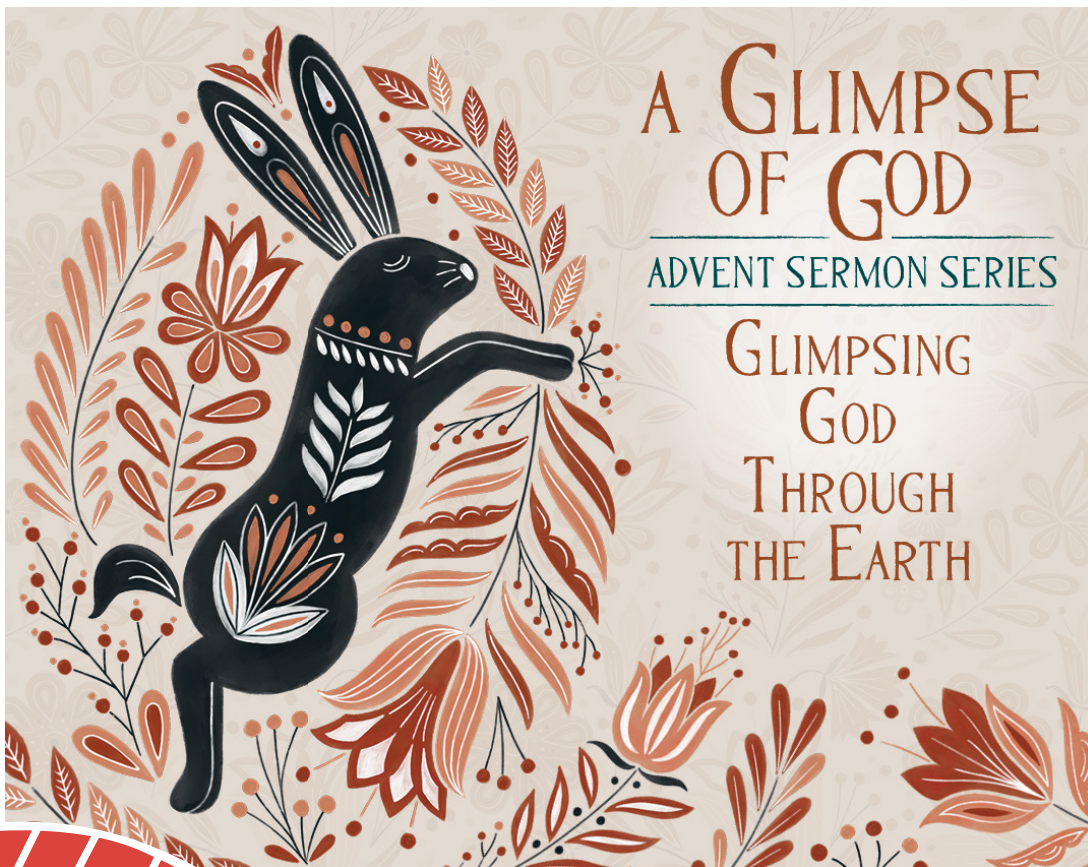


CENTENARY CHURCH

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WELCOME



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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

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 or Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85914353655> Meeting ID: 859 1435 3655 Or call: (312) 626-6799, 85914353655#

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 40-50 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.

Prelude

Kristy Gilberts

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

Tim Berry and Kathy Rhodes

Opening Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Lindberg

Prayers of the People

Children's Time

Opening Hymn

Angels From the Realms of Glory

words: Montgomery

music: Smart

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*)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for you spoke and the world was created; your Word set the planets and stars in their spiral dance through space, and gave the universe; your Word joined the atoms in their spiral dance through matter, and gave life; and because we kept misunderstanding the words, you sent the Word. Your Word entered our journey through time and gave love. Your Word formed, filled, freed, fulfilled, transformed. Amen.

Special Music

I Wonder As I Wander

Appalachian Carol

A Reading From John 1:10

Sermon

Glimpsing God Through the Earth

Rev. Michelle Hargrave

Communion

Closing Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

words: Sears

music: Willis

Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to Our World

by Rice

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

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

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

Donate Online

Thank you for your gifts, which make ministry possible. You can support Centenary's ministry through our webpage. www.MankatoCentenary.org

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

Connect With Pastor

If you have a pastoral care concern or are interested in joining Centenary, contact Pastor Michelle. 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 Tim Berry
Worship Tech Coordinator..... Eric Koser
Tech Booth..... Kyle Nordland
Music Coordinator..... Doug Faust
Grace and Power Handbell Choir Director..... Martha Lindberg
Musicians Lori Faust, Craig Timmerman, Jerusha Zimmerman
Friends & Family Band..... Nate Beran, Mark Braun, Kelly Coyle, Doug Faust,
..... Lori Faust, Pam Soper, Craig Timmerman
Greeters..... Becky Schwartzkopf, Marlys Sturm
Ushers Brian Frederick
Servers Carla Frederick, Mike Laven, Amy Willette