



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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November 30th, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Dona Nobis Pacem

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SILENT PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

#2090 (vs 1)

***HYMN: Lo, how a Rose E'er Blooming**

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CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Once again, we begin the Advent Path that points us to Jesus' birth.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We see the signs and hear the words of hope and God Incarnate.

P: We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace.

P: May God bring that light to us today. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Prepare your way within us, O God, as the new year of life in your Church unfolds. Make us a people ready to receive you, to learn from you, to receive your gifts, and to live out your calling in mission. Guide us toward reconciliation rather than revenge, the well-being of all rather than the victory of the few. Speak to us of peace, O God, for we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: I Wonder as I Wander

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Luke 1:5-25

***HYMN: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

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THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***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: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

1--Jason Hill & Michele Cassaro--anniv

3--Joel Holcomb (Pastor)

4—Tammy Burdick, Quinton Foust

6—Sharen Holcomb

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, open us to your presence, O God. Free us from the seasonal sentimentality that turns our attention from your call to pursue peace and justice. Guide us toward reconciliation rather than revenge, the well-being of all rather than the victory of the few. Speak to us of peace, O God, for we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Since God has seen our needs and generously provided through the coming of Jesus into our world, let's take a moment to notice the needs around us. Remember, in Jesus, we have all we need to bring life, hope, and wholeness to the world. With trust in God, we can work together for peace and justice, guided by the Holy Spirit, as we give our tithes and gifts. Let's celebrate the incredible opportunity we have to be part of God's work!

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

Thank you, God of hope, for this season's promise. We are grateful for the generosity stirred in us by Christ's arrival into the world. May these gifts truly shine light on those in darkness, bring hope to those in despair, and deliver justice to the oppressed, as we offer them to you as an act of sharing your love with the world. Here, the proud are humbled, and the poor and broken are lifted up. May it be so across all your kingdom, we pray, as we dedicate ourselves to you. Amen.