

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022  
Liturgical color, Purple or Blue  
Traditional, 11:00 am

PRELUDE                    Beth Engels

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

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PASSING OF PEACE

\*PRAYER RESPONSE        “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

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.**

OFFERTORY

\***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.**

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT        Connie Bures and family  
Third Sunday of Advent, candle of Joy; color; pink  
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” 236 (1-3)

CHRISMONS                    Ellie Quiring

CANTATA        “God With Us”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

**“God With Us!”**  
Reflective Advent selections and worshipful Christmas anthems  
Published by Lorentz Company

Centenary Chancel Choir  
Kelly Meyer, director  
Accompanied by Beth Engels, piano  
Narrated by Connie Bures

“Come, Emmanuel”	arr. Pepper Choplin
“O Come to Set Us Free”	arr. Mary McDonald
“This Child”	arr. Mary McDonald
“We Wait for Thee”	arr. Victor C. Johnson
“Joy to the World!”	arr. Pepper Choplin
“What Child is This?”	arr. Jay Rouse
“Gloria! To God Sing Gloria!”	arr. Lloyd Larson
“Silent Night, Holy Night”	arr. Mark Hayes