



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.

Please visit our webpage (centenarychurch.com) to watch the 9:00 & 11:00 services live. All services (8:30, 9:00, and 11:00) are archived on our website and our YouTube channel.



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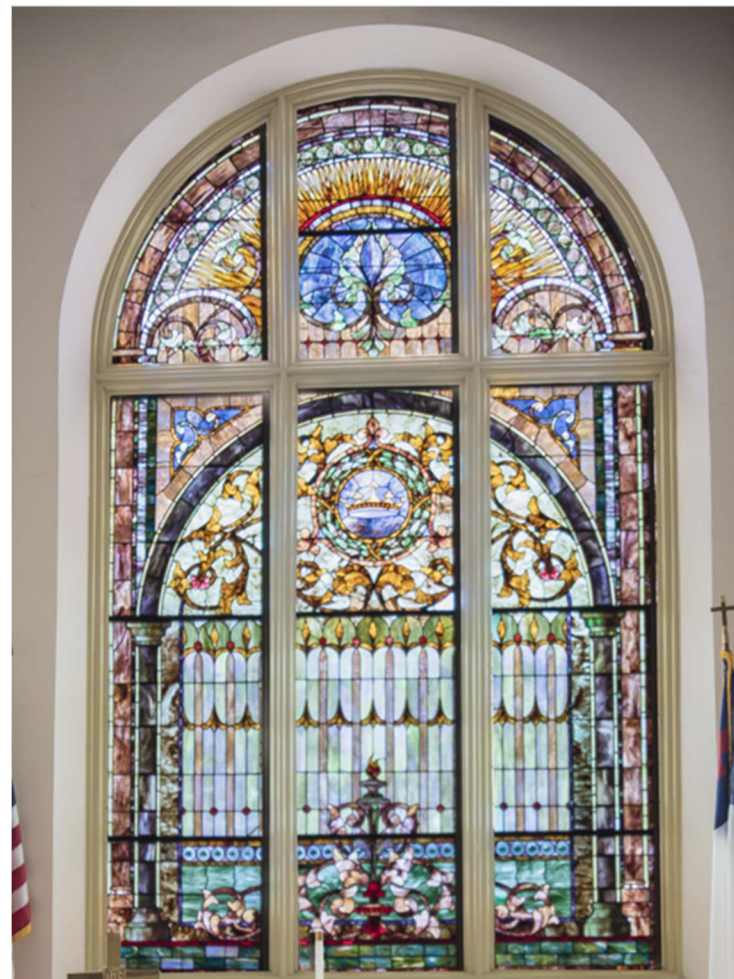
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Centenary

United Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets
 New Bern, North Carolina
 January 4, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Opening Prayer

Grant us grace, O God,
to begin this year in your faith
and to continue it in your favour,
that being guided in all our doings
and guarded all our days,
we may spend ourselves in your service
and finally, by your grace,
attain to the glory of eternal life;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*, #157

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-2

*Gospel Reading Matthew 2:9-11

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

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon *"Arise and Shine"* Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Still Her Little Child*
Meloni Wray, soloist

*Doxology #95

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation #12

Confession & Pardon #12

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer #13

Sharing the Bread and the 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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*, (TFWS) #2173

*Benediction

Postlude *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

(*) 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.
