



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
November 26, 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 In the Sanctity of This Hour Gary Davidson

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship There's a Spirit in the Air Brian Wren Choir

Call to worship:

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha, and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

The firstborn of the dead,

The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

People: Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)

Opening Prayer:

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable.

God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

†Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven UMH 66

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 Rescue the Perishing Crosby/Doane Choir

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46

Sermon: Christ the King...Ruler of Your Heart! Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith	The Apostle's Creed	UMH 881
†Gloria Patri		
†Hymn	Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service	UMH 581
We Worship God with God's Tithes and Our Offerings		
Offertory	When God Restored Our Common Life	Choir
†Doxology		
†Hymn	All Creatures of Our God and King	UMH 62
†Benediction		
†Postlude	Grand Toccata	Gerald Peterson

†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.

We express our sympathy to the Stanley family on the passing of Jim's cousin Ben Green.

Prayer Concerns:

Abbie Samuel. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Joann Martin. Martha Nell Rives. Chuck Farabee. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler's brother-in-law). Margey Sienkiewicz (Larry & Suzy Swindell's aunt) Peace in the Middle East.



November Birthday – Albert Esterline. 26th- Teresa John. 27th - Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend.

December Birthday- 1st Dona Pickett. 5th Nina Stowe. 6th Charles Gordon. 7th Grant Sillmon. 10th Carol Burklin, Betty Durham, Alvin Eaton. 12th David Sillmon. 13th Scott Stanley. 15th Bobby Burklin. 17th Haley Saunders. 18th Clara Ellis, Mark Schlueter. 19th Nancy Carrick. 22nd Harrison Stout. 24th Trudy Sillmon. 30th Mary Jo Baugh. 31st Travis John.

Announcements and Calendar of events

November 27th 9:30am Advent decorating- All help is needed.

Advent Bible Study for both Newlyn Street and Centenary will be held at Newlyn Street in the gathering area. You may enter from the front door on the patio. **It will be on Wednesdays at 6, beginning November 29 – December 20.** Please see Kelley or Betty if you need a book.

December 4th Salvation Bell Ringers 12pm to 4pm at Belk's at Friendly.

December 9th 10am to 1pm Hot Dog and Apple Pies at Newlyn St. UMC

December 12th Friendship Club at 12pm

December 14th Centenary Starlight Book Club 6:30pm at Luck 32. Please bring a book to exchange.

December 16th 8am to 10am Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet

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

Dear Centenary Family,

After four years of prayer and watchful waiting, we are finally getting back to our beloved **Dominican Republic Medical Mission!** The clinic that serves the majority of the bateys (villages we serve), is now renovated and reopened thanks in part to each of you who generously answered the call. The missionaries you met here, John and Donna Bearden, are overseeing the operations through their Big Hope Ministries.

We would like to ask that you begin your prayers for our team which will be traveling there in January 2024. We also need your financial support to provide medications, rice and beans, medical transportation for patients, and more while we are in the country. It is through you that are to provide these tangible items and through you that we are able to share our love and God's love to these beautiful souls.

In His Service,

David Sillmon, Sandy Cook, Terri Green, Abbie Samuel, Chrissy Verchick.

Attendance – November 12, 2023

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