

# Welcome Home!

## Third Sunday of Advent

A Modern Service of Lessons and Music

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December 15, 2024

9:00 a.m.

### Gathering to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Song *Christmas Monologue/ Won't You Come*

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Musical Response

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

### Receiving God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

Song

*Light of the World*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Second Reading

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Song

*Behold*

Third Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Song

*Manger Throne*

Fourth Reading

Haggai 2:6-9

Invitation to the Offering

Song of Thanksgiving

*Little Drummer Boy*

Fifth Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6

Song

*Today is the Saviour's Day*

Sixth Reading

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Song

*Silent Night (Be Still)*

Seventh Reading

Mark 1:1-15

### Going Forth to Serve

\*Song

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

\*Benediction

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### Please Join Us for Christmas at Centenary

#### Christmas Cantata

December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00<sup>am</sup> & 4:00<sup>pm</sup>  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00<sup>pm</sup> on  
ABC News channel 12  
*The Silence and the Sound*

#### Blue Christmas Worship

December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00<sup>pm</sup> – 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.

#### 71<sup>st</sup> Year of the Living Nativity

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00<sup>pm</sup> - 8:00<sup>pm</sup>  
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 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30<sup>pm</sup> -  
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<sup>pm</sup> – Family Worship  
(geared for children)  
6:00<sup>pm</sup> – Traditional worship ~  
candle lighting & Communion  
7:30<sup>pm</sup> to 8:30<sup>pm</sup> – Open table  
Communion  
11:00<sup>pm</sup> – Traditional worship ~  
candle lighting & Communion

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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.*



*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.

Scan to make an online offering:



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
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- Sarah Risty-Davis, Children's Ministries
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