



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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January 5th, 2025
Epiphany: Second Sunday of Christmas

PRELUDE: Here I Am to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Gather Us In

#2236

SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT: *Jesus, the Light of the World*

***HYMN: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

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CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

P: We are called out of our darkness into light.

L: Lift up your eyes and look around.

P: We rejoice in the gift of light.

L: Come, let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

P: We come to encounter the Christ Child, the source of light and love. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of light and love, shine upon our lives as we welcome the mystery of your love. Guide us toward your true gift, for our hearts long to encounter with the holy. Quiet our expectations that we might be surprised by the unexpected. Open our eyes, that we might find you in unanticipated places. Shine your light upon us so that we might see you clearly and recognize your face in all people. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

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

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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: Grace Alone**

#2162

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: All Hail King Jesus

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

5—Sheryl Burke

6--Emily Holcomb

7—Trevor LeVan, Penny Martiniano

9—Scott Burdick

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

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The giving and receiving of gifts at Christmas time is born of the ancient Church's celebration of this very 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 how our giving proclaims God's love for all as the Table is ready.

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Thank you, God of Love, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity aroused in us by Christ's coming into the world. We bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see and be brought into the kingdom of your love and righteousness. Amen.