


THEREFORE ENCOURAGE
one another AND BUILD
one another up
as indeed you do. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
November 19, 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 Thanks be to God G.F. Handel

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship We Gather Together Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

People: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

Leader: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

People: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

People: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. Amen.

†Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, Come UMH 694

Joys and Concerns of the 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 A Psalm of Thanks Tom Fettke Choir

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Sermon: "Stay the Course" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Response of Faith

Leader: The voice of God is speaking to you. God is calling you today to come and rejoice.

Come to me, dear ones. Open your hands.

People: We can't Lord. Our hands are calloused and dirty, rough.

Leader: Open your hands. My healing and cleansing love will protect and sooth you. Come to me, beloved friends. Open your hands.

People: We can't Lord. Our hands have been wounded and they are bleeding.

Leader: Open your hands and I will touch your wounds to stop the bleeding. Come to me, disciples, witnesses. Open your hands.

People: We can't Lord. We have nothing to offer to you. Our hands are empty.

Leader: Open your hands and I will give you my peace. Now you are healed.

People: Now we can reach out to help.

Leader: Now you can go into the world to offer blessing and hope.

People: Praise be to you, O God, who has taken our excuses and turned them into commitment. Amen.

†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

We worship God with God's Tithes and our Offering.

Offertory

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

†Benediction

†Postlude

Sing Praise to God

Lani Smith

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able†
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.

Prayer Concerns:

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. Cynthia Michael. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Richard Fischer (Anita Trumpler's brother-in-law). Ben Green (Jim Stanley's cousin). Margey Sienkiewicz (Larry & Suzy Swindell's aunt) Peace in the Middle East.



November Birthday – 1st- Dean Saunders. 4th- Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage.
8th- Nancy Gordan. 10th Gretchen Crabtree. 15th- Gary Bowman, James Esterline.
20th - Kristy Stout. 22nd – Mike Crabtree. 25th - Albert Esterline. 26th- Teresa John.
27th - Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend.

Announcements and Calendar of events

November 19th – Tonight – 5pm Combined Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pot Luck
at Newlyn St.

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.**

Attendance – November 12, 2023

Sunday School	10
Worship in-person	37
Worship - Facebook Live	
Worship –YouTube	