



## 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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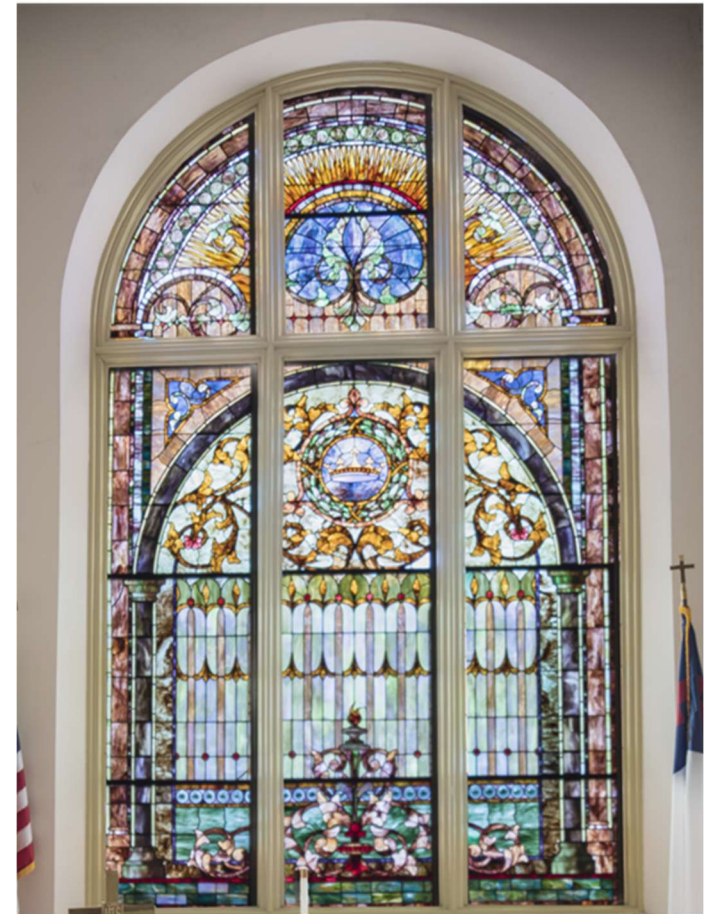
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# Centenary

## United Methodist Church



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

**February 23, 2025 8:30 a.m.**

# Order of Morning Worship

## Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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February 23, 2025

8:30 a.m.

### Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Freely, Freely*– arr. Saik  
Paul Saik

\*Opening Prayer

**Gracious and eternal God,  
Let the silent mystery of your Spirit  
surround, sustain, and excite us.  
Transform our gathering to your glory,  
and perfect our worship for your praise.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen**

\* Hymn *God of Love and God of Power* #578

### Receiving God's Word

First Reading Genesis 45:3-11,15

\*Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri #71

Sermon "The Freedom of Forgiveness" Vann Spivey

### Responding to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Faith (to the melody of #92) #85

Hymn Sing

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Hymn of Promise* – arr. Saik  
Paul Saik

\*Doxology #95

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

### Going Forth to Serve

Hymn

*May You Run and Not Be Weary (2X)* (TFWS) #2281

\*Benediction

Postlude *Here I Am, Lord* – arr. Saik  
Paul Saik

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### Scout Sunday

*The Scouting program at Centenary is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As Scouting America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Sea Scout Skippers and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership.*

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(\* ) 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.