



All Saints' Day

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.
Greensboro, NC 27403
November 3, 2024

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

Verset

Domenico Zipoli

Announcements for Missions

Choral Call to Worship

When We are Living

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For all the saints who poured love and wisdom and hot chocolate into our lives,

Many: For all the saints whose smiles and touch we miss the most,

One: For all the saints who helped us find our voice,

Many: For all the saints whom we cannot bear to live without,

One: For all the saints whom we have begun to forgive,

Many: For all the saints who forgave us more often than we deserved,

One: For all the saints whose lives continue in ours,

Many: We honor you this day.

One: We hold your sacred life up to God.

Many: We bear witness to the future we have shaped out of your existence. Be with us in our worship this day as we remember the Saints, listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed, and feast at the Lord's Table. In Jesus name. Amen.

†Hymn

For All the Saints

UMH 711

Scripture:

Hebrews 12: 1-2, Philippians 1: 21

Sermon:

Communion of Saints

Rev. Kelley Groce

All Saints Day Litany and Remembrance

L: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe:

P: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

L: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

P: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

L: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, our in-laws, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

P: Family of our faith, we remember you.

L: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

P: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As these names are lifted up, you are invited to stand for your beloved as we pause after each name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

Trudy Sillmon	January 29, 2024
Betty C. Chambers	February 10,2024
Mona Sartin	March 25, 2024
Donn Ellis	May 1, 2024
Ann Hennings	July 29, 2024
Linda Miller	September 21, 2024

L: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God and lift up many more names in our hearts. Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

P: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

Anthem One God and Father of Us All Carlson/Matthews Choir

CONCERNS AND JOYS OF CONGREGATION

Pastoral Prayer

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day. **AMEN.**

Let us worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory Rejoice in God's Saints.... UMH 708.

†Doxology

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you and
those in your hearts.

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Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

Now with the confidence as the children of God let us pray the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples:

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. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

UMH 708

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

†Postlude

Recit de Nazard

J. Beauvarlet-Charpentier

†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence your cell phones†

We extend our sympathy to the family of Thomas M. Wilson. Thomas is Jim Wilson's Brother.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

November Birthdays: 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

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 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

John Pugh. Kristy Stout. Win and Lin Johnson. Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland's brother). Andrew Gibbons. Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's husband, David Sillmon's son-in-law). Pray for our church during this time of transition. Joann Martin. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt. Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell's Friends). Debra Kirkman (Jean Greene, Kelley's Mom, friend). Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). Joe (Susan Shuping's brother). Continue to be in prayer for the victims of Hurricane Helene and all the First Responders. Cheyenne Thomas (Betty Durham's granddaughter).

November 3rd- immediately after Church- Charge Council Meeting in the Conference Room.

November 10th- immediately after church-Called Charge Conference for the sole purpose of voting to authorize the Trustee to proceed toward the sale of the parsonage.

November 10th- immediately after Charge Conference- Finace Committee Meeting in Conference Room.

You can continue to make donations to UMCOR. Make your checks out to Centenary UMC with **UMCOR on the memo line** or you can make your donation online at the link below: <https://wnc-reg.brtaapp.com/br/HurricaneReliefDonations2018>.

December 4th - Salvation Army Bell Ringers 12pm to 6pm at the Belk facing Macy's 4th. We will need 2 or 3 people to sign up for 1-hour shifts. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex.