



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
October 8, 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.*

Prelude

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Kirkpatrick arr. Kendall

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship There's Within my Heart a Melody

Choir

Call to Worship

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commandments,

God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

— written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on the [Ministry Matters](#) website.

Opening Prayer (Psalm 19)

Almighty God,

your word bursts forth into our lives

like a glorious sunrise.

You speak, and our hearts rejoice.

You command, and our eyes are opened.

The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls.

Your words are purer than the finest gold.

True and righteous one, living Word,

light our way.

As we listen to your Spirit,

may the words of our mouths

and the thoughts of our hearts

be accepted in your sight, O Lord,

our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

†Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Anthem	Just a Little Talk with Jesus	Choir
Scripture:	Matthew 21:33-46	
Sermon:	The Parable of the Vineyards	Rev. Kelley Groce
†Affirmation of Faith	Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Doxology		
†Hymn	Fairest Lord Jesus	UMH 189
We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering		
Offertory	All My Days	Choir
†Gloria Patri		
†Hymn	Wonderful Words of Life	UMH 600
†Benediction		
†Postlude	All Glory Be to God on High, Variation 4	James Coe

†**Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able**†
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 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.

We extend our sympathy to the family and extended family of Lori Johnson whose Celebration of Life was held here at Centenary UMC October 7th (yesterday).

We extend our sympathy to Tom and Dona Pickett in the passing of their son Terry. Terry passed away September 24th in Danville, Pa.

We extend our sympathy to Wayne Pleasants in death of his mother Betty Pleasants on September 28, 2023.

We were saddened to hear of the death of George Cranford on October 6th. He died peacefully at his home. Please keep Estelle and their family in your prayers.

Other Prayer Concerns:

Linda Billings. Gretchen Crabtree. Jeane Batten. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee and Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Cynthia Michael.



October Birthdays— 1st Sheridian Wacker, 8th Edna Johnson, Hazel Raper 11th Cecil Overbey, 12th Richard Liles, 23rd Ann Hennings, Margaret Miller.

Announcements and Calendar of events

October 8th – Crop Walk- please walk independently where is best for you. You can support the walkers with a donation. Please make your check out to the church with Crop Walk in the memo line.

October 10th – 12pm - Friendship Club. Call the church office for reservations, 336-299- 9643.

October 10th- CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm

October 17th – CUMC Bible Study 6:30pm

October 18th – 3pm- Kelley will be at Friends Home, Guilford.

October 19th- 6:30pm – Starlight Book Club at Lucky 32

October 21st – 8am to 10am Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet

October 24th – 6:30pm CUMC Bible Study

October 24 – 11am to 2pm Newlyn St. Pinto Bean Luncheon

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.**