



# Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

***Rev. Dr. Temaris L. Moore, Pastor***

December 1, 2024  
1st Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church

We are happy you are here today.  
The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Temaris

ADVENT SONG

**Advent's Holy Light** (Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

READING FOR 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sourwine Family

*Reader 1:* From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, "The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah." Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

***Congregation:* While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

*Reader 2:* We light this first purple candle, the candle of hope, as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here the days - when God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

\*HYMN

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (Vs. 1,2,4)

UMH 211

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Laura Jaskot

**Holy God, we are busy with many preparations during this Advent season. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Our main preparation should be for the coming king, the baby in the manger. Center us during this service and during the weeks ahead. Amen.** ~Adapted from Beth M. Neel, *Hold Fast to What is Good*

HYMN

**Come, Ye Thankful People Come**

UMH 694

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Cindy Borgstrom

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the scriptures are read and the word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today - the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

~www.caldwellpresby.com

\*PSALTER Led by Cindy Borgstrom

Psalm 25:1-10

UMH 756

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

Laura Jaskot

ANTHEM

*Would You Bring a Song? (R. Lau)*

Sanctuary Choir

THE MESSAGE

*The Wait*

Pastor Temaris

### WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Laura Jaskot

Thanks to you, Lord, I can face tomorrow. You are the Christ, and you are the way.

**Thanks to you, Lord, I can endure all things. You're my redeemer and I love you today.**

I give thanks to you, Lord and I can trust the future. You are the potter, I am the clay.

**I give thanks, Lord for my salvation is sure. You are my Father; unto you I will pray.**

Hallelujah is my praise to sing. Hallelujah to my God above.

**Hallelujah to my master and king. Hallelujah to the Jesus I love.**

Thanks to you, Lord, I have life eternal. You are my Savior and I'm saved by grace.

**Thanks to you, Lord, I give you my all. You're my provider and mine to embrace.**

I give thanks to you, Lord, you make all things clear. You are my comforter, in you I will pray.

**I give thanks to you, Lord and I have nothing to fear. You are the word, the truth and the way.**

~ adapted from the poem, *Thanks To You, Lord*, by Ed Schults

Now let us pray for our own needs and those of others dear to our hearts.

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

### WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

UMH 12

CONFESSION and PARDON

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

*In His Time*

TFWS 2203

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Temaris

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*HYMN

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

UMH 196

\*WORDS OF BLESSINGS (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.** ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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\*\* The bulletin this morning is dedicated to Spike and Jean. \*\*

\*\* The Communion offering today goes for Office Expenses! \*\*



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Angie Gallagher, Doug Papp, Tom & Linda McElwain, Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway Travis Montone, Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Susan Curlett, Faye Habingreither, Carolyn Shinn, Dana Painter, Christine Ivanov, Tony Hoffman

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the list from previous weeks.

Visit the church website ([www.broadstumc.org](http://www.broadstumc.org)) for more information on upcoming activities.

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*Thank You*

**A note from Carolyn Shinn:**

“I wish to thank all my church family for their prayers and get-well cards that I have received since being here at Masonic Village for rehab for my broken hip. I especially want to thank Pastor Temaris for her concern and keeping in contact with my family. She is a wonderful and caring pastor and I appreciate her taking time to pray for me. Thank each and every one of us for your prayers. May God bless all of you. Carolyn Shinn”

**A note from Susan Curlett:**

“Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and thoughts. Susan Curlett”

# Announcements

## Giving Tree!

Please take a tag (or two!) from the Giving Tree and purchase what is written on the tag. Bring your UNWRAPPED purchase to church by Sunday, December 15. We will divide the items between The Sisterhood and The Ladle of Love (St. Mary's Episcopal Church). Make this a part of your Christmas season as we give to those less fortunate.

## Poinsettia Order Reminder

We are excited to announce that it's time to place your orders for poinsettias! Please pick up an order form at the back of the sanctuary or find it included in this week's bulletin. This year, we plan to display the poinsettias on the altar on December 22nd. If you prefer them to be displayed for the cantata on the 15th, please let us know soon so we can adjust the order deadline accordingly.

Order Deadline: Please return your completed forms by one week prior to the display date.

We will be purchasing the poinsettias from local stores such as Home Depot, Lowe's, or Produce Junction to ensure they are affordable. Options for both pick-up and delivery are available, as noted on the form. The form is in a Word document so that any necessary changes can be made easily. Thank you for adding beauty to our sanctuary this holiday season!



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*Season of*

# ADVENT

**HOPE**

**'The Prophecy  
Candle'**

the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well.

**1st  
DEC**

**PEACE**

**'The Bethlehem  
Candle'**

this candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.

**8th  
DEC**

**JOY**

**'The Shepherd's  
Candle'**

the third Sunday of Advent takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

**15th  
DEC**

**LOVE**

**'The Angel's  
Candle'**

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us.

**22nd  
DEC**



5 - Day Devotional

# THE WAIT

## First Week of Advent

*Radiant Reflections with Pastor Temaris*

Week of December 1, 2024

### Devotional Summary:

This week's devotional has guided us through Jesus' teachings about the signs of the end times and how we should prepare. We've explored recognizing the signs, embracing the promise of redemption, learning from creation, guarding against spiritual lethargy, and maintaining a posture of vigilance and prayer. As we wait for His return, let these lessons deepen our resolve to live faithfully and watchfully, ensuring we are ready to meet our Lord whenever He appears.

### Day 1: Recognizing the Signs

**Scripture:** Luke 21: 25-26

**Reflection:** The signs of Christ's return are likened to cosmic disturbances, stirring both awe and fear. In your life, what disruptions have prompted you to reflect more deeply on your spiritual state? How can you use these moments to realign with God's purposes?

**Prayer:** Lord, grant me the wisdom to discern the signs of these times and the strength to remain focused on You amid chaos.

**Action Step:** Write down recent personal or global events that have challenged or deepened your faith. Reflect on how these can be signs to draw you closer to God.

### Day 2: The Redemption Draws Near

**Scripture:** Luke 21: 27-28

**Reflection:** The imagery of Christ returning in glory contrasts sharply with our daily realities. How does the certainty of Jesus' return affect your everyday choices and interactions? How can this promise of redemption transform the way you view your trials and challenges?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, infuse my daily life with the joy and expectation of Your return. Help me to live each day as though it were the day of Your coming.

**Action Step:** Share the promise of Christ's return with a friend or family member who is struggling, offering them hope and a new perspective on their difficulties.

### Day 3: The Lesson of the Fig Tree

**Scripture:** Luke 21:29-31

**Reflection:** Just as the budding of trees signals the arrival of summer, so too do the events described by Jesus signal the nearness of God's kingdom. Consider the signs in your own life that remind you of God's nearness. What "budding" can you observe in your spiritual journey that reassures you of His imminent return?

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to see the tangible signs of Your presence and kingdom in my life and world.

**Action Step:** Identify signs of spiritual "budding" in your community or church. Participate in or initiate a project that embodies the growth and flourishing of God's kingdom.

### Day 4: Be Careful, or Your Hearts Will Be Weighed Down

**Scripture:** Luke 21:34-35

**Reflection:** Life's pleasures and pressures can easily distract us from our spiritual vigilance. What habits or worries are weighing you down, potentially stealing your focus from Christ's teachings and His return?

**Prayer:** Father, help me to shed the burdens and distractions that cloud my spiritual vision. Teach me to live light and free in the anticipation of Your kingdom.

**Action Step:** List the distractions or anxieties currently dominating your life. Choose one to prayerfully address this week, seeking God's help to overcome or manage it more effectively.

### Day 5: Watch & Pray

**Scripture:** Luke 21:36

**Reflection:** Vigilance in prayer is essential as we anticipate Jesus' return. How can you cultivate a disciplined prayer life that keeps you spiritually awake and prepared?

**Prayer:** Lord, instill in me a spirit of watchfulness. May my prayer life be a robust, daily reflection of my readiness to meet You.

**Action Step:** Commit to a specific time each day for the next month to engage in prayerful watchfulness, using this time to seek God's guidance and fortify your spirit for whatever lies ahead.

### Reflection

# CALENDAR

**This Week:**

***Tuesday***

*Bible Study – 6:30 PM, Lucas Hall*

***Thursday***

*Sanctuary Choir Practice ~ 7 PM, Lucas Hall*

**Planning ahead... mark your calendars**

***Saturday, December 7, 2024***

*Annual Christmas Tea 12 Noon – 3:00 PM*

***Sunday, December 15, 2024***

*Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata  
11:00 AM during worship Sunday,*

***Sunday, December 15, 2024***

*Advent Covered Dish Dinner 4:00 PM*

***Sunday, December 22, 2024***

*Blue Christmas Service 7:00 PM*

***Tuesday, December 24, 2024***

*Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM*

