



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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December 22nd, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE: *O Holy Night*

Carol DiMaggio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Star-Child

#2095

SILENT PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

#2090 (vs 4)

BELL CHOIR: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

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

#234 (vs 1-3)

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The time is very near! How quickly it has come upon us!

P: We are breathless. Still, so much to be done.

L: Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news.

P: Open our ears to hear Mary's Story

L: Believe in the good news!

P: We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us! AMEN.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and spirits today to receive your love for us with great joy, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem: Mary Did You Know

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

Luke 1:39-55

***HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

#230 (1, 2, 4)

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: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

#240

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

22—Cherie Trainor

25—Robert Burke

God of all love, our hearts await your coming. Make your way within us, we pray, as we offer to you our prayers and songs and promises. In these sacred moments, may we be nourished by your life-giving love. We offer ourselves to you in hope and expectation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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In response to the news that she would bear God's Son, Mary offered herself as God's servant and then sang a song celebrating her selection to help bring God's realm on earth. We have been chosen to continue to build up the kingdom of God, so we, too, have reason to celebrate. Having praised God through song and scripture, let us now offer our tangible signs of gratitude, confident that God's promises will be fulfilled through the ministries supported by our gifts.

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

God of grace and wonder, we offer these gifts in response to your call. As Mary responded with faith, we, too, say, "Here we are, let it be to us." Use these offerings to further your kingdom on earth. Empower us to be bearers of Christ's presence, bringing hope and love to our community. May our giving reflect the promise of Emmanuel, God with us, and bring light and joy in this Advent season. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.