



Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

Rev. Dr. Temaris L. Moore, Pastor

December 29, 2024

First Sunday After Christmas

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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
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Temaris

We are God's beloved people!

Called to lives of kindness, humility and compassion!

God seeks to clothe us with love and to bind us together in harmony.

God desires that we bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgives.

We are God's beloved people!

Called to lives of peace and patience, called to live with grateful hearts. We worship the God who calls us beloved! (UM Discipleship 2012)

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	UMH 238
PRAYER (pray together)		Rob Danser

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in Your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of Your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for You in Your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son. Amen. (Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters)

HYMN	<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	UMH 242
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
HYMN	<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i> (v.1,3,4)	UMH 237

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)	Cyrrus Bernaldes
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God of light, You have revealed Your very self to us in Your Son Jesus Christ, Your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to Your revelation once again, that in the words of Your holy scripture we might know Your presence and follow in Your light always. Amen. .(liturgylink)

*PSALTER Psalm 148: 1-14. (read responsively) (led by Cyrrus Bernaldes)		UMH 861-2
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Colossians 3:12-17	Rob Danser
ANTHEM	<i>The Coventry Carol</i> (arranged by Salli Terri)	Sanctuary Choir
THE MESSAGE	Living the Christmas Message	Pastor Temaris

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively) Cyrrus Bernaldes

Nurturing God, remembering the exile of the holy family and Herod's slaughter of the children, we remember all who need Your sustaining love this day, and our support.

For parents, children, and families, who need food, clothes, shelter, and encouragement. Hear our prayers for the church and community in this world.

Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy, and find their homes in the garden of justice and hope, that we may experience the fullness of life, which is Your will for all.

Enable us all to be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Help us bear one another and forgive each other as the Lord has forgiven us. Clothe us with love, and let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and minds. Unite us and bind us together in Your Perfect Love. Amen.

Now let us pray for those dear to our hearts.

We pray for _____ Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Pastor Temaris

OFFERTORY HYMN ***Love Has Come*** (Bring A Torch)

Love has come a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises, Love! Love!
Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love!
Glory to God on high.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus with In and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love!
Praise to You, God on high!

OFFERING

UMH 95

*DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

Lord of Light and Love, we offer these gifts with hearts transformed by the miracle of Your son's birth. As the shepherds returned with joy and praise, may these offerings spread Your joy and love. Use them to bless those in need, to bring hope and peace, and to further Your kingdom here on earth. In this season of Christmas, may we continue to glorify and praise You in all we do. In Jesus's name, we pray. **Amen.**

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (verses 1,3,5)

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone a stray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

*WORDS OF BLESSING (pray responsively)

Pastor Temaris

People who have been found, loved, and forgiven, go into God's world bringing messages of peace, love and hope to all you meet. Be prepared for lives of service, helping others in all kinds of needs and situations. Go in peace. **Amen.**
(Nancy C. Townley 2021 Ministry Matters)

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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Bulletin Dedication

The bulletin this morning is dedicated by Spike & Jean Tomer



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Angie Gallagher, Tom & Linda McElwain,
Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway Travis Montone,
Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Susan Curlett, Carolyn Shinn, Dana Painter, Tony Hoffman,
Pastor Hilda Covington

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the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:
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Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.



Living the Christmas Message!

Radiant Reflections with Pastor Tamaris

5 - Day Devotional

Week of December 29, 2024

Devotional Summary:

Through this week's devotional, we will explore how to live the Christmas message every day by adopting and applying Christ-like virtues in practical, impactful ways. Let's carry the spirit of Christmas into every day of the coming year, transforming our lives and those around us with God's love and grace.

Day 1: Clothed in Compassion

Scripture: Colossians 3:12

Reflection: Compassion is more than feeling sympathy; it's about taking concrete actions to alleviate others' suffering. During this festive season, while many rejoice, some struggle silently. How can you extend your compassion to include them?

Prayer: Lord, help me to wear compassion as a garment, seeing and alleviating the suffering of those around me, just as You do.

Action Step: Make a point to perform at least one act of compassion today, whether it's donating to a charity, helping a neighbor, or simply offering a listening ear to someone who needs it.

Day 2: Bearing with One Another

Scripture: Colossians 3:13

Reflection: Forgiveness is a cornerstone of Christian faith, reflecting God's forgiveness towards us. Think about someone who may have wronged you this year. What steps can you take to mend that relationship?

Prayer: Father, empower me to forgive others fully and foster reconciliation, just as You have forgiven me countless times.

Action Step: Write a letter of forgiveness to someone. You don't have to send it, but use it as a step toward letting go of the grudge.

Day 3: Ruling Peace

Scripture: Colossians 3:15

Reflection: In the hustle of the season, peace can be elusive. How can you cultivate a heart of peace, acting as a peacemaker in your community?

Prayer: Lord, let Your divine peace permeate my heart and extend through me to every person I encounter.

Action Step: Commit to a daily practice of peace for today. This could be meditating on a peaceful passage of Scripture, practicing deep breathing, or resolving a small conflict.

Day 4: Teaching and Admonishing

Scripture: Colossians 3:16

Reflection: Teaching and admonishing with wisdom can strengthen the faith community. How can you use your understanding of the gospel to uplift others?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may Your words dwell richly in me, enabling me to share Your wisdom and joy with others through my words and actions.

Action Step: Share a favorite Bible verse or Christmas hymn on social media or with friends and family to inspire others.

Day 5: Whatever You Do

Scripture: Colossians 3:17

Reflection: Every action and word offers an opportunity to glorify God. How can you ensure your daily activities—both big and small—reflect your faith and gratitude?

Prayer: Lord, guide me in all my actions and words to reflect Your love and grace, making my life a continuous act of worship to You.

Action Step: Challenge yourself to consciously dedicate every activity today to God, from mundane tasks to significant decisions, and notice how this intentionality changes your perspective and impact.

Reflection

CALENDAR

Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM

*Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM
(September - mid-June)*

*Tuesdays - 6:30 PM
Bible Study in Lucas Hall*

*Thursdays - 6 PM
Praise Band Practice in Lucas Hall*

*Thursdays - 7 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Lucas Hall*

*Sunday, February 2 - Soup Sunday
Following worship in Lucas Hall*

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