



*Do not be conformed
to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove
what is that good
and acceptable and perfect
will of God.*

Romans 12:2

**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
September 10, 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

Prelude in D-flat

Gabriel Faure

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

O Church of God United

Choir

Call to Worship

Let us focus on God's presence.

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources, posted on the [PCUSA](http://www.pcusa.org/) website.

L: Let us pray:

Almighty God,

bless your beautiful world.

Lead her leaders from falsehood,

into Truth and Justice.

Guard and defend your children.

Re-ignite in all the citizens of your world,

the fire of your love.

And inspire us

to love one another,

and to be peace-makers.

Through Jesus Christ,

the Saviour of the World.

Amen.

written by Dr. John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York. Posted on the [Archbishop of York](http://www.archbishopofyork.org/) website. <http://www.archbishopofyork.org/>

†Hymn

Christ is the World's Light

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Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



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

George & Estelle Cranford
Jack Cole
Lori Johnson
Gretchen Crabtree
Betty Pleasants
Dave and Barbara Blackman
Susan Carrick, Sheridian Wacker
Scott, Diane & Jim Stanley
Al & Lori Eaton
Peggy Harris
Trudy Sillmon
Don & Clara Ellis – Clara fell, needed surgery
Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend)
Rowan James (daughter of David Groce's friend)
Terry Pickett (Tom & Dona Pickett's son)
Hazel Perritt and Pat Glover
Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister)
Gordan Gummere (Jennifer Slaine's brother)
Anne Trumpler (Anita's sister-in-law)
Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler-Rich's brother-in-law)
Shelia Ammons-cancer (Betty Durham's friend)
Jeane Batten- knee replacement

September Birthdays— Susan Carrick (1st). Martha Proffitt, Chris Bagwell (2nd). Robert Hemphill, David Groce (3rd). Waynette Goodson (4th). Polly Bowman (5th). Dawn Long (9th). Mary Ann Smith, Sarah Horn (12th). Lee Norman (16th). Shari Saunders (21st). Martha Nell Rives (23st). Lori Eaton (24th). Carolina Robinson Gillespie (25th). Brenda Wilson (27th). Bill Deuterman (29th).



Announcements and Calendar of events

September 12th noon- Friendship Club. Everyone is welcome. Come join in the fun, fellowship, and food. Please call the church office, 336-299-9643, if you would like to attend. The meal will be Chick-Fil-a, sides, dessert, and drink.

September 16th – 8am to 10am – Community Breakfast. Please join us as we serve our community. Not everyone is hungry for food. Some just need someone to spend some time with them, talk to them and pray with them. Everyone’s help is needed.

September 17th- after worship in the Sanctuary- there will be a Called Churchwide Charge Conference to discuss the way forward for the church.

October 8th – Crop Walk – Team Centenary will walk around the outside of the church building. For more information or to order a T-shirt please contact Betty Durham. There is a sign-up sheet for a T-shirt in the narthex and September 17th is the last day for T-shirt orders.

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. The food items needed for this month are **cans of Black Eye Peas, Pinto Beans, Great Northern Beans, Pork & Beans, and Green Peas.** Kelley will make sure that the items get to **The Blessed Table**

Attendance – September 3, 2023

Sunday School	12
Worship in-person	37
Worship - FaceBook Live	71
Worship – YouTube	8

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