

# Welcome Home!

## Baptism of the Lord

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January 12, 2025

9:00 a.m.

### Gathering to Worship

Gathering Song *Because He Lives*  
Welcome and Announcements  
Opening Prayer  
\*Songs of Praise *Come to the Table*  
*Run to the Father*

### Preparing for God's Word

Joys and Concerns  
Call to Prayer *Come to the Table*  
Prayers of the People  
Invitation to Give  
Song of Thanksgiving *New Wine*

### Receiving God's Word

Time With Young Disciples  
First Reading *Isaiah 43:1-7*  
\*Gospel *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

This is the word of God for us the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *"Off to a Good Start"* Vann Spivey

### Responding to God's Word

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant #50

### Going Forth to Serve

\*Song of Grace *All the People Said Amen*  
\*Benediction

**The Lord bless you and keep you.**  
**The Lord make his face to shine upon you,**  
**and be gracious unto you;**  
**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**  
**Amen.**

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### Some New Year's Resolutions Worth Keeping

*During the new year:*

I resolve to put Christ before my church and my church before my club.  
I resolve to put the spiritual before the material and the eternal before the temporal.  
I resolve to put God's Word before people's opinions.  
I resolve to put Christ before the creed.  
I resolve to put prayer before pleasure.  
I resolve to put the Savior before the teacher.  
I resolve to walk more by faith and trust and less by sight and reason.  
I resolve to live in order to give rather than to get.  
I resolve to strive to be good rather than great.  
I resolve to put more of God and less of myself in my work.

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(\*) 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.

EXPERIENCE

GROW IN

SHARE

## 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:

The Rev. Vann Spivey, Lead Pastor  
The Rev. Tyler Moore, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Carol Grantham, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Bill Sherman, Pastor Emeritus  
The Rev. David Brosnan, Pastor Emeritus  
The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood, Pastor Emerita  
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