Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light a candle for hope. May it light the Way.

*Worship with Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH, 196

*Passing of the Peace

Special Offering of Music
Centenary Bell Choir

*Worship with Song

As With Gladness Men of Old Vs. 1-4

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle-bed, there to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;

so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

To Breathe God In

Children's Church

Reading of Scripture Matthew 2.1-2, NIV

Hymn of Preparation:

We Three Kings UMH, 254

Reading of Scripture Psalms 137, NIV

Words from the past made new to us today

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Message God Makes Us One

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music & Reflection

And to become the Breath of God in Community

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Worship with Prayer

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,
for ever and ever

Amen.

Hymn of Blessing

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH, 206

Benediction

Thank You for Serving

Pastor Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Liturgist Tim Barany

Advent Candles Laura Bortoluzzi & Melanie Sayles

Musician Diane Larson

Special Music Centenary Bell Choir

Song Leaders Jenny Lynn Girvan,

Ken & Elaine Konyha

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Be the Breath of God in Community

Our Vision: To be the Breath of God in Community **Our Values:** Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All

Caroling on the Green

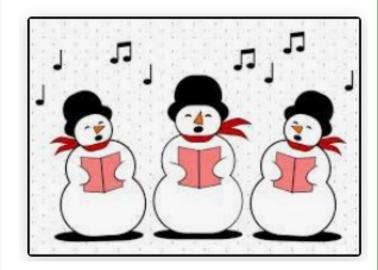
What: Community Christmas Caroling

When: December 17, 2023, 4:00 pm

Where: On the Village Green

Come Enjoy the Festive Carols

Let's celebrate the Christmas Season as we join together to sing your favorite carols, accompanied by live musical instruments.





Centenary United Methodist Church

The Breath of God in Community

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

For Worship

*Call to Worship

Light shines in on the darkness of the world! Can you see it? Can you feel it?

We will open the eyes of our hearts and light the light within.

There's a star beckoning us to follow.

We will see where it leads us today in worship.

Let's see where it leads.

We will watch as we go about our days, our weeks, and the rest of our lives.