory,  
The glory as of God's only begotten,  
Full of grace and truth.

How great our joy!  
Go forth, and proclaim it!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

†Postlude    Love Came Down at Christmas    Arr. Benton Price

† Please stand as you are able and take time during the gathering music to silence all cell phones.



**As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns: If you have a prayer concern or praise, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.**

**Prayer Requests:**

Betty Pleasants, Faye Elliott, will have surgery on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Dave Blackman. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Sharry Hastings (Caryn Hull's sister).

Quinton Verchick (Harold & Linda Billing's grandson). Rowan James (David Groce's co-worker's child). Zeda Beth Woods fell (Kelley Groce's friend). Mike, heart issues (Nancy and Coak May's brother-in-law). Nancy Gordan's brother, eye surgery. Scott Stanley's great aunt Peggy.



December Birthdays – Mary Jo Baugh (30). Travis John (31).

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Sally Goin's birthday by her family.

### **Announcements and Calendar of events**

**Wednesdays at 6:45pm** choir practice and bell practice at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

**Sunday School at 9:45am** –in the Fellowship Hall.

**Undie Sunday**- The First Sunday of each month. Please, we need new, packaged undies for men and women all sizes. Also needed black and white socks for men and women all sizes

**Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign.** The sanctuary lights have been fixed but the campaign is continuing! If you would like to contribute to the cause-please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.**

**The UMW still has pecans (whole and pieces) available for \$15.00 each. If interested please see Debra Schlueter or call the church office!**