



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 10, 2024
Fourth 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

Ave Verum

Wolfgang Mozart

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Grace Alone

Brown/Nelson

Choir

Call to Worship:

L: We gather to share in our love of God.

P: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

L: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

P: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

L: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

P: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN

L: Let us join our voices in prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

†Hymn

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

Observance of the Lenten Candle Cross

Jeane Batten and Kristy Stout

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. Amen.

Anthem	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Robert Young	Choir
Scripture:	Ephesians 2: 1-10		
Sermon:	What is Your Acronym for Grace?	Rev. Kelley Groce	
†Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version	UMH 881	
†Gloria Patri			
We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings			
Offertory	There Is a Balm	Choir	
†Doxology			
†Hymn	Grace Greater Than Our Sin	UMH 365	
†Benediction			
†Postlude	Andantino	Samuel Wesley	

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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:

Michael Santowaso-cancer) (Becky (Sillmon) husband, David's son-in-law).). Emmet, father, and Dawn, daughter-cancer, and Emmet's caregiver (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge a is 23-year-old young man paralyzed from the neck down since age 16. He had an operation last week to possibly give him some function in right arm. His father is asking for prayers for success. (friends of Harold and Linda Billings). Kathy Swing. Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. 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. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Nick Nixon (friend of Suzy Swindell). Diane McClure (neighbor of Suzy Swindell). Richard Fisher (Anita Trumpler-Rich). Scott Goller (friend of the Groce family).

Announcements and Calendar of events

March Birthdays: 1st Jim Wilson. 3rd Frazier Robinson. 7th Estelle Cranford. 11th Rachel Shephard. 15th Pat Stevenson. 16th Kristina Kinard. 19th Harold Billings. 22nd Charles Sartore. 24th Doris Pruitt. 25th Andrew Snider. 29th Cindie Sillmon. 31st Caryn Hull.

February 20th-March 30th -Tuesdays 6pm Bible Study Centenary Tuesday's, "The Third Day, Living the Resurrection" by Tom Berlin. **February 21st-March 30th- Wednesdays, 6pm Bible Study- Newlyn Street** – will follow the Lectionary for the Easter Season. **All are welcome to either or both.**

March 12th- 12pm - Friendship Club. Speakers will be from the Historical Museum of Greensboro. The meal will be box lunches \$7.00 from Jason's Deli. Please RSVP the church office by March 9th at noon.

March 16- 8am to 10am - Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet. All help is needed! Four workers from Centenary and one from Newlyn Street will be attending a study that the conference is offering.

Clothes Closet special requests: We need Men's pants and shirts ALL sizes, but especially 32, 34 & 36. Men's shirts. Men's shoes, especially athletic shoes. Men's belts 34, 36 & 38. Women's Small and Medium clothes. Women's Small and Medium underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels or duffle type bags. 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. There is a basket for cash if you prefer.

Attendance – March 3, 2024

Sunday School	11	Worship – Facebook Live
Worship in-person	42	Worship – YouTube