



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. David Brosnan, Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Susan Pate Greenwood, Pastor Emerita
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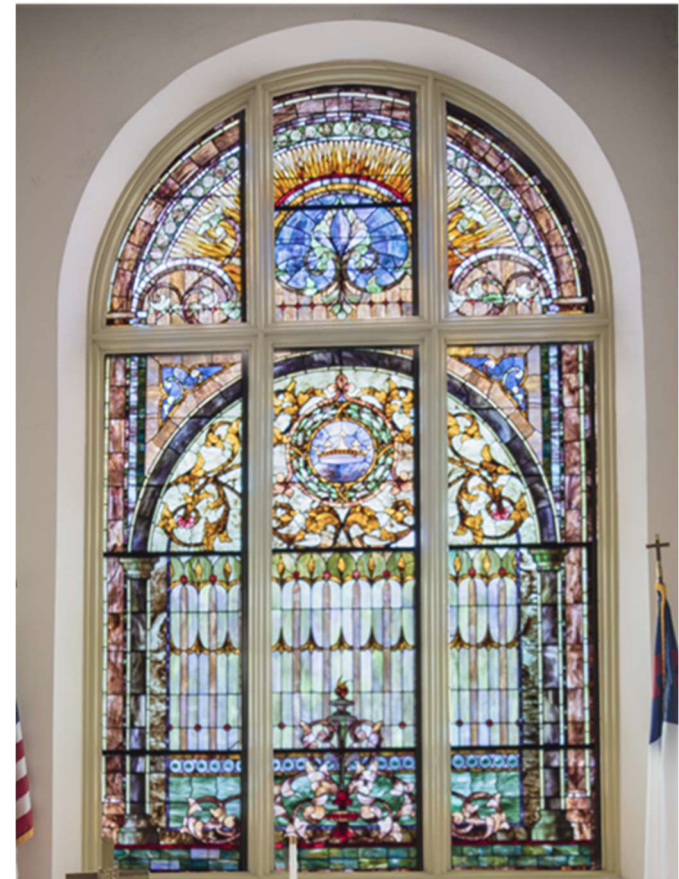
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Fri.)

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Centenary

United Methodist Church



**Corner of Middle & New Streets
New Bern, North Carolina**

May 18, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *The Gift of Love* - arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Call to Worship Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord in the heights!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

*Hymn *O Church of God, United*, #547

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

*Gospel John 13:31-35

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

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon *"The New Commandment"* Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

Hymn Sing

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Prayer of St. Francis* – Pote
Paul Saik

*Doxology #95

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations*, #428

*Benediction

Postlude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

(*) Indicates please stand as you are able.

Words printed in **bold** are to be prayed or read in unison.

Some Things I Tried – Knight

I laughed at difficulties and found them disappearing.
I accepted heavy responsibilities
and found them growing lighter.
I faced a bad situation and found it clearing up.
I told the truth and found it the easiest way out.
I did an honest day's work
and found it the most rewarding.
I believed that people were honest,
and I found them measuring up to my expectations.
I trusted God each day
and found Him surprising me with His goodness.