



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

February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

†Please stand as you are able.

Thank you for continuing to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated to protect the most vulnerable in our midst, especially those not yet able to be vaccinated.

Gathering Music

Prayer for Peace...Paul Taylor

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

God of Love and God of Power

Choir

Call to worship:

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

People: God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

Leader: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

People: to set the oppressed free.

Leader: Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

~ posted on *Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013*

Opening Prayer

You have called us, holy Friend, not because we have earned it, but because you are a gracious God. You heap bonus upon bonus, and the profound complexity of your ways exceeds all human comprehension. Please increase in us the desire to respond to your call, and the capacity to love as you would have us love. In the name of Messiah Jesus our Redeemer.

Amen!

Hymn

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH #600, v. 1&3

Scripture: Luke 4: 21-30

Sermon: The Nice Hometown Hero who went Rogue

Response to the Word: Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness...James Manley

Choir

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation: Minister: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Call to Confession: Minister: We know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have experienced conflict, as well as caused pain to others. Let us confess to the One who seeks to forgive us on this day, and every day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: All: Forgive us God when we listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all. Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us and fill us with the spirit of faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Minister: Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy! Glory to you, God of mercy and grace.

ALL: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen

We worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

Gather Us In...Marty Haugen

Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593, v. 1&2

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister:

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Through Jesus' suffering and death
you took upon yourself our sin and death
and destroyed their power forever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory,
and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,
making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to the 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 Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine
we may know the presence of the living Christ
and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world,
redeemed by Christ's blood,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion:

**All: Jesus, No words can express our gratitude and amazement that you should die for us. How amazing is
it that each of our lives is so valuable to you that you would lay yours down to reach us. May the bread
and wine remain with us as we seek to take your message of love and grace into the world. Amen.**

https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/communion_prayer_and_meditations.html)

Hymn

God Be with You till We Meet Again

UMH # 673, v. 1&4

Benediction

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name...Arr. Cindy Berry



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.

Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's) cancer. **Paul Jones**, home recovering from eye surgery. **Grant Brown, (friend of Faye Eillott)** in Cone Hospital with Covid. **Irmgard Daiber. Darryl,** (cousin of Mary Ann Smith) for esophageal and spine cancer. **Gretchen Crabtree**, blood pressure issues. **Sheridian Wacker**, stage 2 breast cancer. Keep Sheridian in your prayers as she undergoes treatment. **Susan Carrick**, AFib symptoms. **Dave Blackman**, keep David in your prayers. **Jane Norman**, is at home now recovering. **Scott Stanley. Kay Scott. Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders.**

Please be in prayer, as many are ready to return to this service of outreach.

Sympathy to Barbara Blackman, her sister Dot passed away on January 22, 2022.

Sympathy for the family of Anita Donnell who passed away.

Sympathy for the family of Ron Thompson (friend of Betty Durham's) who passed away.

Announcements

Great News! From the Blood Drive Wednesday, February 2 we collected 33 units of blood for the Red Cross here at Centenary UMC.

(Note from the office). There are copies of the 2022-2024 Church Council and Committees in the narthex for anyone that would like a copy. Feel free to pick one up.

We have a continuous collection of nonperishable items for the Urban Ministry at our church. You may drop them in the baskets located throughout the church, and we will make sure that they are delivered.

New Bible Study Opportunity: Simon Peter – Faithful but Flawed Disciple our first meeting on January 24th at 6:30. If you would like a book for \$10.00, please let Rev. Groce know. It will be in person and those who want to join by Zoom may.

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Ad Council Planning Retreat -February 6th Ad Council Planning Retreat from 1-4 (possibly out by 3). This will be a time of introduction to the Ad Council and visioning and planning for each committee. List the Ad Council Members here.....Please come and let us begin our year of 2022 with vision and unity.

Friendship Club Members - Friendship Club will resume Tuesday, February 8th at noon. We will have the boxed Sandwich meal from Jason's Deli for\$ 7.00 and our program will be a fun filled time with LaDonna Butts who will lead us in Chair Yoga. Please call the church office at 336-299-9643 to make your reservation by Monday, February 7th at noon.

Souper Bowl Sunday-February 13th

Please bring cans of soup which we can donate to the Greensboro Urban Ministry. Likewise, we will have a Second Mile Giving - the Souper Bowl offering for the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Communion and Devotion at Friends Home Guilford on February 16th at 3:00pm in the afternoon.

Starlight Book Club

Starlight Book Club will meet at the church, Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 in the Narthex. Our book discussion will be *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail* Paperback Illustrated, April 1, 2016 by [Ben Montgomery](#) (Author)

Attention, Attention – Mission Day – Sole to Soul

Community Breakfast will be moving to the THIRD Saturday of the month from the second Saturday since the IRC has changed their medical day when we pick our guests up for the breakfast at our church. To reintegrate, our mission days have now changed to the third Saturday. We will meet on February 19th at 10:00am to put Blessing bags for the Food insecure together.

Pastor Kelley will lead Vesper Service at Friends Home West on February 20th at 7:00pm.

Newsletter Deadline is Monday, February 21st by noon.



February Birthdays- Nelda King, Milton McFarland (1), Austin John (3), Lori Johnson (8), Carry Mullins (9), Allison Skenes (11), David Baugh, David Sillmon, Barbara Wolfe (13), Jim Kinard (14), Katherine Holman, Bob Smith (15), Ann Atchison (16), Peggy Boles (17), Libby Boggs (18), Charles Wisekal (21), Peggy Harris (23), Jim Turnage (25), John Pugh, Jennifer Slaine (27), Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28)