All Saints' Day

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

November 7, 2021 11:00am

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

*** Please silence all cell phones during the service. Thank you.*

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

Gathering Music *For All the Saints…John Bell* **Tarron McCord and Choir**

Announcements for Missions and Ministry and sharing Congregational Concerns and Joys

Congratulation to the proud grandparents Jim and Teresa John**,** for on the birth of their granddaughter Valerie Adele John born on November 1st at 3:50 7lbs. 13 oz. 18.5 inch long. **The Proud parents** are Dr. Nathan John and Lauren John.

Let us pray.

O Creator, who dost all human beings create,
Thou hast a great worth on us conferred
By bring us these little children. Amen.

Call To Worship

Pastor: We remember, O God…
People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,
Pastor: We remember, O God…
People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.
Pastor: We remember, O God…
People: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.
Pastor: We remember, O God…
People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.
Pastor: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
ALL: SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES...

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOY!

†A Prayer For All Saints

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime, keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the Holy Spirit. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen.

†Hymn Of Praise *For All the Saints* **UMH #711, v. 1,4&6**

Scriptures: Revelation 21: 1-6; Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon: For Such a Time as This **Rev. Kelley Groce**

Response to the Words – The Apostle's Creed Traditional Version **UMH # 881**

Hymn: *Rejoice in God's Saints* **UMH #708, v. 1&4**

ALL SOULS: REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

†Celia Eller	**November 18, 2020**
†Jim Adam	**December 14, 2020**
†Carol Faulkner	**January 1, 2021**
†Christine Puckett	**January 6, 2021**
†Deborah Morgan	**January 10, 2021**
†Ed Hennings	**January 21**
†Ann Overbey	**January 22, 2021**
†Velma Hauser	**February 13, 2021**
†Lucille Crawford	**February 16, 2021**
†Ruth Smith	**March 19, 2021**
†Peggy Boles	**March 19, 2021**
†Skip Williams	**April 4, 2021**
†Sally Goin	**April 26, 2021**
†Dot Frye	**August 31, 2021**
†Blake Skenes	**October 6, 2021**

Leader: Now in silence we remember all those other precious souls who no longer walk by our side in his life, yet whose integrity and steadfast love profoundly touched and enriched our lives. Let us give thanks for all the redeemed. God of life, we give you thanks for all those people, so very dear to us, whose loving presence here on earth is no more, yet who live a larger life hidden in Christ. Grant them your peace and joy,

People: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: We give you thanks for those servants of yours in this nation whom we never met, yet those faith and love were like beacons in this world of shadows. Grant them your peace and joy,

People: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: We give you thanks for the outstanding Christians around the world who lived and died in the faith, blazing trails of glory in the name of Jesus. Grant them your peace and joy,

People: and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: O Lord our God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in your love, and whose gentle power holds in its embrace your children both in this world and the next, so unite us to yourself that in fellowship with you we may always be united with our loved ones, whether here or there. Give us courage, constancy and hope; through him who died and was buried and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

Anthem *I Want to be Ready* **Tarron McCord and Choir**

Invitation

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.

Confession and Pardon.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory *Come to the Table of Grace* **Choir**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

All: We confess that at times we forget that we, too, will be the "ancestors" of those to come. We sometimes think only of ourselves, whether our own plates will be full, whether our own needs are met. Hear the regrets of our hearts as we open ourselves to the promise of your grace and forgiveness. Call us again to be your saints today.

One: As forgiven and freed people, we join the company of heaven, praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: 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.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: 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 love. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, until he comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Now hear our prayers for your people, whom we name before you in the silence of our hearts.

And now with the confidence of the Children of God:

All: 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. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: *Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above* **UMH #709, v. 1&4**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

Go forth in peace.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Amen.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune…Henry Purcell*

"Many thanks to Tarron McCord for sharing her musical talents with us as we worship today."

Altar Flowers: the flower in the sanctuary today is given To the Glory of God in memory of All Saints by Betty Durham.

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.

Keith Eller in the Hospital at Wesley Long room 1619. Howard Fulcher (friend of Alta Hinkle) having hip replacement on November 5. **Susan Carrick**. **Easton Garner (Robin Garner, and Shari and Dean Saunder's grandson)in elementary school has experienced some neurological issues and will have an MRI November 12 as well as a referral to cardiologist. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. Andrew Elliott (Faye Elliott's Son)** in hospital in Chicago having some test. **Becki Watson (niece of Jennifer Slaine)** Breast cancer, having surgery. **Larry Gulikson (friend of Larry and Suzy Swindell)** problems with diabetes. **Jason Shumate (Harold & Linda Billings Son-in-law) age 45 who had a stroke last Thursday, he is resting at home. Pat Robertson (Margaret Miller's sister that lives in London). (Ann Henning's relatives) Dan, Nancy and Ellen. Haiti Missionaries, country and church. Diane Stanley** fractured bone in ankle and toe. **Anne Murr,** prayers for her treatments. **Margaret Miller** health issues**. Louise Woods,** Carolina Pines is now allowing visitors, Louise is in room 225 and would love to have visits. **Lori Johnson**. **Sheridian Wacker,** health issues **Trudy Sillmon**. **David Blackman. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Judy Milligan. Abbie Samuel.**

Our sympathy to the family of Blake Skenes who passed away on October 6, 2021. Blake was a former member of Centenary UMC

<u>New address for Lori Johnson</u>- If you would like to send cards or a note to Lori, 5435 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown NC 27051.

November Birthday- Dean Saunders, Amy Coffee (1), Jack Cole, Margaret Turnage (4), Nancy Gordon (8), Gretchen Crabtree (10), Betty Lowdermilk (12), David Lucas (13), Sharon Shumate (14), James Esterline (15), Steve Puckett (16), Kristy Stout (20), Irmgard Daiber, Lynn Holman (21), Mike Crabtree (22), Albert Esterline (25), Teresa John (26), Dave Hull, Carolyn Townsend, Jenny Hilbert (27)

Announcements

- **Bible Study Tuesday, November 9nd at 6:30pm.**
- **Bell Practice November 10th at 3:30pm.**
- **Charge Conference Today November 7th after worship service. All are invited to attend however only elected to Ad Council may vote.**
- November 13th at 10:00am we are assembling blessing bags.
- Deadline for Centenarian Newsletter is November 16th .

Sermon Notes

Centenary UMC 2021 Poinsettia Order Form

Order poinsettias to be displayed in the sanctuary December 12 and 19. You can pick up your poinsettias after the worship service on December 19th. **Deadline to order is Monday, December 5th.**
(Note: We will do Food Bags on January 2nd when we do Wise Men for Epiphany of the Lord.)
I would like to order: (indicate quantity)

_____ 8 inch, Poinsettias @ $23.00 each _____

(Please Print)
In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

**Please attach payment to this order form (cash or check payable to CUMC)
and place in the Secure Correspondence Box by the church office door
or mail your check to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403**