



Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

October 31, 2021 11:00am

Twenty-Third 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.

Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear, O people of God:
our God is one.

Hear the commandments of our God.

**All: First, love your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength**

Leader: Hear, O people of God:
our God is one.

Recite the commandments to your children
and hold them in your hearts.

**All: Second, love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.**

INVOCATION

**O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love,
we thank you for your love that never lets us go.
Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space
with these your people – our neighbors – to worship you.
We do not come merely to open the doors of the church,
but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another.
As we worship you today, help us to respond to the call of love
– to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves.
May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body.
We pray for our nation that we be united as a people tied to a single garment of destiny.
We pray for those elected officials who serve all citizens
that they may be guided not by ego, politics or money,
but by compassion for all people.
Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation
to follow the path of love. Amen.**

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #381, v. 1&4

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

Together We Serve...Damen

Centenary Choir

Scripture: Acts 2: 42-47, John: 1-10

Sermon: Doors...

Litany of Trust

From the belief that we have to earn Your love ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear that we are unlovable ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the false security that we have what it takes ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave us more destitute ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than we have ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the belief that our lives have no meaning or worth ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands ... Deliver us, Jesus.

From discouragement ... Deliver us, Jesus.

That You are continually holding us, sustaining us, loving us ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That Your love goes deeper than our sins and failings, and transforms us...Jesus, we trust in you.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That You are with us in our suffering ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That our suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next ...Jesus, we trust in you.

That You will not leave us orphan, that You are present in Your Church...Jesus, we trust in you.

That Your plan is better than anything else ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That You always hear us , and in Your goodness always respond to us...Jesus, we trust in you.

That You give us the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others ...Jesus, we trust in you.

That You give us all the strength we need for what is asked ...Jesus, we trust in you.

That our lives are a gift ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That You will teach us to trust You ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That You are our Lord and our God ... Jesus, we trust in you.

That we are Your beloved one ... Jesus, we trust in you.

Amen.

†Hymn

Just Outside the Door

Cokesbury Hymnal #250, v. 1&4

We Worship with our Tithes and our Offering – Gifting our Commitments, Gifts to God

Offertory

You Are Mine...Haas

Choir

†Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH #462, v. 1,3&4

†Blessing and Benediction

†Postlude

Blessing and Honor...Carl Simone



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.

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. Keith Eller facing extreme challenges. 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. Sheridan 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

New address for Lori Johnson- 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), Jim Adams, 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

- **Bell Practice Monday, November 1st at 7:00pm.**
- **Bible Study Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm.**
- **Community Concert Saturday, November 6th at 7:00pm, "Gardening in the Graveyard".**
- **Fall Back on Sunday, November 7th .**
- **Charge Conference**

Charge Conference will be November 7th after worship service. All are invited to attend however only elected to Ad Council may vote.