

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”
First Sunday in Advent, November 27, 2022
Liturgical color, Purple or Blue
Traditional, 11:00 am

PRELUDE Beth Engels

INTROIT *(in response)*
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 211

*OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*
Everlasting God, you brought nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations, through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

*THE PASSING OF PEACE

*PRAYER RESPONSE “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response; Psalm 25)*
O Lord, lead me in your truth and teach me.
Lead me in thy righteousness; make your way plain before my face.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.
Let none that wait for you be put to shame.
Let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery. AMEN.

ANTHEM “We Wait” arr. Ruth Elaine Schramm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; Joys and Concerns *(Adopted from the Book of Worship 395)*
God of eternity: You are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead, and you persist in lifting us to new life in him. We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection. Especially, we pray for nations and peoples in strife...*(You may voice your prayers)*. Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the poor and impoverished, at home and abroad...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those we know in particular times of distress . . .Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who are ill and the sick . . .Lord in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.
For the gift of life...Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For those who lost their loved ones . . . Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who follow the risen Christ and for the ministry of the church . . .Lord in your mercy.
Lord, hear our prayer, Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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 from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, AMEN.

MISSION MOMENT Karie Jobman

CHRISMONS Sandi Hoffman and Debbie Smith
First Sunday of Advent-Week 1, The Celtic Cross, The Greek Cross and The Lamp

OFFERTORY “How Far Is It To Bethlehem?” arr. Molly Ijames
*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison; Psalm 28)*
With my gift, I give thanks and praise, for the Lord is my strength and shield. To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. AMEN.

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT Art Moore
First Sunday of advent: Candle of Hope, color purple, “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” 196 (V.1)

SCRIPTURE Art Moore
First lesson Isaiah 2:2-5
Second lesson Psalm 122:1-9

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON “Yesterday Is Today’s Tomorrow”

*CLOSING HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” 611

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Beth Engels

*If you are comfortable, please stand; **Bold-** Join in response, **The Faith We Sing