



*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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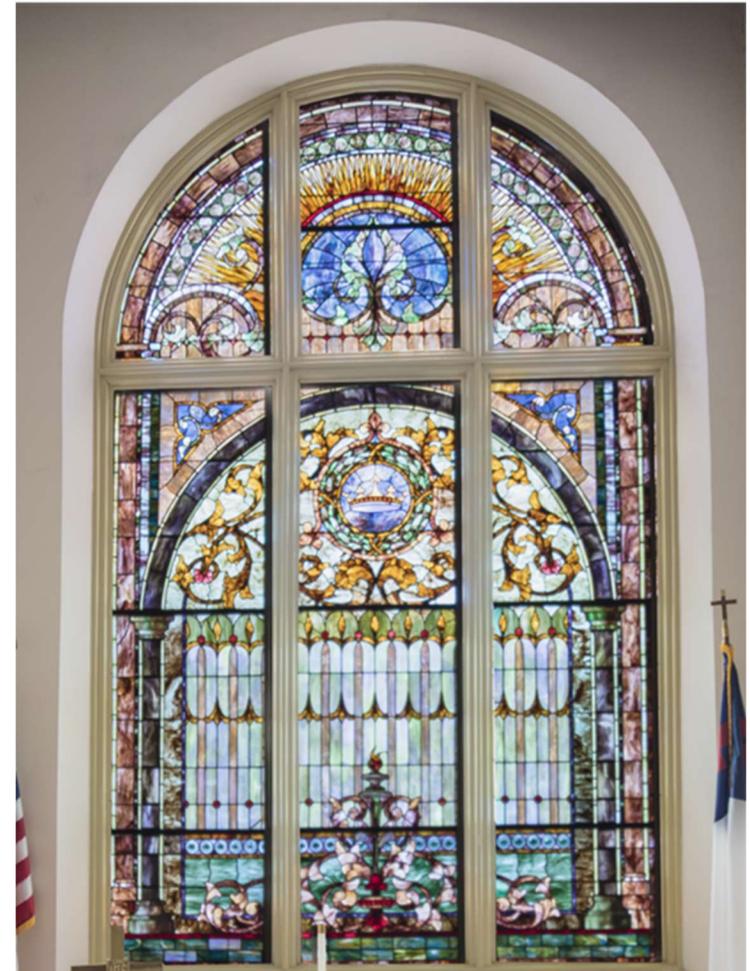
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# *Centenary*

## United Methodist Church



Corner of Middle & New Streets  
New Bern, North Carolina  
February 22, 2026 8:30 a.m.

# Order of Morning Worship

## First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

8:30 a.m.

### Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*- arr. Saik  
Paul Saik

\*Opening Prayer

Gracious God,  
we come to worship you with open hearts.  
Meet us with your mercy,  
shape us by your Spirit,  
and teach us to follow Jesus in all we say and do.  
By your Spirit make us one body,  
growing in faith, hope, and love.  
We offer you our lives again this day.  
Amen.

\*Hymn *A Mighty Fortress*, #110

### Receiving God's Word

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Reading Galatians 6:7-10

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

\*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon Carol Grantham

### Responding to God's Word

Hymn Sing

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Spirit Song* – arr. Saik  
Paul Saik

\*Doxology #95

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

### Going Forth to Serve

\*Hymn *Lamb of God (TFWS)*, #2113

\*Benediction

Postlude *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* – 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.

### The Meaning of Worship

To worship is:  
To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God.  
To feed the mind with the truth of God.  
To purge the imagination with the beauty of God.  
To open the heart to the love of God.  
To devote the will to the purpose of God.

-William Temple