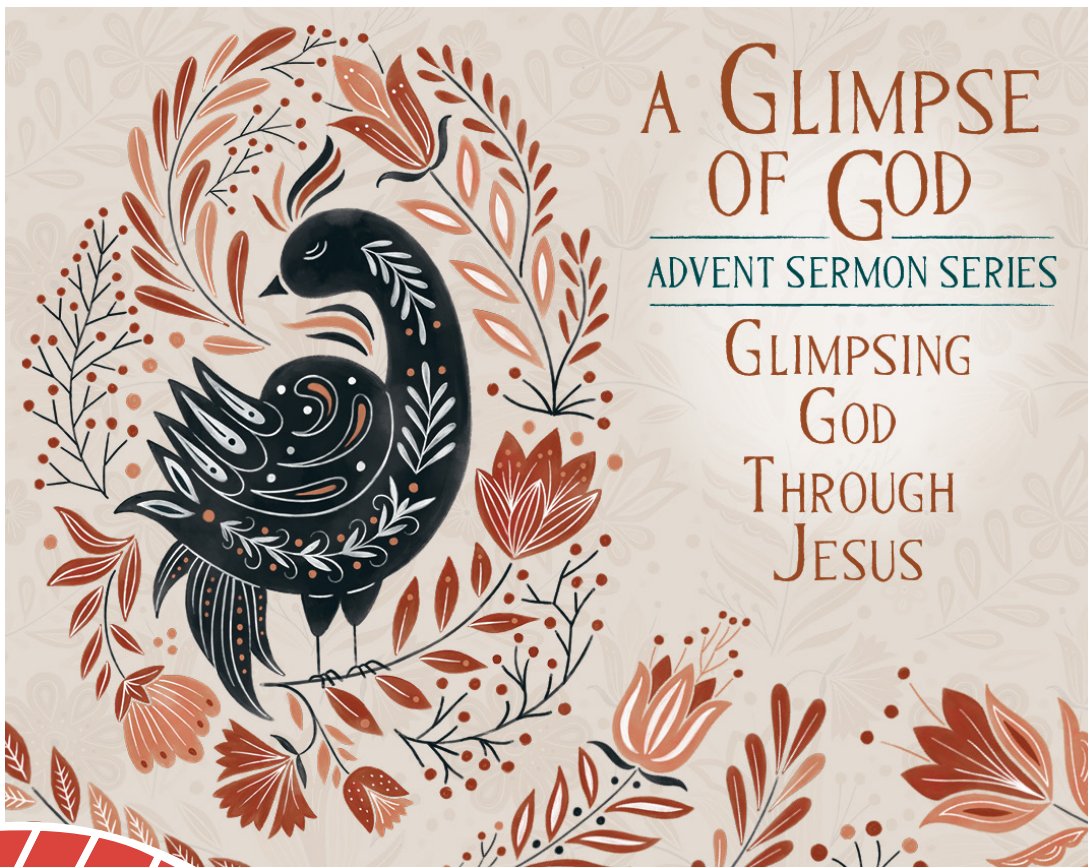


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GLIMPSEING GOD THROUGH JESUS

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December 12, 2021

Everyone Is Welcome

We are glad that you are here and invite you to fill out the Connect Card that is in your bulletin. Please note the prayer requests and connections opportunities on the back of the card. Completed Connect Cards may be placed in the offering plate as you leave today.

Join us for coffee and donuts after the service.

Centenary United Methodist Church is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Centenary has made a commitment to intersectional LGBTQ justice, and affirms that everyone is beloved and celebrated in our ministry.

Announcements

Wednesday, December 15th Schedule

- noon **Centering Prayer** in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm **Zoom Social Hour** Link in the Friday enews or contact Carla Frederick at carlafred925@gmail.com
6:30 pm **Adult Class** Link in the Friday enews or contact Pastor Michelle at Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org
6:30 pm **Handbell Rehearsal**
7:00 pm **Youth Group** Contact Lydia at Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org for details.

Eyeglasses Donation Since we are pondering how we glimpse God this season, we are collecting old eyeglasses so we can help others see as well. There is a basket near the nametags on Sunday morning, or you can bring them into the office Wednesday or Friday mornings.

Holy Grounds Christmas Gifts This season, we want to extend the Christmas spirit to our Holy Grounds guests! Between now and December 21st, we will be taking donations of \$25 gift cards from downtown stores. You can drop off or mail the gift cards to the church and we will distribute them in a gift bag during breakfast at Christmas.

Holy Grounds Fundraiser At Holy Grounds, we serve a warm breakfast to 40-60 people 6 mornings a week, but Holy Grounds is about more than just the food. Holy Grounds provides a tangible way for us to live out the gospel call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Your gift helps Centenary to continue to love our neighbors by feeding people's minds, bodies, and spirits. We couldn't do it without your support. You can bring a gift marked for Holy Grounds with you to a worship service, deliver it to the church office, or mail it. To donate online, visit www.mankatocentenary.org/holy-grounds

No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant with Cocoa, Carols, and Hot Chocolate Join us December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Christmas Pageant. Afterwards, we'll gather around a bonfire in the parking lot to sing carols and drink hot cocoa.

Christmas Eve Services We invite you to our Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24th at 3:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. Both services will be the same. You will also be able to view the Christmas Eve Service online, on the hour, starting at 3:00 p.m. at www.MankatoCentenary.org

Order of Service

Ask an usher for assistance with hearing devices and large print bulletins.
Hymns no. 57-734 are in the red hymnal, 2000s in the black, and 3000s in the green.

Prelude

Kristy Gilberts

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

The Nordland Family

Opening Song

What Child Is This

arr. Lindberg

Prayers of the People

Children's Time

Hymn #229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol

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.

Prayer (Susan Palo Cherwein)

One: And the Word became flesh.

All: Hail most favored! The Lord is with you.

One: And lived among us.

All: And you will bear a son.

One: And we have seen his glory,

All: He will be great,

One: Glory as of a father's only son,

All: And will be called the Son of the Most High.

One: Full of grace and truth.

All: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant.

One: Full of grace and truth.

All: The Mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him (Let it be according to your word.)

One: And we have seen his glory,

All: He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

One: Glory as of a father's only son,

All: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly.

One: Full of grace and truth.

All: (Your word has been fulfilled.)
Amen.

Special Music

One Small Child

arr. Meece

A Reading From John 1:14



Order of Service *(continued)*

Sermon	Glimpsing God Through Jesus	Rev. Michelle Hargrave
Closing Hymn #217	Away In A Manger	<i>words: Anon; music: Murray</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	Emmanuel	<i>arr. McGee</i>

More Information

See A Detailed Calendar

We always have a variety of things happening, for all ages.

www.MankatoCentenary.org/events

Service Video Archive

We have services archived on our website.

www.MankatoCentenary.org/watch

Email Newsletter Signup

Our email newsletter is sent out once a week on Fridays. Sign up!

www.MankatoCentenary.org

Kid & Youth Involvement

Get your children involved with Centenary. To be notified of happenings, email Lydia.

Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org

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Your gifts make ministry possible.

You can support Centenary's ministry through our webpage.

www.MankatoCentenary.org

Connect With Pastor

If you have a pastoral care concern or are interested in joining Centenary, contact Pastor Michelle.

Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org

Serving in Worship

Lead Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Hargrave
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries.....	Lydia Jagodzinski
Liturgist	Mike Laven
Candle Lighters	Kyle, Amy, Lauren and Aubrey Nordland
Worship Tech Coordinator.....	Eric Koser
Tech Booth.....	Gale Bigbee, Pawel Buda
Music Coordinator.....	Doug Faust
Grace and Power Handbell Choir Director	Martha Lindberg
Musicians	Mark Braun, Lori Faust, Kristy Gilberts, Cheryl Kress, Craig Timmerman, Jerusha Zimmerman
Greeters.....	Kathy Malcolm
Ushers	Brian Frederick
Servers	Carla Frederick, Mike Laven, Amy Willette