



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**PRELUDE: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** #216

**SILENT PRAYER**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** #2090 (vs 1)

**INTROIT: *View the Present through the Promise***

**\*HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** #211

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Have you seen the Spark of Hope that God is placing among us?

**P: All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores, darkness, and fear.**

L: Look again.....the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

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

L: A long time ago, people were afraid, and God brought them light.

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

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**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.**

***Anthem: More Like You Carol DiMaggio***

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

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

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

**#196**

## **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**

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

### **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 Now, O Prince of Peace**

**#2232**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Shine, Jesus Shine**

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

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## **Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1--Jason Hill & Michele Cassaro--anniv

3--Joel Holcomb (Pastor)

4—Tammy Burdick, Quinton Foust

5--Tiffany-Hope Huerter

6--Sharen Holcomb

We can hardly believe it, O God. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape, and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, hearts, and spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises, for we ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### [Center Brunswick UMC - YouTube](#)

As God has seen our needs and provided for us all things in the coming of Jesus into our world, let us look at the world in need around us and realize that in Jesus, we have all that is needed to meet the world with life, hope, and wholeness. God is at work in the world, renewing, remaking, resurrecting, and bringing hope through faith, gifts, and the work of the church. We trust in God, and together, we work for peace and justice through the Holy Spirit as we offer our tithes and gifts. Let us rejoice in our God-given opportunity to share in God's work.

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

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