



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
October 29, 2023**

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

O Lord, My Hope

James Southbridge

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Choral call to worship

O How He Loves You and Me

Choir

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

The reason the world does not know us is that it does not know him.

Beloved, now we are God's children; what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

-written by Rev. Richard J Fairchild and posted on his Kirshalom website-

Opening Prayer

We trust you, Lord God, for our future. Through Jesus, You have opened up a way for us to find eternal life, and You appeal to us to live each day by faith and obedience. How can we turn away from Your gracious offer, unless sin has obscured the way? Forgive us all our troubles and trails as we confess them, Lord God, and show us how to live according to Your will. We praise You Lord God. Amen

†Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

Joys and concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and 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 and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Thee We Adore

Arr. Ralph Johnson

Choir

Scripture:

1 John 3: 1-3

Sermon:

Living as Beloved Children of God

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

Take Time to be Holy

UMH 395

We worship with our Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory	Baptized in Water	Choir
†Hymn	Fairest Lord Jesus	UMH 189
†Benediction		
†Postlude	Toccata for the Kyrie	Giacomo Frescobaldi

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able†
Please silence your cell phones.



As you engage your ‘Prayer Life’ this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, please contact the church office at 336-299-9643, or call Kelley at the parsonage 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Prayer Concerns:

Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend). Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell’s sister). Cynthia Michael. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler’s brother-in-law). Ben Green (Scott Stanley’s cousin). Margey Sienkiewicz (Larry & Suzy Swindell’s aunt) Peace in the Middle East. Barbara Albright’s friend, Barbara, had back surgery. Billie Olsen (Phoebe Swing’s friend) hospitalized.

We extend our sympathy to Faye Elliott in the passing of her sister Patricia Wurst.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Gretchen Crabtree’s sister Joyce.



November Birthday – 1st- Dean Saunders. 4th- Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage. 8th- Nancy Gordan. 15th- Gary Bowman, James Esterline. 20th - Kristy Stout. 22nd – Mike Crabtree. 25th - Albert Esterline. 26th- Teresa John. 27th - Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend.

Announcements and Calendar of events

- November 5th Guest Pastor Rev. C.M. Worthy, Communion & All Saints Sunday.
November 7th 6pm CUMC Bible Study
November 12th Centenary Charge Conference after Worship.
November 12th Return books for the Summerfield-Peace Christmas Store
November 14th 12 pm Friendship Club
November 14th 6pm CUMC Bible Study
November 15th 3pm Rev. Kelley will be at the Friends Home Guilford
November 29th Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm to 6pm Centenary Fellowship Hall

The Blessed Table Food Pantry, food items needed for this month are **cans of Black Eye Peas, into Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.**

Centenary UMC and Newlyn St. UMC will partner again this year with **Summerfield-Peace UMC Christmas Store**. This year they have requested that we provide books for Boys and Girls ages 14,15,16 & 17. The gift tags are on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. If you take a tag off the tree, please put your name on the signup sheet. All gifts need to be returned to the church by November 12th. If you have any questions, contact Betty Durham.

Clothes Closet special requests: We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men's winter shirts. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium winter clothes. Women's Small and Medium underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

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Attendance – October 22, 2023

Sunday School	10
Worship in-person	32
Worship - Facebook Live	
Worship –YouTube	



**You're invited to a Birthday Party for
Jack Cole
November 4th
1pm to 3pm
Come & Go**

**River Landing Retirement Home
Living Room
Let's help Jack Celebrate
the big 90!!**