



Christ's Love

Welcome New Friends! We are glad we can worship God together this morning. Let our church family embrace yours! When you are ready to make Centenary your new church home, please speak with either of our ministers or indicate your desire on the visitor information card.

All three services (8:30, 9:00, 11:00) are streamed live on Facebook (Centenary United Methodist Church) and on our webpage (centenarychurch.com). The services will also be posted to YouTube (Centenary UMC New Bern NC) by Monday.



Centenary's 11:00 worship service is broadcast each Sunday on radio station WNBB, 97.9 FM. Please worship with us on the radio.

Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.



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Our Staff:

- Lead Pastor..... The Rev. Vann Spivey
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Centenary

United Methodist Church



**Corner of Middle & New Streets
New Bern, North Carolina**

December 1, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Toccata on Let All Mortal Flesh and Of the Father's Love – Owens
Paul Saik-Organ

Lighting The Advent Candle of Hope

Musical Response *A Candle is Burning* (v. 1)
(sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in November's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh**

*Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, #203

Receiving God's Word

Time With Young Disciples

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

*Gospel Luke 21:25-36

This is the word of God for us the people of God:

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon "In the End, There's a Beginning" Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

Hymn *Fill My Cup, Lord*, #641

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Christmas Communion Song* – Callaway
Centenary Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology #95

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation #12

Confession and Pardon #12

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer #13

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in
which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may
go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give
ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, #196

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* – Payne
Paul Saik-Organ

(* Indicates please stand as you are able.

Words printed in **bold** are to be prayed or read in unison.

Please return all hymnals, songbooks, and Bibles to their holder on the
back of the pew before you leave:

2 hymnals, 2 songbooks, and 1 Bible per section.