



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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January 12th, 2025
Baptism of the Lord
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Shout to the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Morning Has Broken #145

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: *In His Time* *Carol DiMaggio*

***HYMN: How Great Thou Art** #77

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

P: God's love breaks through even the deepest darkness.

L: The light of God shines on us with new hope.

P: We are called to be people of compassion and justice.

L: Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

P: Prepare us to serve all your people and the world. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness, you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today, that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM: Till The Season Comes 'Round Again

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

***HYMN: Wade in the Water**

#2107

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

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: Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

#2184

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Awesome God

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays and Anniversaries

12--Keith & Kathy Hoffman--anniv

16—Pamela Berger

17—Kathleen Burden

Pastoral Care Coverage for January 13-22

Pastor Rebecca Richards (518) 223-2917

We gather today to worship and praise the God of awe and majesty. We encounter the God who knows us each by name and walks with us in love. We come to reaffirm the blessing we have received through our baptism. In baptism, we remember God's saving actions throughout history, and we have the opportunity to answer yes as God whispers our names. As a community of God, we gather today at the waters of baptism to reaffirm our commitment to Christ and experience the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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We hear again the story of Jesus giving himself more deeply into our lives through baptism and the opening of heaven's blessing upon him as he offered his life to God in prayer. Together, we who have heard the call to follow him in baptism also offer ourselves to the world and open ourselves to God's blessing every time we give ourselves more deeply to others. Through our tithes and offerings, as we approach the Table of Christ's self-giving, we renew our baptismal vows and affirm God's reign in our own lives as stewards of God's gifts. Let us bring our lives before God in the gifts we bring today.

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

Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.