



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.
Greensboro, NC 27403
September 22, 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

Opening Voluntary

John Zundel

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Heralds of Christ Copenhaver/Warren Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

People: Listen to us, O Lord.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity with your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn The Church's One Foundation UMH 545

Joys and Concerns of 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. Amen.

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing? Robert Lowry Choir

Scripture: Psalm 46: 5-7, 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Sermon: Ambassadors of Peace Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory My Song is Love Unknown Crossman/Edwards Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn O Come and Dwell In Me UMH 388

†Benediction:
May the peace of God

**that passes all that we can imagine
keep your hearts and your thoughts
in the knowledge of the love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and may the blessing of God the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit remain with you forever. Amen.**

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†Postlude

Orgelstück (Organ Song)

August Reinhard

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

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Larry Swindell by Suzy Swindell.

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.

Linda Miller-hospice. Shari Saunders. Bari Hendrix-fall. Kristy Stout-health issues. Win and Lin Johnson. (Jeanne Batten’s brother and sister-in-law). Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland’s brother). Andrew Gibbons-heart issues (Harold Billings nephew). Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky’s husband, David Sillmon’s son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations 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, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison, Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell’s Friends). Jennie Roesly shoulder surgery (Suzy Swindell’s niece). Debra Kirkman (Jean Green, Kelley’s Mom, friend). Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree’s aunt). Joe (Susan Shuping’s brother).



Birthdays: September: 1st Susan Carrick. 2nd Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell. 3rd Robert Hemphill, David Groce. 4th Waynette Goodson. 5th Polly Bowman. 9th Dawn Long. 12th MaryAnn Smith, Sarah Horn. 16th Lee Norman. 21st Shari Saunders. 23rd Martha Nell Rives. 24th Lori Eaton. 25th Carolina Robinson, Joshua Pace. 27th Brenda Wilson. 29th Bill Deuterma.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

September 22- 2pm- Today- Trustee Meeting in the Conference Room. Members of the Trustee Committee are: Reid Townsend, Linda Billings, Bob & Mary Ann Smith, Kristy Stout, Dawn Long, Coak May, John Pugh and Betty Durham.

Gift of Memories have been made for:

Irmgard Daiber

Herman Daiber

Trudy Sillmon

Jean Farabee

Next of kin

Andreas Daiber

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Dr. David Sillmon

Cecil Overbey

The lawyer for Cone, Tom Terrell, has invited as many as are able from Centenary UMC to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:30pm. The Greensboro City Council meeting will be in the Katie Dorsett Council Chamber at 300 West Washington Street in downtown Greensboro. **You would be advised to get there by 4:50pm to park and get in the building.** He said that at the Council Meeting he would personally ask the members of the church to stand to show our support and partnership with Cone. If you would be able to attend, please e-mail me at kgroce@wnccumc.net or see me personally to let me know by this Sunday, and Mr. Terrell will try to save seats for us. Our presence will be an important statement in support of Cone's rezoning request that is part of them purchasing our property. We want to show our full support to the City Council so that we can move forward with our missions and ministries.

Grace and Peace,

Kelley