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.

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.

Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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Centenary
United Methodist Church

Corner of Middle & New Streets
New Bern, North Carolina

January 18, 2026 11:00 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

Gathering to Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* – Larson
Paul Saik

*Call to Worship

Let us focus on God's presence.
In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst...
Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.
In the midst of a world
where people are abused and oppressed...
Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.
In the midst of a world
filled with wars and rumors of war.
Come worship a God who desires nothing
less than peace for the world.
In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...
Come worship a God who gives life meaning.
Come, let us worship the Lord,
whose grace and love know no end!

*Hymn *Lead on, O King Eternal,* #580

Time With Young Disciples

Choir Anthem *We See Christ* – Raney
Sanctuary Choir

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 1:11-20

*Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-45

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

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon "*Why Church?*" Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (see insert)

*Hymn *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* (see insert)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Doxology #95

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing,* #519

*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals – Karg-Elert
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.