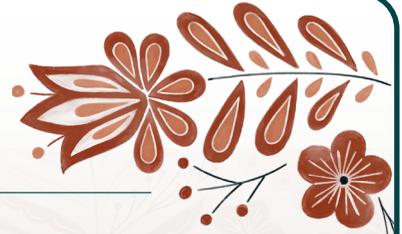


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WELCOME



GLIMPING GOD AMONG US

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021



A Christmas Welcome

We at Centenary wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a joyous holiday season!

We are delighted you are here this Christmas Eve, and hope that you will come back and worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in person or online at www.mankatocentenary.org

We invite everyone to fill out the Connect Card on the website.
Please note the prayer requests and connections opportunities.

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/archive

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

Donate Online

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

We Invite You To Join Us For Our
January Sermon Series

Living Into Community

Gratitude

Promises

Truth

Hospitality



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 Little Drummer Boy *arr. Lindberg*

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle *The Lanes Family*

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful *words and music: Wade*

Christmas Blessing (*Jan Richardson*)

I cannot tell you how the light comes.
What I know is that it is more ancient than imagining.
That it travels across an astounding expanse to reach us.
That it loves searching out what is hidden, what is lost, what is forgotten or in peril or in pain.
That it has a fondness for the body, for finding its way toward flesh,
for tracing the edges of form,
for shining forth through the eye, the hand, the heart.
I cannot tell you how the light comes, but that it does. That it will.
That it works its way into the deepest dark that enfolds you,
though it may seem long ages in coming
or arrive in a shape you did not foresee.
And so may we this day turn ourselves toward it.
May we lift our faces to let it find us.
May we bend our bodies to follow the arc it makes.
May we open and open more and open still to the blessed light that comes. Amen.

Children's Time

Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Special Music Away In A Manger *arr. Lindberg*

Lesson Luke 2:8-20

Hymn Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *traditional Polish carol*

Lesson John 1:18

Special Music The First Noel *traditional English carol*



Order of Service *(continued)*

Message

**Glimpsing God:
Glory in the Neighborhood**

**Rev. Michelle
Hargrave**

Hymn

Silent Night

words: Mohr, music: Gruber

Closing Hymn

Joy To The World

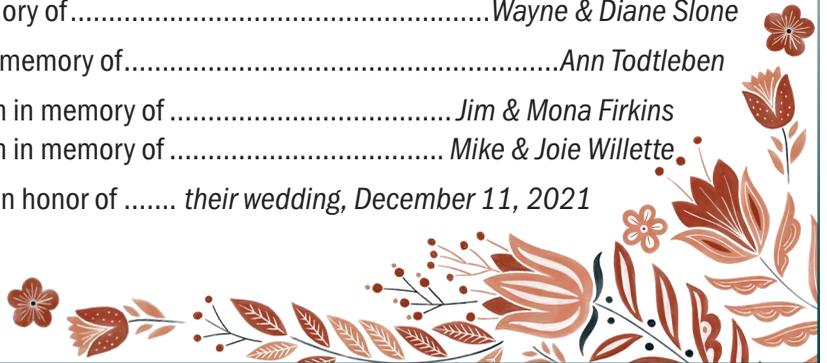
words: Watts, music: Handel

Serving in Worship

Lead Pastor..... Rev. Michelle Hargrave
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries..... Lydia Jagodzinski
LiturgistTom Allen
Candle Lighters Jerad, Jessica, and Amelia Lanes
Worship Tech Coordinator..... Eric Koser
Music Coordinator..... Doug Faust
Grace and Power Handbell Choir Director Martha Lindberg
Musicians Mark Braun, Doug Faust, Lori Faust, Kristy Gilberts,
..... Craig Timmerman, Jerusha Zimmerman

   **Christmas Garden**   

Brenda & Tom Allen given in memory of.....*their parents*
Martha & Carol Auger given in memory of.....*Jack Auger*
Kevin & Gale Bigbee given in memory of.....*Glenn & Gerry Heir, Gale's parents*
Jane Earley given in memory of*her parents*
Janna Finch given in memory of*Bill & Betty Borchardt*
Carol Hanson given in honor of..... *her grandchildren*
given in memory of*Bob Berger, her brother*
Rev. Michelle Hargrave & Kelly Coyle given in honor of *Pat Coyle*
given in memory of..... *Rusty Hargrave*
Charlie Berg & Virginia Hughes Berg given in memory of*their parents*
Everett Kluender given in memory of *Marcene Kluender*
Jan Langer given in honor of..... *her family*
Eloise Layman given in memory of..... *Bob Layman*
Mark & Mary Miller given in honor of..... *their children and grandchildren*
Shirley & Phillip Miller given in memory of *Dr. James & Beverly Miller*
given in memory of*William Goetsch*
Mike & Lucinda Mitchell & family given in memory of.....*Edna & Lawrence Wall*
given in memory of..... *Robert Mitchell*
Pam Pietan & family given in memory of.....*Mike Pietan*
Pam Pietan given in memory of *Dale Stoeckel*
Phyllis Senska & family given in memory of *Ed Senska*
Pam & Dave Serdar given in memory of..... *John & Evelyn Serdar*
given in memory of..... *Wayne & Diane Slone*
Carl & Yvonne Todtleben given in memory of.....*Ann Todtleben*
Amy Willette & Steve Firkins given in memory of *Jim & Mona Firkins*
given in memory of *Mike & Joie Willette*
Rachel Worley & Rich Abel given in honor of *their wedding, December 11, 2021*



About Centenary

As a joyfully inclusive community that champions revolutionary social justice, we change lives by putting ministry in the hands of the people.

Our vision statement guides our ministry as we seek to grow in love of God and our neighbor in all we do. We are also guided by the General Rule of Discipleship, as established by the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley: To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Centenary is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network, having committed to LGBTQ justice and affirming that everyone is beloved in our ministry.

About Holy Grounds

Six mornings a week Centenary hosts Holy Grounds, or “breakfast church” as it is known in the community. We serve between 40-60 people a hot breakfast and a warm welcome and are a hub for a variety of resources. You are invited to volunteer to serve breakfast and coffee or do dishes. The ninety-minutes of a Holy Grounds morning is an easy and quick way to make a difference in our neighborhood. Holy Grounds is supported through generous donations from the congregation and the community.

About Centenary’s Social Justice Theatre

“Using Theatre to Illuminate Social Justice, Explore Spiritual Values and Build Community”

For the last several years Centenary has been producing “Social Justice Theatre;” shows that address social justice topics, scripts that discover spirituality through our shared humanity, and allow us to shape community with our cast, crew, and audience. We are committed to inclusion and access for all by having free admission, and through several of our shows, we have elevated awareness by raising donations for specific community needs including the Backpack Food Program, the Fallenstein Playground, the Connections Shelter, and Holy Grounds.

We also seek to entertain! Without appealing shows, we would play to empty houses, forfeiting support for the needs of our community. To fulfill our mission, we have staged productions of *The Apple Tree*, *The Laramie Project*, *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Butterflies Are Free*, *Proof*, *Shrek the Musical*, *It’s a Wonderful Life*, *On Golden Pond*, *Godspell*, and *The Auction*.

Interested in performing or helping behind the scenes? We welcome you and seek your involvement! Please contact Centenary Church or check the Centenary website for updates on upcoming shows: www.mankatocentenary.org/social-justice-theatre

