



**Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
April 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday

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

Time with Jesus

Arr. David Smith
Brian Blauch, Clarinet

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to Worship

Glory in the Cross

Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Matthew 21:1 –11 how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

†Opening Hymn:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God,

**on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King**

by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,

and grant that we who bear them in his name

may ever hail him as our Lord,

and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

In his name we pray. Amen.

Reading and Diminishing the Light of the Lenten Wreath

Mike Crabtree

Anthem Blessed is the King! Hosanna!

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Choir

Thanksgiving and Communion

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.
In love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
your love remained steadfast.
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,
we may come to the fullness of grace
that you have prepared for those who love you.
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,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.
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.
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.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty *God*, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

†Hymn

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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April Birthdays –Patrick Miller (3). Chuck Carrick (4). Benita McFarland (7) Marvin Baugh (8). Anne Murr (17). Barbara Blackman (23). George Cranford (24) Linda Billings, Nathan John (26). Linda Miller (27). Debra Schlueter (30).

Announcements and Calendar of events

April 4th at 6:30pm – Lenten Bible Study. “The Passion Play” by Rob Fuquay.

April 6th – Maundy Thursday

5:00pm - Stations of the Cross.

6:30pm - Worship Service and Communion.

April 9th – Easter Sunday

9:45am - Drop off flowers at the Cross outside and Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

10:30am- A Simple Celebration of Life for Mark Hoffman in the Columbarium.

11 am - Worship Service.

Sunday School at 9:45am – in the Fellowship Hall. April 16th will start a 12-week study of the Disciples of Jesus.

Undie Sunday. The first Sunday of each month. Needed black and white socks for men and women. New packaged underwear for men and women, all sizes. There is a great need currently.

Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign continues. If you would like to contribute to the cause-please gift to **Light Up the Sanctuary Campaign and designate as such.**

The Altar Flower Calendar is posted. There are dates still available. The cost is \$65.00/Sunday if we order from the florist. If you are interested in a less expensive option, please call the church office (336-299-9643).

Attendance – March 26, 2023

Sunday School 15

Worship - in person 45

Worship - FaceBook Live 71

Worship – YouTube 2

