

Centenary United Methodist Church

2300 W. Friendly Ave.

Greensboro, NC 27403

February 21, 2021



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Announcements for Missions and Ministries

Choral Call to Worship

"Cry of My Heart"

Call to Worship:

Leader-John baptized Jesus in the waters of the Jordan.

People-God said: You are my Son, the Beloved.

With you I am well pleased.

Leader-We are washed by the waters of our baptism.

People-God says: You are my beloved children.

With you I am well pleased.

Leader-We gather as God's beloved children

to worship and to serve.

People-Let us tell the good news of God's love!

Prayer of Confession:

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God of the rainbow,

you made a covenant with all creatures,

promising life and hope.

God of pathways,

you show us how we should walk.

Yet we forget our connection with one another

and think that we are the center of the universe.

We wander from your paths of truth

into paths of deceit and pride.

Forgive us and lead us back

into the arms of your love. Amen.

(All pray in silence)

Words of Assurance

Minister: God is merciful and full of steadfast love.

God will not forget us.

God will wash us clean,

and lead us on paths of steadfast love

and faithfulness.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

UMH 61 vs. 1&2

*Come, thou almighty King, help us thy
name to sing, help us to praise! Father all
glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!*

*Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy
mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy
people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descent!*

Joys and Concerns of Congregation and Community

Pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17

We worship with our Tithes and our Offerings

Offertory

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347 v. 1

Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: Bathing in the Waters of Grace

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

"Baptized in Water"

#2248 vs. 1&3

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the
blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his
promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the

*sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his
children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

Benediction

Choral Benediction

"Lead Me, Lord"

UMH 473

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.*



Birthdays for this week: Charles Wisekal (21), Peggy Harris (23), Jim Turnage (25), Noah Demmitt (27), Susan Lee, Cynthia Michael (28)

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.

Scott Stanley's friend, Sam Howard. Scott Stanley's friend, Brad. Missing girl in Denton NC, Savannah Grace Childress, and her family. Gretchen Crabtree's sister, Joyce Anderson, health concerns. Cynthia Michael, upcoming shoulder surgery in March. Susan Carrick with health issues. Nancy Carrick upcoming medical tests. Corey Marion, esophageal cancer. Peggy Boles. Don & Clara Ellis, Trudy Sillmon, Rachel Sheppard.

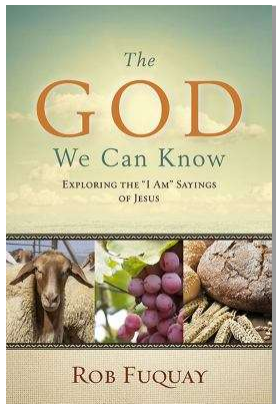
Our sympathies to the family of Lucille Crawford, in her death on February 16, 2021.

Our sympathies to Al Eaton on the death of his mother, Georgine on February 14, 2021

Also, many are dealing with anxiety, stress, depression, and loneliness due to COVID-19. Please put it upon your heart to offer all people the grace which God offers all. Prayers for our country during this transition.

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.

Centenary Tithes and Offerings – Please continue to send in your weekly tithes and offerings to the church during this coronavirus pandemic. Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403. See our website www.centenaryumcGreensboro.org for other options.



New Bible Study: *The GOD We Can Know*

Exploring the "I am" sayings of Jesus

When: Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 AM and

Tuesday Evenings @6:30 PM

Where: via zoom

Dates: February 23-March 30, 2021

(6 weeks) There is still time to sign up. Books are \$10.

You can come by the office during working hours 9-2:30.

Getting to know God means getting to know ourselves. The more we know who God is the more we know who we are. The Gospel of John records several declarations of Jesus known as the "I Am" sayings. This 6-week study is designed for the entire congregation to explore each of those sayings and will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.



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 extended to 2/28/2021.**

- **There will be an SPRC meeting this Sunday, February 21st at 2:00pm in the Narthex**
- **There will be a worship committee meeting on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:30 via zoom.**