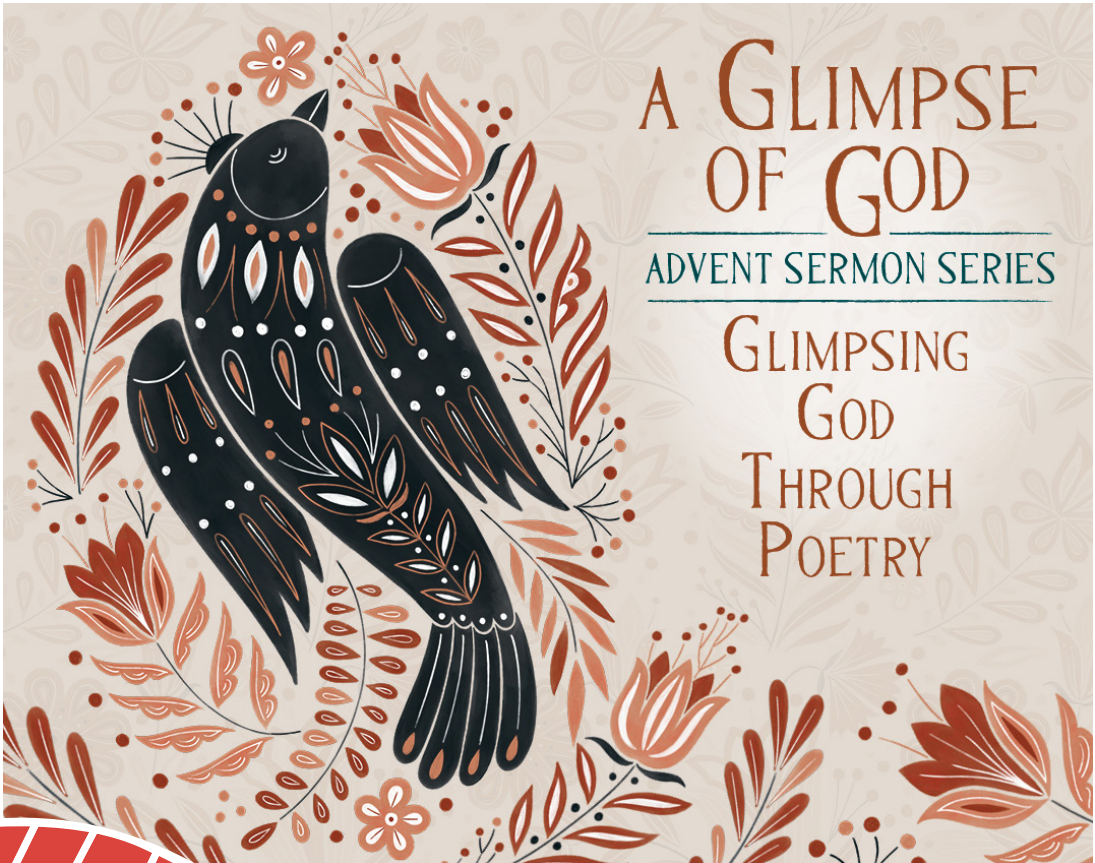


# CENTENARY CHURCH

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## WELCOME



### A GLIMPSE OF GOD

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

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GOD  
THROUGH  
POETRY

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**November 28, 2021**

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# Everyone Is Welcome

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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.

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## Announcements

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**Advent Kickoff** Join us today at 11:00 a.m. for an Advent kickoff event! Everyone from the church is welcome to come, and we will make Advent wreaths, pick up an Advent devotional, and learn more about the different themes for Advent.

**Adult Class with Pastor Michelle** Join Pastor Michelle and others on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. via zoom for a class called “Embodied: Scriptural and Theological Perspectives on the Bodies of Humans and of the Earth.” Sign up by contacting Pastor Michelle at [Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org](mailto:Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org) or Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85914353655> Meeting ID: 859 1435 3655 Or call: (312) 626-6799, 85914353655#

**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](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org)

**Zoom Social Hour** December 1st at 5:30 p.m. Are you missing social contact with friends from church? Two Wednesdays per month we will gather via Zoom and visit with others from Centenary. Some people tried this format after worship when we were all worshiping virtually and we found it fed our souls. Please join us via Zoom on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. Questions please call: Carla Frederick 507-381-4159 or email at [carlafred925@gmail.com](mailto:carlafred925@gmail.com) Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83468708127> Meeting ID: 834 6870 8127 Or call (312) 626-6799, 83468708127#

**Christmas Garden** It's a joy to decorate the Sanctuary this Christmas season with the beauty of flowers and greenery. Support our effort by filling out an order form (available in the office or in the Friday enews) and including a payment of \$20 or more. Forms may be turned in to the office, mailed, or dropped in the offering plate after worship. Deadline is December 1st.

# Order of Service

*Ask an usher for assistance with hearing devices and large print bulletins.*

**Prelude**

*Kristy Gilberts*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Candle Lighting**

**Opening Song**

All Earth Is Waiting

*by Alberto Taule*

**Prayers of the People**

**Children's Time**

**Opening Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*arr. Faust*

**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.

**Unison Prayer** (*Susan Palo Cherwein*)

Before the world was, before the spoken word was, before the world of words was, God was. God spoke the unspoken Word - with God from the other side of time - truthful, loving, beautiful, wise. The Word, truthful, sounded and Light! light and darkness. Time was. The Word, wise, played and Sky! Sky and World. Space was. Sun and Moon. Sea and land, plants and animals, matter was. The Word, beautiful, rang out across the field of stars, of secondary stars - grace upon grace. The Word, loving, sang out across the newborn time, across unfolding space, of humus formed human - grace upon grace. Truth, wisdom, beauty, love. Still the Word resounds, forming us still - like a great loving song, forming us still. Grace upon grace. Amen.

**Special Music**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*arr. Prichard*

**A Reading From John 1:1**

**Sermon**

**Glimpsing God in Poetry**

**Rev. Michelle Hargrave**

**Closing Hymn**

I Want To Walk As A Child of The Light

*by Thomerson*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Of The Father's Love Begotten

*arr. Tornquist*

# More Information

## See A Detailed Calendar

Looking for recurring or special events. We always have a variety of things happening, for all ages. [www.MankatoCentenary.org/events](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org/events)

## Service Video Archive

Did you miss a sermon or want to watch something again? We have services archived on our website. [www.MankatoCentenary.org/archive](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org/archive)

## Email Newsletter Signup

We'd love to keep you up to date with everything happening at Centenary. Our email newsletter is sent out once a week on Fridays. Sign up! [www.MankatoCentenary.org](http://www.MankatoCentenary.org)

## Kid & Youth Involvement

Get your children involved with Centenary. We have classes, gatherings, and are always doing something fun! To be notified of happenings, email Lydia. [Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org](mailto:Lydia@MankatoCentenary.org)

## Donate Online

Thank you for your gifts, which make ministry possible. You can support Centenary's ministry through our webpage. [www.MankatoCentenary.org](http://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](mailto:Michelle@MankatoCentenary.org)



## Online Pledge Form

There is still time to send in a pledge for the 2022 General Campaign: A Future With Hope <https://onrealm.org/Centenary/AddPledge/hope>

# Serving in Worship

- Lead Pastor..... Rev. Michelle Hargrave
- Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries..... Lydia Jagodzinski
- Liturgist ..... Amy Willette
- Worship Tech Coordinator..... Eric Koser
- Tech Booth..... Gale Bigbee
- Music Coordinator..... Doug Faust
- Grace and Power Handbell Choir Director..... Martha Lindberg
- Musicians ..... Kristy Gilberts, Martha Lindberg, Craig Timmerman
- Friends & Family Band..... Nate Beran, Mark Braun, Kelly Coyle, Doug Faust,  
..... Lori Faust, Pam Soper, Craig Timmerman
- Greeters..... Everett Kluender
- Ushers ..... Brian Frederick
- Servers ..... Carla Frederick, Mike Laven, Amy Willette