



"Tabitha, arise."—Acts ix. 40.

**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
October 30, 2022
Laity Sunday**

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

Guest Speaker: Kim Eller

Northern Piedmont District Lay Leader

*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

Prayer for Peace

Paul Taylor

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: We are all called to experience grace and share the gift of life in Jesus

People: We gather to sing ourselves to God.

Leader: We remember the faith that lived in those who loved us.

People: We know the LORD's song includes verses of grace we've yet to learn.

Leader: In every scene of trauma, tragedy, and menace we discover Love already at work.

All: And we join a chorus where brokenness and captivity become healing and freedom.

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Blessed God, who makes all things new: Grant that we may be leaven for the world's bread, wine of delight for hearts in need, strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence in our midst; through Jesus our redeemer and steadfast companion. **Amen**

†Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

UMH 399 (1&3)

† Litany for the Mission of the Church

Leader: O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our lips, that we may tell in every tongue and dialect the wonderful works of God.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our hearts, that we may discern the mission to which you call us.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our feet, that we may take your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Touch our hands, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Leader: Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

People: Hear us, O Christ.

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Anthem	Now the Green Blade Riseth	Choir
Scripture	Acts 9: 36-42	
†Hymn	Jesus I have Promised	UMH 396 (1&4)
Sermon	Tabitha	Kim Eller District Lay Leader
†Affirming our Faith Apostle's Creed		UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
†Hymn	Where He Leads Me	UMH 338 (1&4)
Receiving of God's Tithes and our Offerings		
Offertory	Still	Choir
†Doxology		
†Hymn	Freely, Freely	UMH 389
†Benediction		
†Postlude	The Clarion Call	Lani Smith

†Please stand as you are able.

The Altar Flowers are given today to the Glory of God in honor of Valerie John's first birthday (November 1). Given by her proud grandparents, Jim and Teresa John.



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:

Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lori Johnson. Lori Eaton. Nelda King. Peggy Harris. Diane, Jim & Scott Stanley. Anne Murr. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Cecil Overbey. Lisa Goller (Kelley Groce's friend). Gloria Burton (Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law).

The Celebration of Life for Jean Farabee will be November 4th at 2pm, Centenary UMC. The family will receive friends after the service in the Fellowship Hall.



November Birthday - Dean Saunders (1) Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage (4), Nancy Gordan (8), Gretchen Crabtree (10), David Lucas, Caroline Howerton (13), Jessica Peake, Sharon Shumate, Alexis Marvin (14), Gary Bowman, James Esterline (15), Kristy Stout (20), Mike Crabtree (22), Albert Esterline (25), Teresa John (26), Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend (27)

Announcements and Calendar of events

November 1- 6:30- "The Lord's Prayer" Bible Study in the Conference Room.

November 6- All Saint's Sunday Worship Service and Communion.

November 8- noon- Friendship Club. We will have a boxed lunch from Jason's Deli, Bingo and lots of prizes, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

November 13 – 2pm - Church Charge Conference in the Conference Room.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm 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. We're currently studying the "Moses" Bible Study by Adam Hamilton.

We have a continuous collection of nonperishable items for the Urban Ministry. You may drop them in the baskets located throughout the church.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes- if you would like to support this ministry, shoes boxes and instructions are available in the church office, or you may contact Emily Lawing at hopedlovefaith710@gmail.com. Collect date here is **November 13, 2022.**

UNDIE SUNDAY is the first Sunday of each month. Needed black or white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men or women, all sizes.