

★ WISE MEN ★
still seek Him



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
January 1, 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

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Call to worship

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine!

Congregation: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Opening Prayer

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of fulfilled in the babe of Bethlehem. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey quest to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform our lives. **Amen.**

†Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Scripture:

Matthew 2: 1-23

From The Message

Message

Where Did the Wise Men Go?

Betty Durham

†Hymn There's a Song in the Air UMH 249

†Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn Here I Am, Lord UMH 593

†Benediction

†Postlude

†Please stand as you are able.



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 336-285-081. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation.

Prayer Requests:

Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Cecil Overbey. Al Barnes (Dave & Caryn Hull's friend). Sharry Hastings (Caryn Hull's sister) Claire (Suzy Swindell's cousin-in-law). Rachel Dykes, Sue Rosser (Debbie Robinson's friends). Hilda (Debbie Robinson's Aunt). Quinton Verchick (Harold & Linda Billing's grandson). Rob Barnard (Larry & Suzy Swindell's nephew).



January Birthdays: Brien Deuterma (5). Barbara Singleton (7). Teresa Snider (8). Reid Townsend (12). Debbie Clark (14). Jane Norman (16). Alyson Saunders (16). Jimmy Stanley (17). Andrea Wisekal (19). Don Stowe (22). Hannah Stout (24). Bill Eller (29). Don Ellis (29).

Announcements and Calendar of events

Wednesdays at 6:45pm choir practice and bell practice at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join. See Anita if you have any questions.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Reminder: As we enter the time of the year when we can experience inclement weather Centenary Closings will be listed on FOX 8 and WXII 12.