

Centenary United Methodist Church 2300 W. Friendly Ave. Greensboro, NC 27403 February 19, 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 Grace Clay Christiansen

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry** 

Choral Call to Worship Stand by Me Choir

Call to Worship:

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

O God, we thank You for Your faithfulness in our lives. It is because of Your loving kindness, care and protection that we are here. Thank you because of gathering us here today for this service. We call unto You to guide this service. Accept all our sacrifices of worship, praise and prayer. Forgive our sins so that we are acceptable before your presence. Allow Your Holy Spirit to be in our midst. As we start this service, may You be glorified from the beginning to the end. Please give us your peace that we may be able to listen to you. We pray this in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

†Hymn Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH 173

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem I Love You, Lord Letha Cole Choir

Scripture: 1 Peter 5: 6-11

Sermon: "Enduring Suffering by Humbly Doing Good" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We offer God's Tithes and our offerings.

Offertory We Cannot Measure How You Heal Choir

†Doxology

†Blessing and Benediction

\*Postlude Trumpet Dialogue Franklin Ashdown

†Please stand as you are able and silence your 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 336-285-5081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

**Prayer Requests**: Gretchen Crabtree. Howard Fulcher. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Rachel Dykes. Till West (David Groce's aunt). Tricia Wurst (Faye Elliott's sister). Victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake.

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God in memory of Larry Swindell from Suzy Swindell.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Mark Hoffmann on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Announcements and Calendar of events**

February Birthdays - Milton McFarland (1). Lori Johnson (8). Allison Skenes (11). David Baugh, David Sillmon, Jr. Barbara Wolfe (13). Bob Smith (15). Ann Atchinson (16). Charles Wisekal (21). Peggy Harris (23). Jim Turnage (25). John Pugh (27). Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28).

Ad Council – Rescheduled to March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Drive Thru Ashes** 8am to 9:30am, 12pm to 1pm and 5pm to 6pm. Volunteers needed. There is a signup sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

The Worship Committee would like to "Light Up the Drive thru Ashes" for the 5 to 6pm timeslot with luminaries. Luminaries are not just for Christmas Eve. They can celebrate the birth, the death, and the resurrection with a special light. This will work just like the Christmas

Eve luminaries and the donations will go to the Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign. See the insert enclosed. The deadline is **February 21**<sup>st</sup> so the bulletin can be ready for the Worship Service on the February 26<sup>th</sup>. It's another beautiful way to honor or remember someone special as we begin this Lenten Season.

February 26<sup>th</sup>- 3:30pm Centenary Concert Series in Sanctuary.

March 19<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Chili Lunch and Program from Barbara Danais and Barbara Albright after worship. All are invited!

**Wednesdays at 6:45pm- Choir Practice. All** are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. Study: Season 3 of "The Chosen".

**Undie Sunday.** The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes.

**Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues.** If you would like to contribute to the cause-please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such**.

**The Altar Flower Calendar is posted**. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Reminder: As we enter the time of the year when we can have inclement weather, please be aware that we will post Centenary closings on Fox 8 and WXII 12.