



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.

The Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Melody

The Introit

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

People: We come to worship the one true God.

Leader: How will you worship?

People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

People: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

The Hymn No. 708

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Loving God, we come this morning
seeking to abide in your presence.**

**Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.**

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,

that we may love all your people
 with a love that speaks of
 justice, kindness, and radical grace.
 May this time of worship be
 authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter page 747

Psalm 15

S T Kimbrough, Jr.
 Carlton R. Young

Just - ice a - lone is the way of the
 Lord, be just and wor - ship God.

Response

- 1 O Lord, who shall abide in your tent?
 Who shall dwell in our holy hill?
- 2 **The one who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
 and speaks truth from the heart;**
- 3 who does not slander with the tongue,
 and does no evil to a friend,
 nor takes up a reproach against a neighbor;
- 4 **in whose eyes a reproach is despised,
 but who honors those who fear the Lord;**
- 5 who does not put out money at interest,
 and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
The one who does these things shall never be moved.

Response

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

The Hymn No. 2155

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
 Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.
 Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
 Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. **Refrain**
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs
 Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. **Refrain**

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*
5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom. Shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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The Sermon *Jesus' Inaugural Address* Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem *Blessed Are the Pure in Heart* Crawford R. Thoburn

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs. Their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly heart, He doth himself impart,
and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

John Keble (1792-1866)

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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, forever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2157 *Come and Fill Our Hearts* CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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The Benediction

The Choral Response Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

The Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Johann Pachelbel

Reminder! Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and throughout the week to make this worship possible.

Scriptures

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

⁵ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Welcome!

Centenary United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, economic background, and physical or mental ability.

We are glad that you have joined us today! If you are a new guest, we hope that you experience a warm welcome! Please return soon and consider us for your church home. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with a pastor.

Announcements

UMW-SMETHIE CIRCLE – Join us on Wednesday, February 1 at 10:30am, as we tour the new Children’s Health and Wellness Center on the campus of United Methodist Family Services – 3900 W. Broad Street. We will meet in front of their new building. For more information, please contact the church office.

PUB THEOLOGY – Sunday, February 19 at Hardywood Brewery, 2410 Ownby Lane. Join us for a time of fellowship and discussion. The topic in February will be *What is Christian Community?* Questions? Contact Molly Monaghan – mollymonaghan1839@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Join us on Wednesday as we gather on Zoom to look at the scripture for the upcoming week. An email is out with all the details on Tuesdays. If you would like to be added to the Bible study email list, please contact the church office.

THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3 – Join us immediately following the worship service in the social hall as we continue watching *The Chosen – Season 3*.

2023 ALTAR FLOWERS DATE REQUESTS - It's that time of year again, the weekly altar flower calendar is being set up. Time to choose that special date to honor or remember friends and family or recognize a special event. You may sign up in any of the following ways:

1. Select a date from the list placed in the office hallway
2. Request a date using our online form. You will be contacted to confirm the date. Please use the QR code below to access the form.
3. Contact the church office and chose your date the "old fashioned way" in person.

You may select any date that is open. First come is first served. Costs. \$44.00 for the first Sunday Communion Sunday (2 arrangements). \$22.00 for all other Sundays(1 arrangement)

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

January 29	11:30 am	The Chosen
January 30	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
January 31	Noon	AA
February 1	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	10:30 am	Smethie Circle – UMFS tour
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
February 3	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
February 5	10:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

February 19	4:00 pm	Pub Theology - Hardywood Brewery, Scotts Addition
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