



Pray

NOT UNTIL GOD HEARS
YOU, BUT UNTIL YOU
LISTEN TO GOD

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

August 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 Little Prelude Paul Taylor

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Shine, Jesus, Shine Graham Kendrick Choir

Call to worship

As we gather in this sacred moment for a sacred purpose,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

As we respond to the melody in our hearts,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

Leader: Let us join our hearts in prayer:

Opening Prayer (1 Kings 3)

O Lord our God,

**though we are as little children,
not fully able to discern the spiritual forces
coming in and out of our lives,
you have chosen us as your people.**

**Give your servants understanding minds
to discern between the good and evil
surrounding us each day,
that we may choose what is good and pleasing
in your sight. Amen**

†Hymn O Worship the King UMH 73

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 and ever. Amen.

Anthem Your Journey Through Michael Bryson Choir

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 15-20

Sermon: God is in Charge – So Be Quiet and Listen Up! Rev. Kelley Groce

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful Jacques Bertier Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart UMH 500

†Benediction

**All: Grant us, O Lord, understanding minds,
that we might know how to live.**

**Grant us discerning hearts,
that we might know the difference**

**between good and evil,
and how we might live to please you.**

**Grant us, O Lord, peace and prosperity all our days,
to the glory of your name.**

†Postlude Alleluia Richard Blake

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

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

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.

Kristy Stout-health issues. Win and Lin Johnson. (Jeanne Batten's brother and sister-in-law). wife). 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 Wacker. 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).



Birthdays: August 5th Becky Ensign, Trey Stowe, 8th Bonnie Travis. 11th Nancy May. 16th Abbie Samuel. 17th Meredith Groce. 18th Anita Trumpler-Rich. 19th Jackie Thompson. 24th August Marvin. 26th Blanche Morgan. 27th Bob Jones.

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August 21st- Newlyn St. Bible Study- popcorn will be served.

August 28th- Newlyn St. Bible Study- Ice Cream Bar.

August 20th- 6pm-Ad Council Meeting in the Conference Room.

August 25th- 12pm to 3pm- Transitioning Team.

August 28th - 11am to 3pm – Red Cross Blood Drivers- The Red Cross Cancelled due to staffing issues on their part.

August 31st – 2pm- Ann Hennings Celebration of Life.