



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Avenue.

Greensboro, NC 27403

July 7, 2024

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

“Patriotic Medley”

Announcements for Ministries and Missions

Choral Call to Worship

“God of the Ages”

Choir

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

People: Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, ruler of all nations; we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders. May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts to know the truth that alone can make us free. Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance, and from greed and self-centeredness. Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH 717 (vs.1,4,5)

Concerns and Joys of the 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

“God Bless America”

Choir

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

What Does God Require of a Nation?

HYMN

“America”

UMH 697 (vs. 1)

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 72

UMH 795-796

A Prayer for Justice & Righteousness

HYMN *"America"* UMH 697 (vs. 4)

THIRD LESSON: Galatians 5:13-26

The Proper Use of Freedom

HYMN *"America the Beautiful"* UMH 696 (vs. 1)

FOURTH LESSON: John 8:31-39

Genuine Freedom

HYMN *"America the Beautiful"* UMH 696 (vs. 2)

FIFTH LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-17

The Whole Armor of God

HYMN *"America the Beautiful"* UMH 696 (vs. 3)

SIXTH LESSON: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

HYMN *"Am I a Soldier of the Cross"* UMH 511 (vs. 1)

SEVENTH LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

HYMN *"This is My Song"* UMH 437 (vs. 1)

EIGHT LESSON: Ephesians 2:13-22

Peace of Christ

HYMN *"This is My Song"* UMH 437 (vs. 3)

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* Lanny Wolfe Choir

†**DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

SERVICE OF Word and Table UMH 13

†**Hymn** *"Go Now in Peace"* UMH 665

†**Benediction**

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

A donation was been made in Honor of Andreas Daiber for his June 17th birthday and to THANK him for all he does for Centenary.

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.

Andy McFarland-health issues (Milton McFarland’s brother). Andrew Gibbons-hearth issues (Harold Billings nephew). Michael Santowaso-cancer (David’s son-in-law). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. 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. Gail Eggers, wife of Rev. Lee Eggers (stoke).



Birthdays in July – 1st Paul Jones. 4th Steve Hennings. 9th David Blackman, Hazel Perrit 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 9 – 6pm Revisioning Committee Meeting in the Conference Room.