



Third Sunday of Lent

## **Centenary**

**United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**

**Greensboro, NC 27403**

**March 20, 2022    11:00 AM**

**Guest Preacher, Charles Penley**

**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.

**Gathering Music**

*Lord, I Want to be a Christian...Arr. Cindy Berry*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

**Choral Call to Worship**

*O, How I Love Jesus...Whitfield*

**Choir**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

**People: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.**

Leader: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

**People: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.**

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us;

**People: the barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.**

Leader: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

**People: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

**Call to Confession**

Let us gather by the waters of God's mercy,  
to repent of our sins,  
and to turn our faces upon God's abundant grace.

**Prayer of Confession**

Good and gracious God,  
though you have planted us in fruitful ground,  
we have failed to produce the fruits of your Spirit.  
Though you care for us as a loving gardener,  
and tend us with a loving mother's touch,  
we stand barren in fruitful ground.

**Forgive us for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone  
that have caused us to wither and wane:**

for the sin of stubbornness and short-sightedness, **forgive us, Lord.**

For the sin of selfishness and pride, **forgive us, Lord.**

For the sin of ingratitude and entitlement, **forgive us, Lord.**

For the other sins we lift up to you in silence, **forgive us, Lord...**

*Time for silent confession*

Merciful God,

**Help us to grow into the promise of your fruitfulness  
and to have courage in this wilderness of Lent.**

**This we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**





**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.

**Kelley Groce**, had gall bladder surgery on March 17<sup>th</sup>. **James Esterline**, injured hand. **Prayers for the people of Ukraine**. **Rev. Mark Norman Vickers**, in the hospital. **Lenora Reece**, back pain. **Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's)** cancer. **Irmgard Daiber**, for cancer treatment. **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**. **Jane Norman**, is at home now recovering. **Scott Stanley**. **Anne Murr**, prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues. **Lori Johnson**. **Trudy Sillmon**. **Don & Clara Ellis**. **Aly Saunders**.

**Sympathy to the family of Rev. Tommy Condor - a minister in our conference who had a sudden heart attack and died at the age of 57 on March 12, 2022.**

### **Announcements**

**Easter Lilies-If you would like to purchase a lily for the Sanctuary for Easter, please use the enclosed order form. The lilies are \$15 each and the final order will be placed on Thursday, April 7th. Payment must be made with your order form. Please place in the offering plate. Thank you.**

**Centenary Starlight Book Club will meet in the narthex, Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 pm.**

**Handbell practice on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm.**

**On Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> our plans are to have a warm catered Spring Church Wide Luncheon after worship service. Look for more information in the coming week.**

**James Esterline's Lenten Concert on March 27<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice due to health concerns.**

**Bible Study Opportunity Lent: Witness at the Cross at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.**

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>- April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for Sunday School our classes we will be studying the book "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. The teacher will be Nina Stowe on March 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Adam Hamilton guides us, step by step, through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in his popular, heartbreaking, and inspiring book.**



**Birthdays this week- Charles Sartore (22), Doris Pruitt (24), Andrew Snider (25)**