



*Centenary United Methodist Church
2300 W. Friendly Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27403
May 19, 2024
The Day 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 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire Lani Smith
Choral Call to Worship Every Time I Feel the Spirit Spiritual Choir

Call to Worship:

L: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

P: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

L: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

P: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

L: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

P: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.

L: Let us join our hearts in prayer:

P: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

†Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420

Joys and Concerns of People

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. Amen

Anthem She Comes Sailing on the Wind Gordon Light Choir

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon: "Great Balls of Fire" Rev. Kelley Groce

†Pentecost Affirmation of Faith

L: At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church.

P: In pouring his Spirit on many peoples

God overcomes the divisions of Babel;

**now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation
are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.**

L: Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,

**P: who renews our hearts, moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.**

L: The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission.

P: **He impels young and old, men and women,
to go next door and far away into science and art,
media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace.
The Spirit goes before them and with them,
convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.**

L: The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

P: **We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
He gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

(From "Our World Belongs to God," par. 31-33)

†Gloria Patri

We Worship with God's Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory Spirit of God Steve Garnaas-Holmes Choir

†Doxology

†Hymn Spirit Song UMH 347

†Benediction

†Postlude Passacaglia Randolph Currie

†Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able and please silence your cell phones†



As you engage your 'Prayer Life' this week, please remember these prayer concerns. If you have a prayer concern or praises, 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.

Prayer Concerns:

John Pugh- hospitalized. Dot Ferrie- fall (our 102-year-old friend from Irving Park who is a faithful member of the Friendship Club). Michael Santowaso-cancer (David's son-in-law). Emmet (Margaret Turnage neighbors). Pray for our church that we may be guarded in our conversations during this time of transition. JJ Hodge (friend of Harold and Linda Billings). Ann Hennings. Joann Martin. Abbie Samuel. Carol & Bobby Burklin. Margaret & Patrick Miller. Martha Nell Rives. Gretchen Crabtree. Dave & Barbara Blackman. Susan Carrick. Sheridan Wacker. Lee & Jane Norman. Scott Stanley. Al & Lori Eaton. Peggy Harris. Diane & Jim Stanley. Aly Saunders. Hazel Perritt, Pat Glover.

Announcements and Calendar of events

May Birthdays: 3rd Jamerson Stout. 5th Coak May. 8th Robb Stowe. 22nd Jeane Batten. 24th Bianca York. 25th Dylan Sillmon. 27th Spencer Deuterman, Kathy Swing. 30th Susan Roach.

May 19th- Today- Revisioning Committee directly after Worship. Conference Room. A light lunch will be served.

May 20th - 11am Mona Sartin's Graveside Service at Alamance Memorial Park.

May 27th – Church Office will be closed.

Clothes Closet special requests: Right now, we are in good shape with clothes, but we need men's and women's underwear. Take-along style suitcases on wheels or duffle type bags. Travel size shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash. If you have any questions, please see Caryn Hull or Dona Pickett

The Blessed Table Food Pantry: currently monetary gifts are needed.

Centenary United Methodist Women

Many thanks for the reception you prepared and served our family and Friends following Don's Service, Friday, May 10th. The food was delicious and plentiful. We appreciate all you did for us. Even the leftovers.

It was good to see you all, it had been a long time. Don and I loved Centenary Church. We had many happy years there. Thanks again for what you did for us.

Much love, Clara

Come to see me.