



# **Centenary United Methodist Church**

**2300 W. Friendly Ave.**

**Greensboro, NC 27403**

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 31, 2021**

**Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor**

**Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director**

Announcements for Ministry and Missions

Choral Call to Worship

*"Great is the Lord"*

Call to Worship:

**Leader:** One mode of poetry in the Psalms is all-out praise and thanksgiving, such as the one for today. We also find praise even in Psalms of lament and complaint because "God is good all the time and all the time God is good!" Life is not always good, but when we engage in gratitude, we remember the evidence of God at work in our lives and we remember that indeed, God is holding our lives, even now.

**People: Venturing out or coming home,  
'neath heat of day or cool of night,  
we call the one who hears our voices  
and comes to heal and keep our lives.**

**God is holding your lives**

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**God is holding your lives, we believe**

**Opening Prayer**

**Amazing God,**

**You do wonderful things—big and small—every day.**

**Open us this day to recognize the miracles of life all around us  
so that we might stay resilient and ready to create your reign  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**We praise you for your continued good works,  
holding our lives together each day.**

**Amen.**

Hymn

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

UMH 89 vs. 1&2

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

Joys and Concerns of Congregation and Community

**Birthdays this week:** Nelda King, Milton McFarland (1), Austin John (3),

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

We want to thank you each week for your gifting of your monetary donations to the church for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Your faithfulness is very appreciated.

The month of January we are going to have our over and above offering be designated for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic. Our team is saddened that we cannot physically be there to share in healing ministry, but the pandemic has changed that for us also. We can still be resources of money to help with the orphanage, buying medical needs and resourcing the clinic, as well as rice and beans. So, if God puts it upon your heart to give to the Dominican Republic, please make the check out to Centenary UMC with the DR in the memo line.

Offertory                                    *"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"*

Scripture    Psalm 111, Mark 1:21-28

Sermon                                    *"The Amazing Authority of Christ"*

**Affirmation of Faith – The 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**

Hymn                                    *"O How I Love Jesus"*                                    UMH 170 vs. 1&3

*There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.*

*Refrain*

*O how I love Jesus, O how I Love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!*

*It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.*

*(Refrain)*

Benediction

Choral Benediction                      *"Spirit of God"*

### 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. Let us know if the concern may be shared with the congregation or only with the pastoral staff.

**The Prayer Chain has received requests to pray for the following people:**

**Abbie Samuel** in the OR with detached retina. **Bev and Jeff Copley**, District Superintendent, both have Covid. **Alex Williamson**, health issues. **Diane Stanley's friend, Jean Kearn died, keep her family in your prayers.** **Scott Stanley**, having mouth surgery on February 21. **Prayers for our sweet 100 year old Lucille Crawford**, she tested positive for Covid. **Landa Wallace's father Mr. Faust passed away.** **Susan Carrick** with health issues. **Susan Carrick's niece's husband, Allen**, who fell off a roof. **Nancy Carrick** upcoming medical tests. **Phoebe Swing**, is home. **Ann Hennings** is home. **Corey Marion**, esophageal cancer. **Barbara Blackman's sister, Dorthey Wessels.** **Peggy Bowles.** **Don & Clara Ellis, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson.**

Also, many are dealing with anxiety, stress, depression, and loneliness due to COVID-19. Please put it upon your heart to offer all people the grace which God offers all. Prayers for our country during this transition.

**Our Condolences to Oliver Helsabeck and daughter Elizabeth in the death of wife Susan on January 26.**

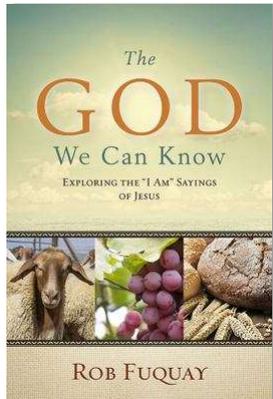
**Our Condolences to Jimmy & Ken Overbey in the death of their mother Ann Overbey on January 22.**

**Our Condolences to Ann Hennings in the death of her husband Ed Hennings on January 21. Keep the family in your prayers.**

**Our Condolences to Nina Stowe and Sonny Robinson in the death of their Aunt Peggy whom we have been praying for.**

**Continue to lift up Centenary UMC in prayer.** The leadership of the church is working on creative ways to bring smaller groups in for study and worship.

**Centenary Tithes and Offerings** – Please continue to send in your weekly tithes and offerings to the church during this coronavirus pandemic. Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403. See our website [www.centenaryumcGreensboro.org](http://www.centenaryumcGreensboro.org) for other options.



**New Bible Study: *The GOD We Can Know***

**Exploring the "I am" sayings of Jesus**

**When: Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 AM and  
Tuesday Evenings @6:30 PM**

**Where: via zoom**

**Dates: February 23-March 30, 2021  
(6 weeks)**

Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. This 6-week study is designed for the entire congregation to explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.



**Quarantine Cooking-Cookbook**

Share you favorite recipes and help with our DR fundraising, and get the entire recipe booklet for your contribution! Suggested donation of \$5/recipe included or submit 5 for \$20. You can submit your recipes to Libby in the office along with your check. **Deadline extended to 2/15/2021.**