



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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Our Staff:

The Rev. Vann Spivey, Lead Pastor
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The Rev. Carol Grantham, Associate Pastor
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The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood, Pastor Emerita
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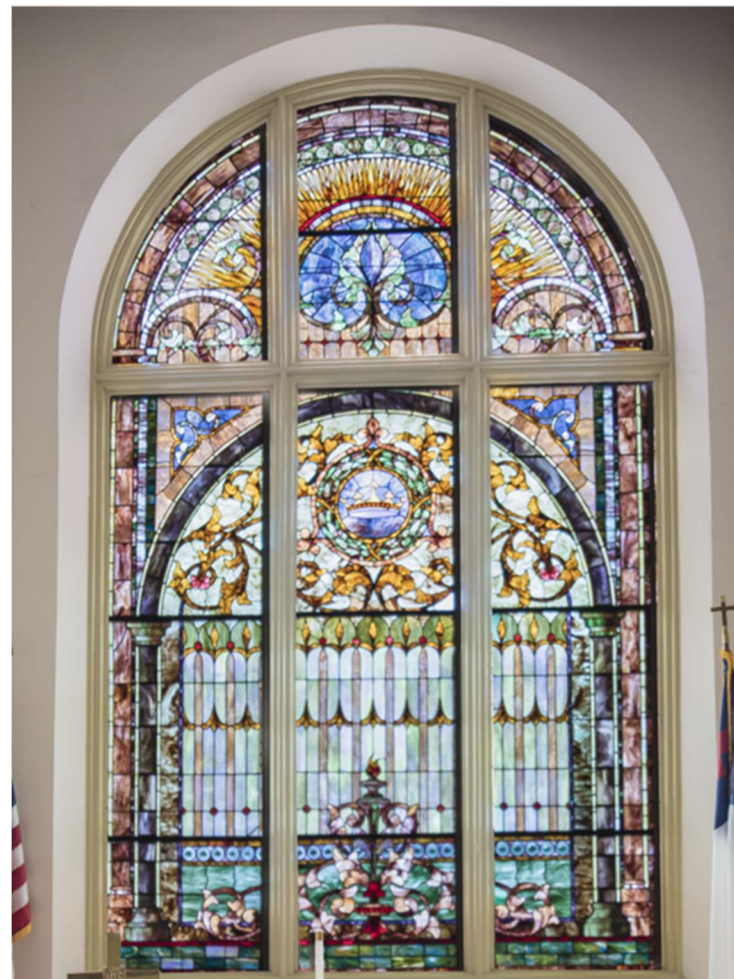
Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Mon.–Thurs.)

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Fri.)

Centenary

United Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets
New Bern, North Carolina

November 9, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not we who chose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,
That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,
That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,
That we have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*Hymn *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*, #66

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Psalm 145:17-21

*Gospel Reading Luke 20:27-38

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

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon *"Children of a Lesser God"* Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We affirm our faith in the God of the living, not of the dead.
We believe in the resurrection of the body,
as taught by our Lord Jesus Christ.
We acknowledge that the "age to come"
is not merely an extension of our current life and its limitations,
but a new and different existence, transformed by God's power.
Drawing on the testimony of Moses at the burning bush,
we affirm that all who have died in faith are alive to God.
Death does not separate us from God's presence or promises.
Our hope of resurrection shapes how we live today,
freeing us from the fear of death
and empowering us to live with purpose,
guided by love for God and neighbor.
We are confident that the whole person,
created and loved by God,
will be redeemed and united with God in new, everlasting life.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn Sing

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Then Sings My Soul* – McDonald
Chapel Choir

*Doxology (with alleluias') #94

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness*, (TFWS) #2197

*Benediction

Postlude *Living for Jesus* – 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.
