

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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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

Paul Saik, Director of Music Ministries

Dora Bullock, Director of Children's Music Ministries

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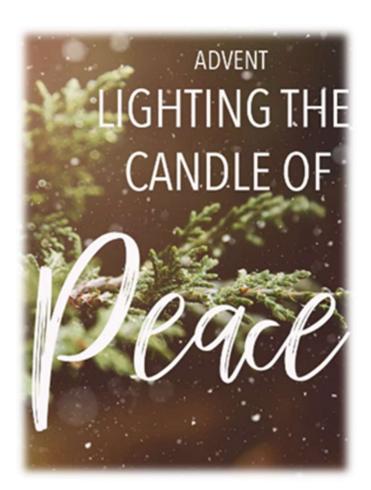
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CentenaryUnited Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets New Bern, North Carolina

December 7, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Angels from the Realms of Glory – arr. Morris

Centenary Handbells

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High

O Come All Ye Faithful

Lighting The Advent Candle of Peace

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us make room for the Prince of Peace.

Christ comes to calm our anxious hearts.

Christ comes to reconcile and make new.

Come, Lord Jesus:

light the candle of peace in us today.

Musical Response

God Almighty, We Are Waiting (v. 2)

God Incarnate, we are waiting for the feast day of your birth.
Looking back and looking forward to the Christ's return to earth.
Help us to proclaim the gospel,
'til the world is reconciled.
Let us set your holy table for each woman, man, and child.

Preparing for God's Word

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give

Song of Thanksgiving

Noel Dora Bullock

New Wine

Receiving God's Word

Time With Young Disciples

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

*Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "The Way of the Lord"

Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Going Forth to Serve

*Song of Grace

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction

(*) 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.