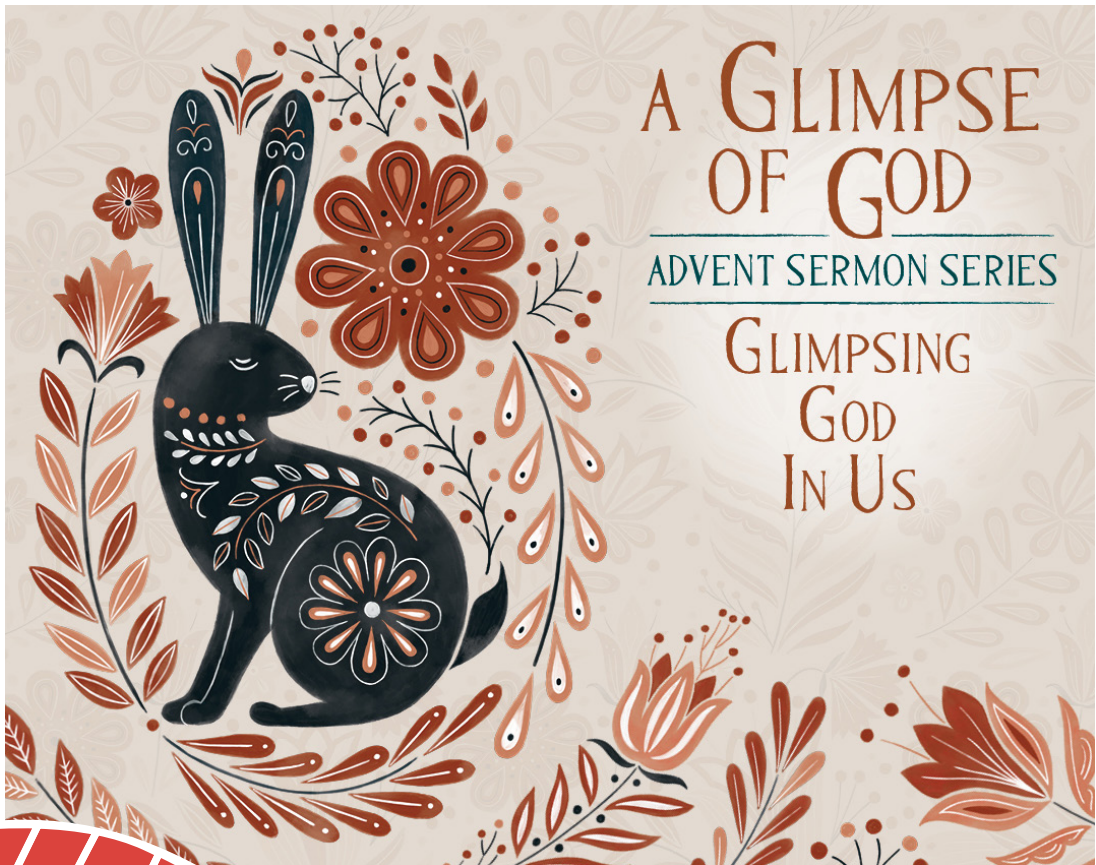


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December 19, 2021

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

Grief Group A grief group for men and women will meet at the church on Monday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m. Talk to Pastor Michelle for more information.

Wednesday, December 22nd Schedule
noon **Centering Prayer** in the Sanctuary
7:00 pm **No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant**

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.

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. 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

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

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.

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

Lisa Dudley

Opening Song

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

*music: Timothy R. Matthews
arr. Hayes*

Prayers of the People

Children's Time

Hymn #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

*words: Rossetti
music: traditional Irish melody*

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)

From his fullness we have all received. The fullness of the Word. From the fullness we have all received, first formed, now filled, to fullness, to completeness. To no mere mind but also heart, mind in the heart, both in the body, we are brought to fullness. From this fullness. And so we pray, we plead: fill us, enter us, dwell in us, finish us anew. With our mind in our heart we pray, we pray...from his fullness we have all received. From this fullness we will all be filled. (The Word does not return to God empty, but fulfills that for which it is purposed.) Amen.

Special Music

Peace on Earth (Silent Night)

Lee & Burke

A Reading From John 1:18

Sermon

Glimpsing God In Us

Rev. Michelle Hargrave

Closing Hymn #240

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

*words: Wesley
music: Mendelssohn*

Benediction

Postlude

Love Came Down at Christmas

arr. Lindberg

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

Serving in Worship

Lead Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Hargrave
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries.....	Lydia Jagodzinski
Liturgist & Candle Lighter.....	Lisa Dudley
Worship Tech Coordinator.....	Eric Koser
Tech Booth.....	Kyle Nordland
Music Coordinator.....	Doug Faust
Grace and Power Handbell Choir Director.....	Martha Lindberg
Musicians.....	Lisa Christman, Lori Faust, Kristy Gilberts, Shirley Miller, Craig Timmerman, Jerusha Zimmerman
Friends & Family Band.....	Nate Beran, Mark Braun, Kelly Coyle, Doug Faust, Lori Faust, Pam Soper, Craig Timmerman
Greeters.....	Wayne and Alice Johansen
Ushers.....	Brian Frederick
Servers.....	Carla Frederick, Mike Laven, Amy Willette