



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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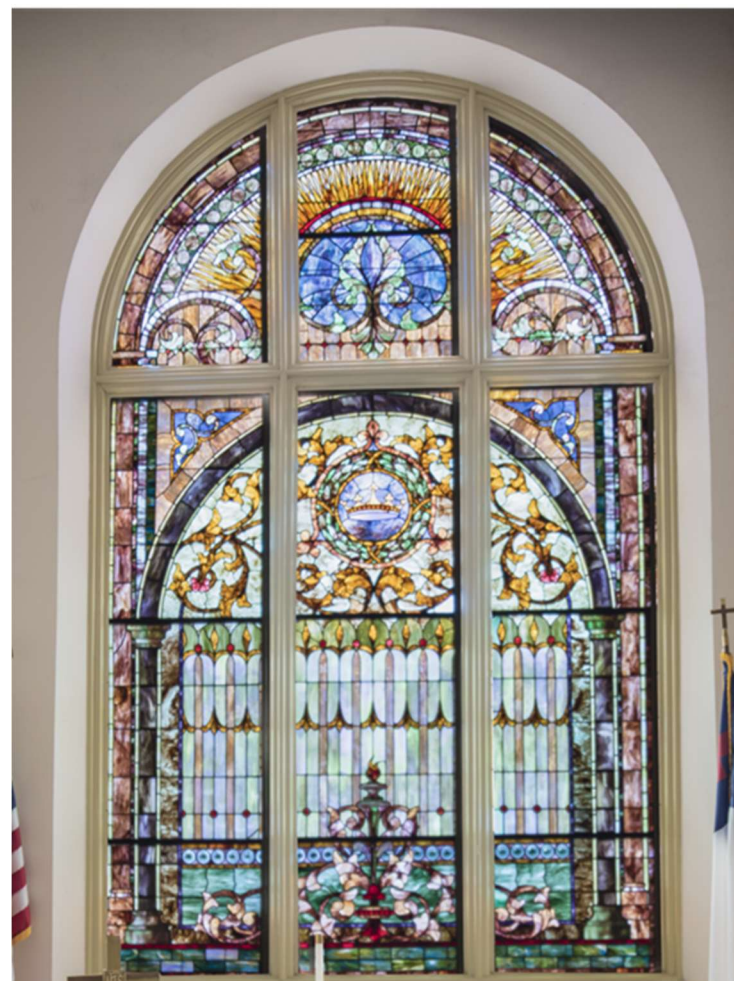
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United Methodist Church



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

Order of Morning Worship

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*—arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Opening Prayer

God of mystery and of judgment,
Who has made us to be salt and light
In a bland, shadowy world—
Guide us in this time of worship.
Give us understanding and discernment
So that others may see your good works in us,
And be moved to serve you.
Amen.

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*, #127

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 58:3-12

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

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

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon *"Salted Earth, Shining Light"* Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father:
The Source of Life who desires mercy over ritual,
Who calls us to be salt for the earth and a refuge for the poor,
So that through our works of justice,
The world may see God's goodness and give God glory.

We believe in Jesus Christ:
The True Light and Repairer of the Breach,
Who did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it in love.
In Christ, we receive a righteousness that exceeds our own
And the grace to mend what is broken in our world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:
The Living Water who sustains our witness,
Refreshes our parched souls,
And empowers us to shine as a city on a hill,
Built to bring life and light to all people.
Amen.

Hymn Sing

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Who Will Go for Me?*—Larson
Chapel Choir

*Doxology #95

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord*, #593

*Benediction

Postlude *Pass It On*—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.