

Centenary

UNITED METHODIST
WINSTON-SALEM



"IS PRAYER YOUR WEAPON OF CHOICE?"
EPHESIANS 6:10-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL

FOCUS:

In scripture we hear that we are to put on the whole armor of God. What exactly did Paul mean by that? Are there religious accoutrements we are to wear each day? Are we expected to do physical battle with the world? In our text today, Paul encourages us to prepare our hearts so that we can remain strong no matter what travails may befall us. Paul wants us to fight the righteous fight, but to do so on our knees in a condition of fervent prayer.

~ *The Reverend Dr. P. Glenn Kinken III*

ARTWORK:
The Prayer ~ *Mario Ortiz Martinez*

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

OUR VISION

Striving to be a vibrant Christian community, loving God and loving neighbor downtown and throughout the region.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

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The Reverend Jeremy Pegram

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Dr. Robert Frazier

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Patrick Schell, *tenor*

ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOCIATE
Susan Bates

INSTRUMENTALIST
Kania Mills, *clarinet*

CHOIR
The Chancel Choir

LECTOR
Jim Monroe

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LET US WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • 11:00 am • August 26, 2018

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*The voluntary signifies the beginning of worship.
You are invited to be in a spirit of prayer and meditation.
Please silence all mobile communication devices.*

VOLUNTARY Variations on "Creator of Light" ~ *Jehan Alain*

GREETING & MISSION MOMENT *We invite you to pass the Fellowship Folder located at the end of the pew.*

INTROIT All That Hath Life and Breath ~ *René Clausen*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Come! Dwell in God's courts forever.
Happy are those who live and pray in God's house.
In God alone our hearts sing for joy.
In God alone do we find strength.
O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place.
We have come in prayer to worship the Lord.

*HYMN OF PROCESSION #110 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ *EIN' FESTE BURG*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & SCHOOL BLESSING We believe in children whose excitement and energy and creativity inspire us all to be more childlike in our lives and in our faith. We believe in teachers and in their call to nurture and educate our children. We believe in parents who wake up the kids, fix the lunches, volunteer at the schools and help with the homework. We believe in friends and co-workers and neighbors who step in to help, encourage and triage when children are discouraged, parents are frustrated and teachers are weary. We believe in the God who created us all. We believe in the Christ who knows what it is to be us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspires us and infuses us with the strength to get up and do it all again each day. We believe in the joy that belongs to us all. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

John Weaver

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

* please stand as you are able

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN

#514 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ~ WEBB
(Children, kindergartners through third grade, are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Worship. Children will return to reserved pews in the Sanctuary at the close of worship.)

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

CANTICLE

Psalms 62:2; 46:1;
139:17-18, 23-24

God Is My Rock ~ Paul Leddington Wright
God is my fortress! God is our rock and our fortress, our stronghold, a very present help in time of need. How precious are His thoughts to me; if I should count them, they are more than numbers in the sands. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. Lead me, O God, in the way everlasting. God, my rock; God, my fortress; God, my stronghold! My God, my King, my Savior everlasting!

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV)

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Is Prayer Your Weapon of Choice?"

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Celebrate Our Giving... We want to care for our members and their families during times of bereavement. In our annual operating budget we have provided \$7000 to assist with unexpected expenses related to a funeral service at Centenary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Psalm 27

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation ~ *John Rutter*
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me. My heart hath talked of thee, beckoning, seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek. O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succour; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY

#95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ~ *OLD 100th*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we rejoice in your bounty. You clothe us in the garments of salvation and care for us each and every day of our lives. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer you our tithes and offerings, that your presence may be known throughout the world. Amen.

WE GO AS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF RECESSION

#399 Take My Life, and Let It Be ~ *MESSIAH*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You ~ *John Rutter*

*VOLUNTARY

Toccata in B Minor ~ *Eugène Gigout*

WELCOME GUESTS, VISITORS & FRIENDS

The congregation and staff of Centenary welcome you to today's worship. It is our honor to have you with us today. If we can be of assistance to you, please visit with one of our friendly ushers, located by the Narthex entrance. They will gladly answer your questions and help you with any needs you may have during your visit.

We welcome all our visitors as special guests. At the conclusion of today's worship, we invite you to speak to one of our ministers who will be in the Narthex or transept exits. We want to address any questions you may have and provide you with pertinent information about Centenary. Should you get home and have an immediate question, please text 336-682-8591.

We invite you to visit with us again soon.

FELLOWSHIP

There is always something happening at Centenary and we invite you to join us. Learn more about Centenary offerings by visiting centenary-ws.org. You may also find us on Facebook by searching "CentenaryMethodist."

MEMBERSHIP

We are eager to share Centenary's story with you. If you are interested in learning about church membership, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (336-724-6311 ext. 1361)/jpeggram@centenary-ws.org to schedule a time to meet.

WATCH

Each Sunday morning, our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast on the Internet through our Live Stream. Visit www.centenary-ws.org. Once there, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on either the Live Stream cloud logo or the Live Stream button.

CONTACT US

To learn more about life at Centenary, contact the church office (336-724-6311) and ask to speak with a minister.



HEARING LOOP

Our Sanctuary is fitted with a Hearing Loop system. Please switch your hearing device to T-coil. If you need a listening device, please contact one of our ushers.

RENOVATION WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Begins August 26, 2018

Sundays

8:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Simplify Worship

Rejoice! Worship

Traditional Worship

Memorial Auditorium

Sanctuary

Sanctuary

Wednesdays

7:00 pm

Roots Revival

Memorial Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The flowers in the Chancel and the Narthex are given in loving memory of Stella Davis Stinson by Robin Stinson; and also in loving memory of Berk Stephens by Sue Stephens.

Sympathy is extended to Steve Poe in the death of his brother, William Edward Poe, Jr, on August 9, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM

William Frank Maready
August 9, 2018

*The ministers and members of Centenary Church
extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved
family and pray they may know the comfort and
peace of our Heavenly Father.*

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR MEDICAL CLINIC

Volunteers Are Needed

Some openings with no experience needed. Clinics are held 10 times a year on Sundays (noon -2:00pm). You do not need to commit for all the events.

Need the following:

Providers – Doctors, PAs, Nurse Practitioners.
Triage – Documenting complaints and vital signs.
Pharmacy – Counting pills and printing labels.

For more information contact Patsy Dwiggins (336-413-5963)/patsydwiggins@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Sunday • September 13 • 7 pm • Sharon Randall

The United Methodist Women invite you to an "Evening on the Front Porch" with popular columnist, Sharon Randall. This exciting event will be in the Sanctuary as Sharon speaks and offers a time for questions and answers. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by visiting the Centenary website. Click on the Engage tab and look for the Sharon Randall event link on the Sign-up page.

BUILDING ENTRANCES

Building Entrance at 1960s Building Atrium Closing

As we continue to prepare for our building renovation, the entrances to the church that will be available for use are changing. Beginning today, August 26 the entrance to the building on 4½ Street that brings you into the atrium of the 1960s building will no longer be open. Instead, we will be re-opening the 4½ Street entrance that brings you into the building between the Parlor and the Dining Room. As you make your plans for Sunday morning worship, we hope you will keep these changes in mind so that your visit will be as pleasant as possible.

CENTENARY RUN CLUB

Runners of all ages and all fitness levels are invited to join the Centenary Run Club on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at Reynolda Village to train for The Mission 5K. Our first meet and run will take place on September 8. Let us know that you plan to join the group by registering at centenary-ws.org/sign-up. When you arrive at Reynolda Village, look for the red Centenary Tent that will mark our gathering place. We will start our time together with prayer and a warm up. Bring a friend, your family, or your pet! All are welcome! For more information, please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org.

Nursery Drop-off and Pick-up

All nursery rooms are in their renovation space in The Hub on the second floor. This is just up the steps from Glad Tidings. As always, we will have nurseries for infants through pre-kindergarteners from 8:30am through the end of the 11 am worship service.

Children's Worship during 9:00 & 11:00 Service

Each week, our kindergarten through third graders are invited to children's worship during the 9 am & 11 am services. Kids start the service with their parents and then, part-way through the service, are invited to Room 216 with our children's ministry staff for a special time of worship created especially for them. We return before the service is over. Pews are reserved in the front of Sanctuary. Children should be picked up there when the service has finished. Contact Rev. Kate May (ext. 1331)/kmay@centenary-ws.org.

Promotion Sunday August 26 & Our Renovation Space

As we anticipate the beginning of our exciting renovations, the children's ministry is in its renovation space. All nurseries, Sunday school classes, choir rehearsals, and children's worship will be located in *The Hub*, on the second floor, just up the steps from *Glad Tidings*. We hope you'll join us for the beginning of a new school year and the beginning of our great renovation adventure.

Children's Choirs begin September 5

We will be kicking things off for a new year in choir on Wednesday September 5. We have music opportunities for children 2 years-5th grade. Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm in Memorial Auditorium, and all choir rehearsals will begin at 6 pm in *The Hub* in the children's ministry renovation space. For questions about choir, contact Rev. Kate May (ext. 1331)/kmay@centenary-ws.org.

August 26

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS!

8:30 am: Simplify Worship (Memorial Auditorium)

9:00 am: Rejoice! Worship (Sanctuary)

10:00 am: Sunday School Open House and Promotion Sunday in *The Haven* room 108-B. Come on over to *The Haven* for our annual Open House; see our new space, enjoy some food, play Centenary Youth Ministry Trivia, hear our plans for the upcoming school year!

11:00 am: Worship (sanctuary)

5:00 -7:00 pm: Join us for our Annual Fall Kick-Off "We have a B.A.L.L." at Miller Park for a fun night of food, games, and fellowship!

August 31

5:30-8 pm: Sixers trip to Celebration Station!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Constant faith . . .

"When I felt like maybe God couldn't do something in my situation, my Stephen Minister reminded me that He could do it. When I felt unlovable and that maybe God was powerful enough but I was too weak, my Stephen Minister kept believing – so at least one of us had faith even though a lot of times, it wasn't me. There was always faith for my present situation."

Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister's help through a difficult time? If so, contact Judy Ingram (336-407-3986), Phil Ashley (336-766-0196), or Rev. Craig Ford (ext. 1353). Trained and caring help is available through Centenary's Stephen Ministry.

EVANGELISM & ENGAGEMENT

Group Exercise Class

Saturday Mornings • 9:30-10:30 am

Come experience REFIT®, a fitness community, with instructor Betsy Richter. The vision of REFIT® is to create a fitness experience that changes people from the inside out, and this vision is accomplished by focusing on the heart as a muscle AND a soul. People don't have to get fit in order to be fit at REFIT® –our workouts are designed for everybody regardless of age, shape, size or ability. REFIT® creates a powerful, uplifting fitness experience that lasts well beyond the workout. We will meet most Saturdays in the Dining Room. Enter through the 4 ½ Street entrance. For questions: please contact Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpegram@centenary-ws.org.

MISSIONS

Loaves and Fishes • August Food Items of the Month

Loaves and Fishes offers support and sustenance to our neighbors each Tuesday morning, and your donations help keep our food pantry stocked. For the month of August, we are collecting green beans/peas, fruit, chicken, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, and 1 lb. bags of rice. Please bring your food donations to the Missions bins, located just inside the 4 ½ Street Entrance.

Food Bank Garden

Would you like a good outdoor activity to be in mission for the summer? The Betty and Jim Holmes Food Bank Garden welcomes people of all ages. Located at the Crossnore School and Children's Home, our volunteer schedule is Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays from 9-10:30 am. We are also seeking more leaders for the garden. For more information, check out foodbankgarden.shutterfly.com. Come join us and lend a hand to combat hunger.

DAYBREAK/RESPITE CARE

Respite Care Openings

Respite Care has openings for older adults with memory impairment. Socialization, fun and stimulating activities and lively conversation are the norm among the participants and volunteers in the DAYBreak room on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Schedule a visit or bring your loved one to experience a few hours with this fun group. Contact Debbie Pilson (ext.1345)/dpilson@centenary-ws.org.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Chorus Auditions

The Winston-Salem Girls Chorus (WSGC) is now holding auditions for new singers from the ages of 8 - 18. WSGC is a non-profit, graded, community choral program, and a partner with Centenary's Music and the Arts Ministries. WSGC is proud to begin celebrating their 20th Anniversary Season and invites girls to come and join us! For more information or to schedule an audition: WSGCsing@aol.com, (336) 922-4073, or www.wsgirlschorus.org.

The Annual Slam

Poetry for Life • September 5 • Piner Hall • 7 pm

It might be said that poetry is an attempt to capture, using the most concise and descriptive wording possible, a true slice of life. The best poets are “painters” of the word, creating in the mind and on the emotional canvas of the listener a vivid picture.

You are invited to join poets from Centenary and from Arbor Acres for our annual poetry slam. Come experience the variety of “slices” that these talented artists will offer and share your reactions. Beverages and snacks will be available during and following the readings for your enjoyment.

Eben Alexander

October 7 • Sanctuary • 5 pm

Dr. Alexander returns to Centenary to discuss his new book *Living in a Mindful Universe: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Heart of Consciousness*, co-written with Karen Newell. Be sure to get here early as seats will fill quickly.

ROOTS REVIVAL

Wednesday • August 29 • 7 pm • Memorial Auditorium

Roots Revival is a midweek worship service grounded in Americana/roots-based music featuring Martha Bassett and friends. Join us for a change of pace in a contemplative but informal setting where we put secular music in conversation with Scripture and theological/spiritual themes. Learn more at www.rootsrevivalws.com or contact Rev. Bret Cogan (ext. 1334)/bcogan@centenary-ws.org or Rev. Jeremy Pegram (ext. 1361)/jpeggram@centenary-ws.org.

THE TRANSFORMATION ON FIFTH



Learn more about the capital campaign by visiting the link below.

www.centenary-ws.org/capital-campaign

As we being to finalize our construction plans, we ask that all pledges
be completed no later than September 9.

CENTENARY LEADERSHIP CONNECTIONS

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

August 14 - August 20

Worship Attendance

11:00 am Traditional	390
9:00 am Celebration/Traditional	148
Nursery & Children's Worship	44
Centenary Live Stream	145
Roots Revival	50

Total	777
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Contributions

Offering	\$54,266
Special Gifts	96,569
Centenary Fund	1,340

Total	\$152,175
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Sunday School	60
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WORSHIP *in the* PARK *at Tanglewood*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

11:00 AM

SHELTER 4

GATHERING MUSIC BEGINS AT
10:30AM

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 11:00AM

LUNCH AT NOON
PLEASE BRING
SIDE DISHES & DESSERTS

HYMN SING FOLLOWING LUNCH

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