



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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Our Staff:

- The Rev. Vann Spivey, Lead Pastor
- The Rev. Tyler Moore, Associate Pastor
- The Rev. Carol Grantham, Associate Pastor
- The Rev. Bill Sherman, Pastor Emeritus
- 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
- Patrick Riddick, Music Associate – 9:00 a.m.
- Sarah Risty-Davis, Children's Ministries
- Kathy Mitchell, Financial Administrator
- Liz Lopez, Church Administrator

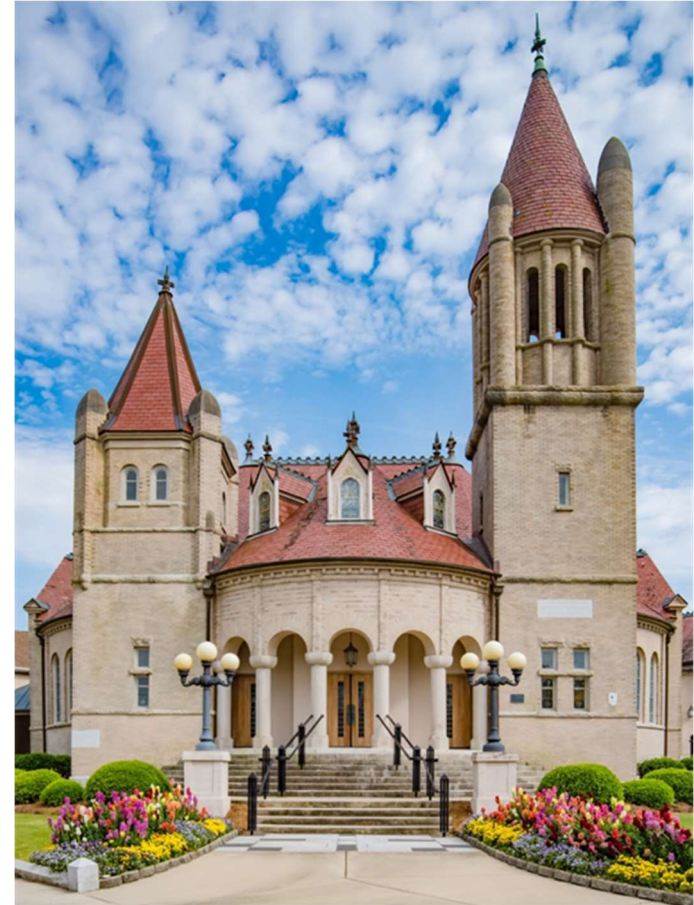
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Centenary

United Methodist Church



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

January 12, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Order of Morning Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul – Hamlin
Paul Saik

*Opening Prayer

**Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus
at his baptism in Jordan's water
you revealed him as the your own beloved Son.
You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
now and forever. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*, #139

Time With Young Disciples

Anthem *I Then Shall Live – Greer*
Sanctuary Choir

Receiving God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

*Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon "Off to a Good Start" Vann Spivey

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn *This Is A Day of New Beginnings*, #383

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Be Still My Soul* – arr. Saik
Paul Saik

*Doxology #95

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant #50

Going Forth to Serve

*Hymn *Spirit Song*, #347

*Benediction

Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

When in Our Music God is Glorified – Limbaugh
Paul Saik

Some New Year's Resolutions Worth Keeping

During the new year:

- I resolve to put Christ before my church and my church before my club.
- I resolve to put the spiritual before the material and the eternal before the temporal.
- I resolve to put God's Word before people's opinions.
- I resolve to put Christ before the creed.
- I resolve to put prayer before pleasure.
- I resolve to put the Savior before the teacher.
- I resolve to walk more by faith and trust and less by sight and reason.
- I resolve to live in order to give rather than to get.
- I resolve to strive to be good rather than great.
- I resolve to put more of God and less of myself in my work.

(*) 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.