



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206

SILENT PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE #2090 (vs 4)

BELL ANTHEM: Adeste Fideles

***HYMN: O Come All Ye Faithful** #234

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Be patient! Wait and watch for the Christ Child is coming.

P: We have gathered here this day to hear the good news.

L: Be at peace with one another.

P: Let love and wisdom pour over us.

L: Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

P: Holy One, touch our hearts that we may patiently listen to your words of love. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus Christ. As we get ready to welcome him into our hearts, guide us to truly understand what his coming means: bringing hope where there is emptiness, peace to those who are broken, abundant joy to replace sorrow, and love to shine in the darkness. Open our hearts so receive your blessings in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: Christmas Gift

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

Luke 2:8-20

***HYMN: Hark the Heral Angels Sing**

#240

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

BELL ANTHEM: We Three Kings

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 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: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

#230

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Away In a Manger

Bells

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

22 - Cherie Trainor

25 - Robert Burke

God of Love, in this quiet moment, we rest in Your presence. Calm our hearts, steady our breath, and make room within us for Christ's coming. Let Your Love take root in our silence and shine through us into the world. Amen.

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God of hope and promise: As we bring you our tithes and offerings today, many of us are feeling discouraged and searching for our path. We look for your sign, your son—not just as a reminder of history, but as a fresh direction, a beautiful revolution of love that begins in our hearts. May a resurrection of compassion awaken us, helping us look beyond ourselves and the endless desire for more that never truly satisfies. Guide us with your signs today, as we journey once again toward Bethlehem.

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

We celebrate your love, God of life, through these gifts and in the everyday lives we live, which enable us to share them. We sincerely offer all we have and humbly ask you to bless these symbols of our very selves, so that the world may receive your greatest gift of love in the Christ Child born to us each year. Amen.