



## *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](http://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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The Rev. Vann Spivey, Lead Pastor  
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# *Centenary*

## United Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets  
New Bern, North Carolina

December 7, 2025 11:00 a.m.

# *Welcome Home!*

## Second Sunday of Advent

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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

*New Wine*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Give

Song of Thanksgiving

*Noel*  
Dora Bullock

### *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

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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.