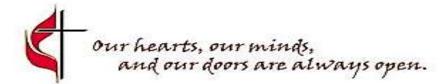
### **Centenary United Methodist Church**



# Christmas Music Sunday God With US 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**December 5, 2021** 

10:15AM

# Welcome to worship with Centenary United Methodist Church! Today we gather as an in-person & online community to worship together.

\*All who feel comfortable standing are invited to do so.

UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal — TFWS = The Faith We Sing Songbook

W&S = Worship and Song Book

Preclude Shall We Gather at the River Donavon/Jonathan

\*Opening Hymn Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

\*Call to Worship (based on Luke 1:46-50)

L: Our souls magnify the Lord!

P: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

L: The mighty One has done great things for us!

P: Holy is God's name!

L: Let us worship God.

P: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.

\*Opening Prayer by Michael Perry

Our hearts praise you, O Lord, our spirits rejoice in God our savior, for you have remembered us, your humble servants. Mighty God, we celebrate the great things you have done for us—your name is holy! From one generation to another you have shown mercy on those who honor you. You have stretched out your mighty arm, scattering the conceited, confusing their schemes. You bring down tyrants and lift up the lowly; you fill the hungry with good things. You have kept your promises to us; you have come to our help; you will show your people your love for ever; our hearts praise you, O Lord. **Amen.** 

Song of Praise He Has Made Me Glad TFWS 2270

# **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

The Woodfield Family

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of HOPE and PEACE as a sign of our assurance. When Mary hears the angel Gabriel say, "Nothing is impossible with God," PEACE covers her like a steady rain. PEACE leads her forward step by step, using her heart as a gift to receive a blessing.

Candle Response: Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Let the Children Come Nicole Tierno

\*Scripture Lesson Luke 1:39-55

Advent Reflection "Mary's Magnificat" Rev. Sooah Na

**Special Christmas Music Mini Concert** 

(see insert)

**UMH 204** 

## **Offering Invitation**

This week's barrel offering is designated for the "Sandwich Making Ministry."

\*Offertory Hymn Praise Him! Praise Him! Donavon/Jonathan

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise

God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*Prayer of Dedication

God of Endless Possibilities, we often try to put you in a box. We are sure we know how you will work in the world and in our lives. Help us to see you with Mary's eyes. She simply believed and trusted in your word and your promises. May we give with trusting hearts, believing you will do things with our gifts we can't even imagine. Remind us, during this Advent season, that you make all things possible. **Amen.** 

Holy Communion (see insert)

**Celebration of Joys, Concerns, and Announcements** 

\*Closing Hymn His Name is Wonderful UMH 174

#### \*Benediction

Peace be with you and with all whom you love. Go now into God's world with God's peace in your hearts and lives. Go in hope and peace. **Amen.** 

Benediction Response: In This House Devin

In this house, in this house; it all comes together in this house. In this house, in this house; it all comes together in this house of God.

Postlude To God be the Glory Donavon/Jonathan

#### **OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED** NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS THE STAFF Ministers.....The Congregation Pastor.....Sooah Na Dir. of Music Ministry.....Donavon Soumas Sunday School Coord.....Nicole Tierno Soloists..... Emma Stern, Pastor Sooah, Guest Pianist.....Jonathan Benjamin ......Karishma Bose Drum Debut......Devin Tierno Custodian.....Olga Alvarado Worship Assistant.....Peggy Martino Usher.....Bruce Clarke Administrative Asst......Mary Wu Refreshments.....TBD Early Learning Ctr.....Melinda Wilson

This morning's flowers are given by *Nancy Rapp in honor of grandson Gabe's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday*.

### Remember in your prayers:

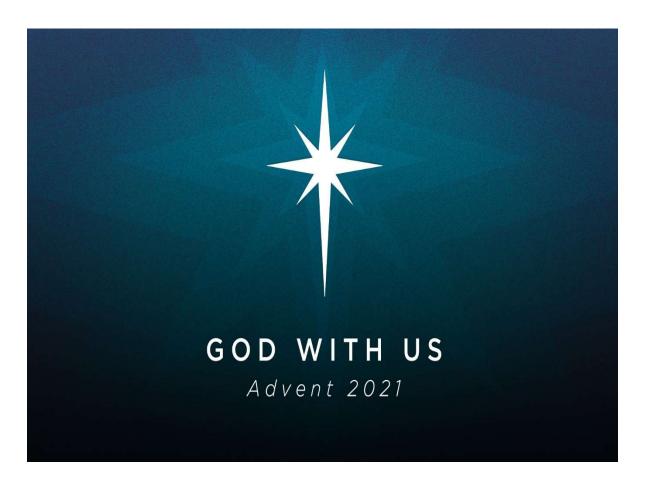
Carolee Szajko; Monika Korte; Terri Sgambati (aunt of Nicole Tierno); Lori Loza; Reshma Rahi; Steve Szajko; Susan Nordhausen; Donavon Soumas' family in Louisiana (effects of Hurricane Ida); Sam & Donna Ortiz (uncle/aunt of Nicole Tierno); Debra Martin (daughter of Mary Ellen Heim); Fran Koppell (friend of Bruce & Ellen Clarke); Roger Mullenhard (Linda Serentino's brother-in-law); Stephanie Ringler; Melanie Spanko (daughter of member Janet Spanko); Lee Lehman (former member of CUMC); Clyde Soumas (brother of Donavon Soumas); Christine Shaver (friend of Nicole Tierno); Lester Heim, Jr.; Howie Reenberg (friend of Tom Moyer); Laura Vasile (Rita Vasile's daughter); Portia Lashley; Mary Ellen Heim; Sylvia Woodfield; John Wooding; Samantha (neighbor of Nicole Tierno); Austin Banks' family; Monika Van Houten



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Arms

#### Mission Statement

"Centenary United Methodist Church is a community of people growing in faith, love and hope, doing all the good we can, following in the footsteps of Jesus."



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