

Centenary United Methodist Church
Our Mission: "Love God, Serve Others"

November 22, 2024; Fourth of Advent; Liturgical color; Purple or Blue, **Traditional**; 11:00 am
If you are comfortable, please stand. **Bold - Join in response, **The Faith We Sing*

PRELUDE "Carol of the Bells", "O Come All Ye Faithful" Micah Jochum

INTROIT *(in response, Luke 1:44-48)*

May the light that shines out of darkness, shine in our hearts
And let it cleanse us from all our sins. AMEN.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER *(unison, Luke 1:48-49,51)*

"From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the mighty one has done great things. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts." AMEN.

OPENING HYMN "O Holy Night" Kelly Meyer- Vocalist, Kris Anello- pantomime

***THE PASSING OF PEACE**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

RESPONSIVE READING *(in response, Matthew 3:1-12)*

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'

**John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey**

People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan

Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River

And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father. I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham'

But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

His winnowing fork is in his hand; he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire. AMEN.

PREPARATORY HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **234**

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 us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever; AMEN.

THE ADVENT CANDLE Peace; "Silent Night, Holy Night" **239 (1-3)** Jeff & Kyla Moore Family

OFFERTORY

Offering *DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *(Sung to the tune of 95)*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(unison)*

God of love, you call us to be pilgrims together in Christ. Open our hearts to your transforming grace that we may discover your light in the neighbors we meet. And keep us ever in your creative and redeeming love and in service to one to another. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

HYMN OF ADVENT "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **230** Jane Nider

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM *See insert*

Away in a Manger **217**, Hark the Herald Angels Sing **240**, Go Tell it on the Mountain **251**

SCRIPTURE Ellie Q

First Lesson Micah 5:2-5

Second Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:39-45

***CLOSING HYMN** "Joy to the World" **246**

***BENEDICTION**

HYMN "God Be with You till We Meet Again" **672** (no refrain)

POSTLUDE

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Ethan Jobman

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Ashton Froscheiser
Kayvon Smith

Mary Harper Froscheiser

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