



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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December 15th, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE: *My Peace*

Carol DiMaggio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Prepare the Way of the Lord

#207

SILENT PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

#2090 (vs 3)

JUBILATION STATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

***HYMN: I Will Enter His Gates**

#2270

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

P: Even when we turn our backs on God, god is still with us.

L: God's love is forever. You are beloved.

P: Even when we behave contrary to what God would have us do.

L: God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

P: Praise be to God for such wondrous love. AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and spirits to your love; we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: Waiting for the Promise

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 3:7-18

***HYMN: The King of Glory Comes**

#2091

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY**

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: Angels We Have Heard on High**

#238 (vs. 1-3)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Away in a Manger*

Kathy Pagano Violin

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

Celebrate the Birthdays of loved ones.

God of Love and Light shines through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, and our spirits for the peace you bring. Fill us with laughter and shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love you surround us with. We offer this prayer in the name of the One coming into the world, bringing your hope, peace, joy, and love. Amen

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God of Advent joy, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your transformative call. In this season of anticipation, may our gifts help mend what is broken and share the promise of redemption. Empower us to live fully present, giving generously and acting justly. Let these offerings be seeds of hope and joy that draw us closer to your kingdom.

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

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Bless our giving so that it may reflect your love and bring light to our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.