



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
March 24, 2024
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	Tambourin	Francois Gossec	Brian Blauch, Flute
Announcements for Missions and Ministry			
Choral Call to Worship	In Christ Alone	Getty/Townend	Choir
†Call to Worship			
L: Who is this who enters the city?			
Who is this riding into our lives in humility			
but with all the authority of good?			
P: It is the Christ who comes among us in grace.			
L: Who is this who dares to ride toward our life, facing us in determined truth, and refusing to bow to our compromises?			
P: It is the Christ who comes among us in truth.			
L: Who is this who will not wear the garb of power, who simply stays in open-armed humanity while those who are confronted plan their deathly responses?			
P: It is the Christ who comes among us in costly love. Let us bring our praises.			
L: May we pray together our Confession:			
All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:			
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,			
that our faith is often more show than substance,			
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.			
Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.			
Help us to lay at your feet			
all that we have and all that we are, trusting you			
to forgive what is sinful,			
to heal what is broken,			
to welcome our praises,			
and to receive us as your own.			
<i>—written by John Paarlberg, retired minister of Word and sacrament</i>			
†Hymn	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!		UMH 278
Lenten Observance Wreath	Phoebe Swing and Cynthia Michael		
Joys and Concerns			
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer			
Anthem	Hosanna to the Son	Ed Harris	Choir
Scripture:	Mark 11: 1-11		
Sermon:	"Blessed is the One..."		Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith: Palm Sunday

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.

We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.

We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.

We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.

We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation.

We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies.

We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God's peace.

Submitted by Rev. Julia Seymour, Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage AK.

Gloria Patri

Special Music Halleluiah Wolfgang Mozart Brian Blauch, Clarinet

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Sicilienne Gabriel Faure Brian Blauch, Clarinet

†Doxology

†Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor UMH 280

†Blessing and Benediction

†Postlude Fuga in C Dietrich Buxtehude

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†

We welcome and thank Brian Blauch for sharing his beautiful music with us in today's worship!

We extend our sympathy to the family of Richard Fisher who passed away on March 17th. Richard was the brother-in-law of Anita and Charles Rich.



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:

Ann Hennings has had some recent health challenges. She is dealing with a blood disorder and has chosen to be in palliative care in her home. She enjoys visits and cards. Her address is 1004 Elderwood Place, Greensboro NC 27410. If you would like to visit, please call her son - Steve Hennings at 336-609-4257 to schedule.

Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's (Sillmon) husband, David's son-in-law). Emmet's daughter and caregiver, Dawn passed away, (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Carolyn Crabtree (Mike Crabtree's aunt). Joann Martin. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridian Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Anne Trumpler (Anita sister-in-law). Scott Goller (friend of the Groce family). Gloria Burton (Margaret Turnage's sister-in-law). Ann Wilder, Leg injuries from a wreck (Jeans Batten's sister-in-law)

Announcements and Calendar of events

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE – Wednesday, April 10th, at 5:30pm

Centenary United Methodist Church will hold a called Charge Conference on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 5:30pm, with Rev. Bev Copley (Northern Piedmont District Superintendent) presiding, for the sole purpose of voting on a recommendation from the revisioning team to proceed toward the sale of the Centenary United Methodist Church property (land and buildings) located at 2300 West Friendly Avenue. The members of the Church Council form the voting body of the Charge Conference.

March Birthdays: 1st Jim Wilson. 3rd Frazier Robinson. 7th Estelle Cranford. 11th Rachel Shephard. 15th Pat Stevenson. 16th Kristina Kinard. 19th Harold Billings. 22nd Charles Sartore. 24th Doris Pruitt. 25th Andrew Snider. 29th Cindie Sillmon. 31st Caryn Hull.

February 20th-March 26th-Tuesdays 6pm Bible Study Centenary Tuesday's, "The Third Day, Living the Resurrection" by Tom Berlin.

February 21st-March 27^h- Wednesdays, 6pm Bible Study- Newlyn Street – will follow the Lectionary for the Easter Season. All are welcome to either or both.

March 28th, 6pm at Centenary UMC - Holy Thursday Worship Service and Communion.

March 29th, 6pm at Newlyn Street UMC - Good Friday Worship Service.

March 31st Easter Worship 9:30am at Newlyn Street UMC

March 31st Easter Sunday at Centenary UMC

10am - drop flowers off at the Cross outside during the 10am Sunday School hour. There will be a light brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

11am Easter Worship Service.