

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

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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
Ushers	Harry Barter & Patti Davidson
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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.**

*Please stand