



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
February 26, 2023**

*First Sunday of Lent*

**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

Abiding Love

Dorothy Wells

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Choir

Call to worship:

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: 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!**

Prayer: When We Are Tested

**God, give us wisdom when we are tested.**

**Teach us when to speak and when to be silent,**

**when to ignore and when to respond with a shout from the rafters!**

**When the Tempter comes, teach us to discern things important  
from mere distractions from your plan for our lives.**

**Teach us, O God, how to respond with wisdom when we are tested. Amen.**

†Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing of Candle

Linda and Harold Billings

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Choir

Scripture:

John 6: 68-69

Sermon Series:

The Characters of Easter; The Failure: Peter

Rev. Kelley Groce

Lenten Creed

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**



**Prayer Requests:** Andreas Daiber. Gretchen Crabtree. 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).

We extend our sympathy to the family of Howard Fulcher who passed away on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements and Calendar of events**



**February Birthdays** - John Pugh (27). Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28).

**March Birthdays** – Jim Wilson (1). Chrissy Verchick (2). Frazier Robinson (3) Estelle Cranford (7). Dottie Rayburn (10). Rachel Sheppard (11). Pat Stevenson, Alan Rayburn (15). Kristina Kinard (16). Harold Billings (19). Charlie Sartore (22) Doris Pruitt (24). Andrew Snider (25). Cindie Sillmon (29). Caryn Hull, Michael Townsend (31).

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

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

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Lenten Bible Study. “The Passion Play” by Rob Fuquay.** Books are available for \$15.00 in the church office.

**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).