



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
September 24, 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 I Love to Tell the Story Fischer, arr. Warriner

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone Choir

Call to Worship

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One: We come this morning full of ourselves:

All: Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.

One: In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

All: Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.

One: Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

All: Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.

Opening Prayer

Sustaining and encouraging God, thank you for being always by our side. Encourage us to turn to you every day and to seek your guidance for our lives. Slow us when we try to rush ahead. Prompt us when we delay and hesitate. Steady us when we stumble. Although we cannot always understand this world, remind us that you delight in each one of us, and will strengthen and support us to grow in faith and service. Amen.

†Hymn God Will Take Care of You UMH 130

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem The Lily of the Valley Fry/Hays Choir

Scripture: Acts 16: 16-34

Sermon: Bringing Down the House

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling UMH 348

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory His Eye is on the Sparrow Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Stand by Me UMH 512

†Benediction

†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.

Alter Flowers from Suzie Swindell

In Memory of Larry Swindell



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 Concerns

Lori Johnson. Gretchen Crabtree. Betty Pleasants. Dave Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson’s friend). Rowan James (daughter of David Groce’s co-worker). Terry Pickett (Tom & Dona Pickett’s son). Hazel Perritt. Pat Glover. Linda Southard (Rachel Sheppard’s cousin). Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell’s sister). Richard Roark (Frank Hinshaw’s friend). Barbara John (Jim John’s mother). Unspoken prayers.



September Birthdays—

Announcements and Calendar of events

Clothes Closet special requests We need Men’s pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men’s summer shirts. Men’s shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men’s belts 34, 36 & 38. Women’s Small and Medium summer clothes. Women’s Small and Medium underwear. Take-on style suitcases on wheels. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett.

The Blessed Table Food Pantry, food items needed for this month are **cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.**

Attendance – September 17, 2023

Sunday School

Worship in-person

Worship - FaceBook Live

Worship – YouTube

New Office Hours

Church office—Monday thru Thursday 9am to 2pm

Rev. Kelley's Office Hours

Monday—Centenary UMC

Tuesday—Newlyn St. UMC

Wednesday—Working from her Home Office

Thursday—Alternating Churches

Friday— Closed