



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

**PRELUDE:** *Mary Did You Know*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN:** Love Came Down at Christmas

**#242**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**INTROIT:** *Born In Bethlehem*

**\*HYMN:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**#229**

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

**P: We want him to be safe and sound.**

L: And when something unexpected happens, we are frightened.

**P: We wonder what we should have done differently.**

L: God, help us to remember that you are always with us.

**P: Let us trust your loving presence as we grow in faith and connection. Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Awesome God, abide within us on this day when the Word becomes flesh. We open ourselves to the light and long to offer our lives to your truth. Speak to us again through the Child of Bethlehem. Reach out to the child in each of us and hold us in the warmth of love's embrace. For this, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Anthem: HYMN SING***

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Luke 2:41-52

**\*HYMN: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

**#218**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

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***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN: The First Noel**

**#245**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: *O Come All Ye Faithful***

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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## **Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **December**

29--Jackson Louis Fallova

29--Rosie Kathleen Fallova

30--Anne Marie Lewis

31--James & Kathleen Burden--anniv

### **January**

2—Michele Cassaro, Bobby Meyer

O gracious and loving God, we come to you recognizing the wonders of life that you have given us. As winter falls around us, we pray that you will warm our hearts to your call and that we may truly live as your people, continually working for your kingdom on earth. Hear our prayers for your world; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves.

**<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>**

God, we are still feeling the Christmas glow. Our heads are filled with the sounds, smells, and memories of the joy and love and the stable and the baby in the manger. When we read about the twelve-year-old Jesus being left behind, we sometimes wish we didn't have to head back into the world. As we give you our last gifts of the year, help us see the mission you've put before us. Bethlehem is just the beginning of our work! We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.