



# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Centenary United Methodist Church  
2300 W. Friendly Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27403  
January 30, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**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.

*Thank you for continuing to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated to protect the most vulnerable in our midst, especially those not yet able to be vaccinated.*

**Gathering Music**

*Be Thou My Vision...Arr. Edward Broughton*

**Announcements for Missions and Ministry**

**Choral Call to Worship**

*Bind Us Together...Bob Gillman*

**Choir**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather today as a congregation filled with gifts of: One Voice: Wisdom

**One Voice: Knowledge**

**One Voice: Faith**

**One Voice: Healing**

Leader: We gather today as a family seeking a common good and bringing gifts of:

**One Voice: Miracles**

**One Voice: Prophecy**

**One Voice: Spiritual discernment**

**One Voice: Prayer and listening to the spirit**

Leader: We gather today recognizing that our diversity is powerfully connected through our one God.

**People: Help us to celebrate and nurture the gifts that come through different races and ethnicities, cultures and traditions.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit. Use our gifts in partnership with you.**

Leader: Let us join our hearts and voices in prayer:

**All: Relational God who created us in community, Thank you for sending your prophets to share your steadfast love with us. We gather on this Human Relations Day Sunday with a diversity of spiritual gifts. Link us together to build up your realm. Show us how to connect with all of our neighbors. Pour out your Spirit on us, activating us to work in partnership with your people for the common good. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Forward Through the Ages*

**UMH #555, v. 1&3**

**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**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit...Al Carmines*

**Tarron McCord & Choir**

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

**Sermon: The Promise of Unity**

**Response to the Word: A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada**

**883 UMH**

**Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**UMH #400, v. 1&3**

**We Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

*As a Fire is Meant for Burning...Ruth Duck*

**Choir**

**†Doxology**

**†Hymn**

*Let There be Peace on Earth*

**UMH #431**

**†Benediction:**

Minister: Beloved church family, God has created us in community as so much more than the sum of our parts. Recognizing that each one of you has gifts that are complemented by your neighbors', join together for the common good to strengthen the contributions of all God's children. Allow the Spirit to activate in you a sense of purpose to fully partner your gifts with others and share the love of Christ with all you meet.

**People: May we listen to the Holy Spirit as we partner our gifts with others and share the love of Christ with all we meet this week.**

**In the saving mercy of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Postlude**

*Let Your Light So Shine...Tom Birchwood*

**"Many thanks to Tarron McCord for sharing her musical talents with us as we worship today."**

**To the Glory of God, the altar flowers are given in memory of Mary Louise Woods by the UMW Committee for her lifelong service for Centenary and the UMW.**



**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.

**Ron Thompson (friend of Betty Durham's) cancer. Cindy Friedburg (friend of Betty Durham's) cancer. Paul Jones, home recovering from eye surgery. Grant Brown, (friend of Faye Eillott) in Cone Hospital with Covid. Irmgard Daiber. Darryl, (cousin of Mary Ann Smith) for esophageal and spine cancer. Gretchen Crabtree, blood pressure issues. Sheridian Wacker, stage 2 breast cancer. Keep Sheridian in your prayers as she undergoes treatment. Susan Carrick, AFib symptoms. Dave Blackman, keep David in your prayers. Jane Norman, is at home now recovering. Scott Stanley. Kay Scott. Anne Murr, prayers for her treatments. Margaret Miller health issues. Lori Johnson. Trudy Sillmon. Don & Clara Ellis. Aly Saunders.**

Please be in prayer, as many are ready to return to this service of outreach.

Sympathy to Barbara Blackman, her sister Dot passed away on January 22, 2022.

Sympathy for the family of Anita Donnell who passed away.

### Announcements

(Note from the office). There are copies of the 2022-2024 Church Council and Committees in the narthex for anyone that would like a copy. Feel free to pick one up.

We have a continuous collection of nonperishable items for the Urban Ministry at our church. You may drop them in the baskets located throughout the church, and we will make sure that they are delivered.

New Bible Study Opportunity: Simon Peter – Faithful but Flawed Disciple our first meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. If you would like a book for \$10.00, please let Rev. Groce know. It will be in person and those who want to join by Zoom may.

Mark your calendars: American Red Cross Blood Drive on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are going to try once again to host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> in our Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 6:30. If you can help register participants, or gift cookies to those who need a snack afterwards, any time which you could gift would be appreciated.

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> Church wide Lunch -Let us gather for a boxed chicken sandwich luncheon after service on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The meal will once again be provided by Jason's. Please reserve your box lunch (form included in bulletin) for \$7.00 and enjoy the fellowship with your church family. Please add this to your calendar.

Ad Council Planning Retreat -February 6<sup>th</sup> Ad Council Planning Retreat from 1-4 (possibly out by 3). This will be a time of introduction to the Ad Council and visioning and planning for each committee. List the Ad Council Members here.....Please come and let us begin our year of 2022 with vision and unity.

Friendship Club Members - Friendship Club will resume Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will have the boxed Sandwich meal from Jason's Deli for \$ 7.00 and our program will be a fun filled time with LaDonna Butts who will lead us in Chair Yoga. Please call the church office at 336-299-9643 to make your reservation by Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.



February Birthdays- Nelda King, Milton McFarland (1), Austin John (3), Carry Mullins (9), Allison Skenes (11), David Baugh, David Sillmon, Barbara Wolfe (13), Jim Kinard (14), Katherine Holman, Bob Smith (15), Ann Atchison (16), Peggy Boles (17), Libby Boggs (18), Charles Wisekal (21), Peggy Harris (23), Jim Turnage (25), John Pugh, Jennifer Slaine (27), Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28)