



# Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

September 8, 2024

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 Prelude on 'Spirit of God'... Atkinson, arr. Jones

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship

Call to worship

Hungering to Be Real *(Based on James 1:17-27)*

One: We gather today hungering to be real

With genuine smiles

And actions that match our hallelujahs.

We are not content to just master the power handshake of strength.

We want also to master the partner handshake of mutual respect and mutual support.

**Many: No more lip service; we want to be real!**

One: We yearn to rise above culture and prejudice

To a mindset where foreigners and strangers are not held in contempt

And all are invited to God's table.

**Many: No more lip service; we want to be real!**

*Sherrie Dobbs Johnson, The Africana Worship Book for Year B (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 69.*

Leader: Let us join our hearts in prayer:

**Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

†Hymn All Praise to our Redeeming Lord UMH 554

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 and ever. Amen.

Anthem	Always and Forever	Hayes/Boersma	Choir
Scripture:	James 1: 17-27		
Sermon:	"Bearing Witness"		Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory	The Gift of Love Hal	Hopson	Choir
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†Doxology

†Hymn	Where Charity and Love Prevail		UMH 549
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†Benediction

Leader: Arise, my fair ones, and come away.

Go forth in joy to serve with love.

Be doers of God's word.

God has blessed you forever!

All: **Amen**

†Postlude	Fanfare on 'Praise to the Lord'	Arr. Joyce Jones
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†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence you 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.

Shari Saunders-foot surgery. Bari Hendrix- fall. Kristy Stout-health issues. Win and Lin Johnson. (Jeanne Batten's brother and sister-in-law). Doris Pruitt. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland's brother). Andrew Gibbons-heart issues (Harold Billings nephew). Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's husband, David Sillmon's son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. Joann Martin. 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. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison, Janet-rare form of blood cancer (Suzy Swindell's Friends). Barbara Campbell and Betty Legzig (friends of Betty Durham. Debra Kirkman (Jean Green, Kelley's Mom, friend). Barilynn



**Birthdays: September:** 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Carrick. 2<sup>nd</sup> Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell. 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert Hemphill, David Groce. 4<sup>th</sup> Waynette Goodson. 5<sup>th</sup> Polly Bowman. 9<sup>th</sup> Dawn Long. 12<sup>th</sup> MaryAnn Smith, Sarah Horn. 16<sup>th</sup> Lee Norman. 21<sup>st</sup> Shari Saunders. 23<sup>rd</sup> Martha Nell Rives. 24<sup>th</sup> Lori Eaton. 25<sup>th</sup> Carolina Robinson, Joshua Pace. 27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Wilson. 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Deuterman.

Peggy Harris has moved to Friends Home.

### **Announcements for Mission and Ministry**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Newlyn Street – Hot Dogs and Fried Pies 10am to 1pm.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Finance Committee Meeting immediately after worship in the Conference Room.