



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave.

Greensboro, NC 27403

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 10, 2021

Reverend Kelley Groce, Pastor

Anita Trumpler-Rich, Music Director

Announcements for Ministry and Missions

Choral Call to Worship

“Awesome God”

Call to Worship

Leader: Strength and peace is the prayer of the Psalm this week. The Psalmist says “let me count the ways” that we can know the strength of the Holy One. With awe and wonder we behold the presence of God in all the elements of creation—water, fire, air, earth. And it is this glory that assures us that God, indeed, is holding our lives.

**People: Lift up your eyes, behold the hills.
From where will help and rescue come?
We call the One who made the earth,
Who bless’d the stars, the moon and sun.**

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

Opening Collect Prayer

Leader: Holy and Awesome God,
You who created everything in a spectacular show of light and matter.
Open us this day to the wonder of your power
so that we might know the everlasting strength of your reign
on earth as it is in heaven.

People: We praise you for your mighty works, holding our lives in the fabric of the cosmos. Amen.

Hymn

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH # 57 vs. 1&2

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

Joys and Concerns of Congregation and Community

Birthdays for the week: Reid Townsend (12), Debbie Clark (14), Jane Norman, Alyson Saunders (16)

Intercession Prayers of the People and 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. Amen.**

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 Dominican Republic in the memo line.

Let us pray:

Offertory

" Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Scripture: Psalm 29

Sermon:

“Awe and Wonder”

The Reverend Kelley Groce

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 Worship the King”

UMH #73 vs. 1&2

1. *O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*
2. *O tell of God’s might, O sing of God’s grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God’s path on the wings of the storm.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction

“Go Now in Peace”

UMH #665

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:

Christine Puckett died on January 6, 2021. **Ann Overbey**, hospitalized. **Phoebe Swing**, fell and broke her hip, had surgery and is now at Camden Place. **Ann Hennings** is home. **AH**, ongoing health problems. **Lucille Crawford**, had a fall at Abbotswood. **3 friends of Suzy Swindell’s back in Hertford, Donald, Helen, and Gail**, diagnosed with covid-19.

Corey Marion, esophageal cancer. **Chris Bagwell's nephew's wife and their 5 year old son and other members of the family**, tested positive for Covid; nephew had some kind of seizure last week running test to see what caused that. **Sally Goins daughter, Madonna Stamey** has tested positive for Covid. **Barbara Blackman's sister, Dorthey Wessels. Peggy Bowles. Don & Clara Ellis, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard, and Pat Stevenson.**

Please, keep all in your prayers as so many who are dealing with many anxieties over the coronavirus.

Our sympathies to Steve Puckett in the death of his wife, Christine on January 6, 2021.

Our sympathies to Mandy and Jessica Durham in the death of their father, Buddy Durham on January 4, 2021.

Our sympathies to Rick Faulkner in the death of his mother, Carol Faulkner on January 1, 2021.

Our sympathies to Coak and Nancy May in the death of their niece's husband Dwight Adams.

Our sympathies to the family of Janet Wall, Kelley Groce's cousin, in her death on December 24, 2020.

Our Sympathies to the family of Karen Dolbear, Kelley Groce's friend, in her death on December 22, 2020.

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.

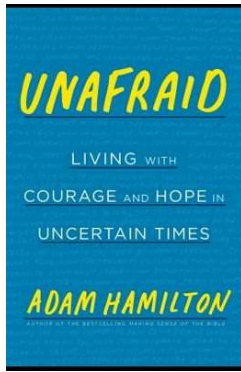
Ad Council Meeting

All Ad Council members should attend the January 10th meeting at from 1-2:00pm , via Zoom on your computer or by phone. Contact Kelley Groce kgroce@wnccumc.net for details.

Members:

Jeane Batten, David Sillmon, Barbara Blackman, Mary VonGlahn, Sally Goin, and Caryn Hull

Church Leadership Training - Sunday, January 10th, 2021 3:00pm – 4:30pm.



New Bible Study: *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton
Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

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

Where: via zoom

Dates: January 5 – February 2 (5 weeks)

A widely admired mainstream pastor shows how people and communities can flourish as beacons of hope and serenity in an anxious age. For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. Trusted pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton draws on the latest research, therapeutic insights, biblical principles, and personal experience to untangle the knots of fear and truly embrace Jesus's recurring counsel to his followers: Do not be afraid. As a leading voice in the progressive tradition, Hamilton communicates with grace and understanding to a wide and inclusive audience in accessible language that will ring true regardless of one's religious conviction. Today, December 13th at 2:00pm there will be a blessing of the Animals on the front lawn with the manger. Socially distanced, mask required, and lovable animals requested.



⇒ **Quarantine Cooking-Cookbook**

Share your 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 1/31/2021.



⇒ **Rice and Bean Luncheon Sunday, January 17**

On Sunday, January 17 we will have our rice and bean luncheon. Due to the Covid virus it will be pickup only. Email Pastor Kelley or call Libby in the office to reserve your meals.