

Order of Morning Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

December 15, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik, Piano

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Musical Response *A Candle is Burning*, Verse 3
(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

**A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow**

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-8

Hymn #202 *People, Look East*, verses 1 & 4

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Second Reading Jeremiah 23:5-6

Hymn #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, verses 1 & 4

Third Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

Hymn #240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, verses 1 & 3

Fourth Reading Haggai 2:6-9

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik, Piano

Fifth Reading Isaiah 35:1-6

Hymn #246 *Joy to the World*, verses 1 & 2

Sixth Reading Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn #220
Seventh Reading

Angels from the Realms of Glory, verses 1 & 4
Mark 1:1-15

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn #251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Benediction

Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High* - arr. Saik
Paul Saik, Piano

Please Join Us for Christmas at Centenary

Christmas Cantata

December 15th 11:00^{am} & 4:00^{pm}
December 23rd 7:00^{pm} on
ABC News channel 12
The Silence and the Sound

Blue Christmas Worship

December 19th 7:00^{pm} – Chapel
The "Blue Christmas Service" is a place to
acknowledge our sadness and pain while
finding hope and comfort in Jesus,
our Emmanuel, God with us.

71st Year of the Living Nativity

December 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
7:00^{pm} - 8:00^{pm}
Outdoor floating event.
Join us as the story of Jesus's birth is told
through live portrayal and the narration of
scriptures.

Cookies, Cocoa, & Care-oling Fest

Friday, December 20th 6:30^{pm} -
Sanctuary Steps
The CUMC's Children & Youth Choirs will
be performing carols. We invite you to join
us and enjoy some cookies and
hot cocoa while listening (and singing
along, of course)
to your favorite carols.
We will be collecting winter wear donations
of hats, scarves, gloves, and coats (new or
used) for RCS

Christmas Eve Services

4:00^{pm} – Family Worship
(geared for children)
6:00^{pm} – Traditional worship ~
candle lighting & Communion
7:30^{pm} to 8:30^{pm} – Open table Communion
11:00^{pm} – Traditional worship ~
candle lighting & Communion

(*) 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.*



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.

All three services (8:30, 9:00, 11:00) are streamed live on Facebook (Centenary United Methodist Church) and on our webpage (centenarychurch.com). The services will also be posted to YouTube (Centenary UMC New Bern NC) by Monday.



Centenary's 11:00 worship service is broadcast each Sunday on radio station WNBB, 97.9 FM. Please worship with us on the radio.

Centenary is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

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- The Rev. Tyler Moore, Associate Pastor
- The Rev. Carol Grantham, Associate Pastor
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- 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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