

CENTER BRUNSWICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 24th, 2024 Christmas Eve GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Do You Hear What I Hear

WELCOME

*HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High #238

INTROIT: Night of Miracles, Night of Grace

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN: Advent Song #2090 vs 5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!
- P: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.
- L: Our souls sing out God's praise!
- P: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.
- L: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!
- P: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. AMEN.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of grace, we come tonight with anticipation to see the babe who will change our lives. We hear the names "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," and "Prince of Peace," and we are in awe. You have touched the earth this night with your unconditional love. Touch our hearts, minds, and souls. May we never tire of this story. May we never take it for granted. Make this night magical again. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-7 – A Great Light

*HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain #251

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-35 – Jesus Birth Foretold

*HYMN: What Child is This #219

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-20 – The Birth of Jesus

CHOIR ANTHEM Born in Bethlehem

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION - Pastor Joel Holcomb

*HYMN: Good Christian Friends Rejoice #224

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

SHARING OUR LIGHT WITH THE WORLD

As the candles are lit, we will join in singing *Silent Night* (#239). We will continue singing until all candles are lit and finish with the first verse.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*HYMN: Joy to the World #246

*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.
