



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Epiphany Sunday**

***GATHERING FOR WORSHIP***

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Star Child** #2095

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: Gather Us In** #2236

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

P: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is here.

L: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light.

P: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!

L: Let us celebrate the bright light of God's love in our lives.

P: Let us be those who bring the light of God's love to others. Amen.

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of promise and light, open our eyes this morning, that we may see your light in the darkness. Open our hearts, that we may perceive your promises of justice and righteousness. May we, like the Magi, have a star to guide us on our journey to find the one who will truly set us free. May this time of worship bring us closer to you, so that the good news of the birth of light and love will transform the world. Amen.

## ***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**\*HYMN: We Three Kings**

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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**

**COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE:**

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

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## Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

5—Sheryl Burke

6—Emily (JJ) Holcomb

7—Trevor LeVan, Penny Martiniano

9—Scott Burdick

Loving God, thank you for walking with each of us every day. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the year that's gone by and bring us encouragement and hope as we look ahead to the year to come. Bless the new promises we make in your name and let them grow strong through the ministry we share as your beloved Children. May this time of worship inspire us to stay connected and in close relationship with you, today and always. Amen.

## Center Brunswick UMC - YouTube

The giving and receiving of gifts at Christmas time are rooted in the ancient Church's celebration of this day. At Epiphany, the story is told again of those who come before the young Christ child, seeking to give, eager to present the very best to this young king. In the process, they proclaimed what the religious world could not conceive: that this one Child of humble birth and stature has come to bring God's saving love to all. May we consider well how our giving proclaims God's love for all.

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

God, the light of your wisdom and love shines for all who seek you, guiding us not with force, but with grace. Like the magi, we come bearing gifts, not to earn your favor, but in response to the gift of Christ you've given us. Use these offerings to reflect your light into dark places, so that others might be drawn to your love, your justice, and your joy. Keep us faithful in our seeking, generous in our sharing, and willing to be led wherever your star shines next. In Jesus' name, Amen.