

# CENTENNIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A caring Christian fellowship called by God to serve

Christ in and through our community

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## Welcome

Welcome to worship at Centennial today. Please take a moment to sign the "Friendship Registry" when it is passed so we may greet each other personally. All are invited downstairs for refreshments following the service.

**December 10, 2023**

**10:30am**

## Order of Service

### Entry of the Word

#### Welcome

**Call to Worship** (Please stand if you are able) **Annie Edie**

#### Time of Praise

BP 122 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

BP 164 O Little Town of Bethlehem

#### Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

#### Assurance of Pardon

**Announcements** The life of the Congregation

**Church Family Celebrations** (Birthday, Anniversary, Welcome Song)

#### Mitten Tree

SB 500 O Christmas Tree

#### Jim Broadwell

#### Hymn

BP 126 On Jordan's Bank

**Scripture** Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8

Reader: Annie Edie

**Sermon** **ADVENT HOPE**

#### Offering

#### Dedication of the Offering

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
(tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### Hymn

BP 148 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

#### Benediction and Choral Commissioning

Now May the Good Lord Bless You  
(tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem)

*Prayer Counsellors are available by telephone. Please contact the church office.*

## CENTENNIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Services/Events:

Dec. 10	Rev. Bruce Clendening, pulpit supply Mitten Tree Service
Dec. 17	Frank Tigley, pulpit supply Children's Pageant White Gift Sunday
Dec. 24	Frank Tigley, pulpit supply 10:30 am Rev. Fiona Swanson, pulpit supply 7:00 pm Communion
Dec. 31	Ty Ragan, pulpit supply

Thank you to Rev. Bruce Clendening for leading us in worship this morning.

***Volunteers are needed for Coffee hour on December 24 and 31.*** We are also in need of 4 committed volunteers to host the Coffee Hour. Tentatively the Sundays are the 1st and 5th, however to date nothing has been finalized. If you have questions, see Margaret McCord or Sally Salonka.

On December 17, bring gifts wrapped in white for distribution to the mothers and babies supported by Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre. Suggestions for gifts include:

For Moms: scented candles and holders, fancy soaps, bubble bath, picture frames, photo albums, journals, lotion, shower gel, gift certificates, coffee, mitts or gloves, warm socks, slippers blankets, bus tickets.

For Babes; sleepers, onesies, baby clothes, bibs, teething rings, soothers rattles, baby wash, diaper cream, diapers (newborn or size 1), new books, new toys, blankets.

The tradition of White Gifts began in Ohio in 1903 when the wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are wrapped in white so that they will be anonymous and so that people who can only give a little will not be embarrassed.

### Centennial Presbyterian 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraising initiative:

From now until May 2025, your Stewardship Committee is encouraging you to join in fundraising for this special event. Every third Sunday, you are invited to wear jeans to church and dedicate \$5 per person to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund. Please designate the additional amount in a separate envelope marked with your envelope number or with your regular offering stating the additional amount for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Those who are not comfortable wearing jeans to church can still participate by dedicating \$5 every third Sunday of the month for not wearing jeans!

It's time to share some holiday cheer! Your Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that **Candy Cane Candygrams** will be available starting Sunday, November 12 through to December 17. What are Candy Cane Candygrams? They are a fun way for you to share "Merry Christmas" with your fellow congregants, family, and friends. You may choose to give your Candy Cane Candygrams in person or leave them in the narthex mailboxes. For \$1.00, you will be provided with a candy cane, ribbon and card/tag. Plan your list. Check it twice. Purchase your Candy Cane Candygrams. Experience the joy of giving! Proceeds are for Centennial Presbyterian Church.

When you enter the sanctuary, you are invited to spend a few moments praying for God's blessing on the congregation and all who are participating in the service.

*Please ensure that your cell phone is off or on vibrate during worship.  
Thank you.*