



**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
November 5, 2023**

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

***Guest Pastor: Rev. C. M. Worthy***

*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

Joyous Litany

Steven Scott

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Choir

Call to Worship

L: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

**P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

L: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

**P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

L: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

**P: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

L: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

**P: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.*

†Hymn

For All the Saints

UMH 711

Recognition of our Saints:

George Cranford	October 6, 2023
Hermann Daiber	August 28, 2023
Howard Fulcher	February 18, 2023
Lori Johnson	September 28, 2023
Margaret McClellan	July 20, 2023
Anne Murr	April 23, 2023
Betty Pleasants	September 28, 2023
Fred Wampler	July 7, 2023

Anthem

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Choir

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 20: 11-18

Sermon: "Remembrance..!!" Rev. C. M. Worthy

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version UMH 881

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn Christ for the World We Sing UMH 568

### Invitation

Come to the table as all saints come,  
as God's people always do,  
with love hope and questions –  
bricks without straw? fiery furnace?  
no-wine? five-loaves?  
who's going to wash the Passover feet?

Come to the table with your mourning –  
old or new or delayed –  
and your celebration of memories,  
and your imagination of possibilities  
for times yet to come,  
because here you are welcome,  
in a weeping, laughing communion of saints,  
in a weeping, laughing communion ... of us.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace  
with servants among us and saints above us,  
united in the joy of Christ our Hope:

#### **People:**

**Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us,  
forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors.  
We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom.  
Free us from the legacy of their sins.  
Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendants.  
Our greed has threatened their well-being,**

**and our hatred has damaged their peace.  
Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**(Silence)**

Leader: The saying is true for all generations:  
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.  
This proves God's love for us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings.

Offertory

For the Bread Which You have Broken

Choir

†Doxology

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery  
of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you—

*George, Hermann, Howard, Lori, Margaret, Anne, Betty, Fred, and all those whom we did not  
name but are in our hearts.*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.





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:

Linda Billings. 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. Bruce Gillespie (Debbie Robinson's friend). Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Judy Holland (Suzy Swindell's sister). Cynthia Michael. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler's brother-in-law). Ben Green (Jim Stanley's cousin).

We extend our sympathy to Faye Elliott in the passing of her sister Patrica Wurst.

## Announcements and Calendar of events



**November Birthday** – 1st- Dean Saunders. 4<sup>th</sup>- Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage. 8<sup>th</sup>- Nancy Gordan. 15<sup>th</sup>- Gary Bowman, James Esterline. 20<sup>th</sup> - Kristy Stout. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Crabtree. 25<sup>th</sup> - Albert Esterline. 26<sup>th</sup>- Teresa John. 27<sup>th</sup> - Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend.

November 7th	6pm CUMC Bible Study
November 12th	Centenary Charge Conference after Worship.
November 12th	Return books for the Summerfield-Peace Christmas Store.
November 14th	12 pm Friendship Club
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm CUMC Bible Study
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	3pm Rev. Kelley will be at the Friends Home Guilford
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	8am to 10am Community Breakfast and Clothes Closet
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm to 6pm Centenary Fellowship Hall
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - Advent Bible Study for both Newlyn St. and Centenary will be held at Newlyn St. in the gathering area. You may enter from the front door off the patio. It will be on Wednesdays starting Nov. 29 – Dec. 20. See Kelley to purchase a book. You do not have to have a book to attend the Study. The books are \$15.00.

Centenary UMC and Newlyn St. UMC will partner again this year with **Summerfield-Peace UMC Christmas Store**. This year they have requested that we provide books for Boys and Girls ages 14,15,16 & 17. The gift tags are on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. If you take a tag off the tree, please put your name on the signup sheet. All gifts need to be returned to the church by November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Betty Durham.

**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 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.**

**Attendance – October 29, 2023**

Sunday School	13
Worship in-person	40
Worship - Facebook Live	56
Worship –YouTube	15

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, Christy Verchick.

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