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.

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 website.					
L: Let us pray: Almighty God, bless your beautiful world. Lead her leaders from false into Truth and Justice. Guard and defend your chi Re-kindle in all the citizens 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.	ldren.				

Christ is the World's Light

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Joys and Concerns of Congregation

†Hymn

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

	<i>Jee 3, Jee e e e e e e e e e e e</i>		
Anthem	Covenant Prayer	Wesley/Locklear/Seate	Choir
Scripture:	Romans 12		
Sermon:	Has our Perspective Chan	ged? Rev.	Kelley Groce
 Sermon: †Litany of Remembrance for 9/1 When we remember that day, the sounds echo in our ears, and O Christ, lead us home. When we are hopeless and sad, O Christ, lead us home. When we are angry and vengefue O Christ, lead us home. When tears become our only for O Christ, lead us home. When we grieve and despair, O Christ, lead us home. When we are fearful and faithles O Christ, lead us home. When we are fearful and faithles O Christ, lead us home. When in grief, anger, negligence we have turned against you and Merciful God, forgive and heal When we speak unjustly against when we blame unfairly, when we 	1 ne memories haunt us, d the images fill our eyes, ul, od, ss, , or ignorance against one another, us. others,	-	Kelley Groce
Merciful God, forgive and heal			
When we seek revenge rather the Merciful God, forgive and heal When we have engaged in tortu and denied justice to members of Merciful God, forgive and heal When we have demonized peop Merciful God, forgive and heal	nan reconciliation and per us. re of the human family, us. Ile of other religions, race		
Give us the will and courage to I Be our strength, O Christ.	ove and forgive our enem	nies.	

Lead them and us from prejudice to truth,

Be our strength, O Christ.

Deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge.					
Be our strength	-	511-50-			
Enable us all to stand reconciled before you.					
Be our strength	, O Christ.				
For men and wo	omen who have given their strengt	h,			
their wisdom, a	nd their lives for this country,				
We thank you, I	Lord.				
For firefighters, police officers, first responders,					
and all those wh	no were injured or died				
so that others m	hight be rescued, cared for, and pro	otected,			
We thank you, I	Lord.				
	nd courageous who were patient ir	n suffering,			
faithful in adversity, and selfless in sacrifice,					
We thank you, I					
-	icipate in interfaith dialogue, relat	ionships, and reconciliation,	,		
We thank you, I	cious in the lives of men and won	nen			
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revealing the image of Christ, We thank you, Lord.					
posted on Interrupting the Silence					
†Gloria Patri					
†Hymn:	In Christ There is no Eas	t or West	UMH 548		
We worship with God's Tithes and our Offering.					
Offertory	For the Healing of the Nations		Choir		
†Doxology					
†Hymn	Let There be Peace o	n Earth	UMH 431		
†Benediction					
Benediction					
†Postlude	All Glory be to God on High	Variations I & II	James Coe		
†Please stand as you are able and silence your cell phones.					

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God from Dawn Long.



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