



And a voice from heaven said, 'You are my
dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.'

- Mark 1:9-11 NLT -

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*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
February 18, 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

Adagio

Franz Schubert

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship

Down to the River to Pray

Choir

A Call to Worship for the First Sunday of Lent

Leader: We come to worship the God that walks with us through every challenge.

People: We come to remember what Jesus did when he was faced with the wilderness.

Leader: When Israel wandered through the wilderness, she was not alone, God was there!

People (to one another): If you are walking through the wilderness, you are not alone, God is with you!

All: We come today to worship our God, who gives us strength for every journey, and courage for every test!

L: Let us join our voices in prayer of Confession:

**O God, you offer us so much,
forgive us for sharing so little.**

**You have called us to your ways,
forgive us for ignoring your call.**

**You have given us the gift of family,
forgive us for not giving thanks.**

**You have given us countless blessings,
forgive us for taking your love for granted.**

**And now, gracious God, be merciful to us
in our sin and indifference, through Christ,
our Savior.**

Amen.

From Joel N. Martinez and Raquel M. Martinez, Fiesta Cristiana: Recursos para la Adoración (Abingdon Press, 2003), 148.

†Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

Observance of the Lenten Candle Cross

Meredith and David Groce

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 In This Very Room Carol & Ron Harris Choir

Scripture: Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon: Sacred Stories of the Season of Lent Rev. Kelley Groce

† Litany for the First Sunday of Lent

The Tempter says, “If you are...”

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are the people of God, our love will flow from inside out to God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are followers of Christ, our faith will plant seeds of justice, so we can reap a harvest of reconciliation and healing where violence and desolation once took root.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

If we are students of the Holy Spirit, our hope will dream a world of flourishing for all of God’s creation, inspiring us to spread God’s abundant life like butter on warm toast.

God, help us prove that we are your people.

Though the Tempter says, “If you are...,” God says, “You are mine.”

God, as the people you claim as your own, teach us to live in and return to love, faith, and hope whenever we fall.

Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Gentle Shepherd William & Gloria Gaither Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Spirit Song UMH 347

†Benediction

†Postlude Marche Romaine Charles Gounod

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

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Betty Chambers by her family.



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:

Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Chuck Farabee. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Dan Rozelle. Peace in the Middle East. Nick Nixon (friend of Suzy Swindell). Diane McClure (neighbor of Suzy Swindell). Daisy Adams. Richard Fisher (Anita Trumpler-Rich). Sandra Harrison-cancer (Jeane Batten’s friend). Scott Goller (friend of the Groce family). Elaine (Jackie Thompson’s friend) Daisy Adams (Newlyn Street). Jackie Thompson (fall). Kathy Swing (fall).

Announcements and Calendar of events

February Birthdays: 1st Milton McFarland. 3rd Austin John. 13th Barbara Wolfe, David Baugh, David Sillmon Jr. 15th Bob Smith. 16th Ann Atchinson. 21st Charles Wisekal. 23rd Peggy Harris. 25th Jim Turnage. 27th John Pugh. 28th Cynthia Michael, Susan Lee.

February 20th – 11am to 8pm- Greensboro Concert Band Fundraiser. Come on out to City BBQ on Lawndale (Target Shopping Center). The Concert Band will get back 20% of sales for Dine-in, Takeout, Delivery and Drive Thru. Our own Jackie Thompson is a member of the band. Come out and support her and the band.

We are still collecting can goods for The Souper Bowl of Caring going to Greensboro Urban Ministry. If you prefer you can donate money. Make your checks out to Centenary UMC with Urban Ministry on the memo line.

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.

February 20th-March 30th -Tuesdays 6pm Bible Study Centenary Tuesday’s, “The Third Day, Living the Resurrection” by Tom Berlin.

February 21st-March 30th - Wednesday’s, 6pm Bible Study- Newlyn Street Wednesday’s – will follow the Lectionary for the Easter Season. **All are welcome to either or both.**

February 22nd-6:30pm- Centenary Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32.

Attendance – February 11, 2024

Sunday School 11
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Community Breakfast 210+