

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
**We light a candle for joy.**  
**May it light the Way.**

\*Worship with Song  
***Angels from the Realms of Glory***  
UMH, 220

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Worship with Song  
***Angels We Have Heard on High***  
UMH, 238

**To Breathe God In**

Children’s Church

Reading of Scripture    Luke 2.8-20, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation:  
***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***  
UMH, 236

Reading of Scripture    Luke 7.36-50, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Message    **Wonder in the Fields**  
Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music & Reflection  
  
***Never Was a Child So Lovely***  
Appalachian Carol  
Jenny Lynn Girvan

**And to become  
the Breath of God in Community**

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory    ***Joy to the World***  
G.F. Handel, setting by John Carter

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  
***O Little Town of Bethlehem***    UMH, 230

Benediction

*Thank You for Serving*

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| <b>Pastor</b>         | Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox                |
| <b>Liturgist</b>      | Bart Zachrich                               |
| <b>Advent Candles</b> | Tim Barany                                  |
| <b>Musician</b>       | Sandi Kersten                               |
| <b>Soloist</b>        | Jenny Lynn Girvan                           |
| <b>Song Leaders</b>   | Ken & Elaine Konyha                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>         | Harry Barter & Patti Davidson               |
| <b>Tech</b>           | Keith Danielson, Dan Girvan,<br>& John Faas |



# Christmas Eve Service

## Celebration of Scripture & Song



Join us this evening 6 pm



### SUNDAY, December 24

- ⇒ 10:30 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- ⇒ 11:30 am, Fellowship Time
- ⇒ 6 pm, Christmas Eve Service, Celebration of Scripture & Song, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, December 25** Office Closed for the Christmas Holiday

### WEDNESDAY, December 27,

Community Dinner, 4:30 Take-Out, 5-6 Dine-In

**THURSDAY, December 28,** 12 - 6 pm, Red Cross Blood Drive, Wesley Room

**FRIDAY, December 29,** 10:30 am, Prayers & Squares, Wesley & Music Rooms



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



## Centenary United Methodist Church

The Breath of God in Community

December 24, 2023

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

### We Gather Together

Prelude ***Silent Night***

Franz Gruber, setting by John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

### For Worship

\*Call to Worship

Sing, choirs of angels.

**Sing in exaltation.**

Let the shepherds in the fields rejoice.

**Let the stars in the sky**

**worship the newborn king.**

For heaven has come down to earth.

**Salvation has come to our homes  
this day.**

Sing, choirs of angels.

**Sing in exaltation.**

\*Please stand