



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

July 28, 2024

10th Sunday of 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.

Gathering Music

Announcements for Missions and Ministry

Choral Call to worship

Call to worship:

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

All: and gives us refreshment of soul.

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

All: so that the name of God will be glorified.

One: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

— from the [Lectionary Sermons Worship Resources](#) archive.

L: Let us pray together:

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

†Hymn

Joys and Concerns of Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture:

Psalm 23

Sermon:

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us”

Rev. Kelley Groce

†Affirmation of Faith based on the 23rd Psalm

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,
because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,
because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,
because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,
because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,
I need a shepherd.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;
his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue,
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.
I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,
that I under his care by virtue of sheer grace,
the love he gives me is to be shared with others,
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,
that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.
I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

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†Gloria Patri

†Hymn

We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology

†Hymn

†Benediction:

†Postlude

†Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit and silence you cell phones†

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.

Ann Hennings-fell. Kristy Stout-health issues. Win Johnson-vision issues (Jeanne Batten's brother). Lin Johnson-Alzheimer's and needs daily care. (Jeanne's sister-in-law and Lin's wife). Doris Pruitt- hip surgery- recovering at Whitestone. Shari Saunders-foot injury. Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland's brother). Andrew Gibbons-heart issues (Harold Billings nephew). Michael Santowaso-cancer (Becky's husband, David Sillmon's son-in-law). Dave Hull. Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. 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. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover. Joy Ellison (Suzy Swindell's Friend).



Birthdays in July – 1st Paul Jones. 4th Steve Hennings. 9th David Blackman, Hazel Perritt 10th Sara Jones, Emily Wagoner. 11th Rives Dueterman. 14th Jim John 15th Joann Martin. 16th Leith Singletary. 23rd Barbara Albright. 24th Fran Williams. 28th Bonnie Bradham. 31st Thomas Liles.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

July 29- 5pm to 7pm – Sanctuary – Community meeting with Cone Hospital. All are welcome. This is a come and go basis. You may stay as long as you like.