



# Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

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

February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome! 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Temaris

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Pastor Temaris

Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

**Jesus will offer hope.**

Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

**Jesus will bring us healing.**

Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

**Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.**

Written by Nancy C. Townley

\*HYMN

***Just as I Am, Without One Plea*** (vs. 1, 5, & 6)

UMH 357

OPENING PRAYER (pray responsively)

Laura Jaskot

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

**We bring hope for health and wholeness.**

What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?

**From illness and injury.**

Emotional pain?

**From sad and scary life situations.**

Mental pain?

**From diseases of many kinds.**

With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

**But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.**

In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" \* interrupts Jesus

**and Jesus frees him.**

And where does the miracle of his story and our stories begin?

**When we bring all of who we are: hopeful, afflicted, bold into relationship with the Divine.**

So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves

**hopeful, afflicted, and bold**

Come, let us worship!

Written by Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel

HYMN

**There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood** (vs. 1, 4, & 5)

UMH 622

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Doug Papp

**Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.**

**Open our minds and hearts to be changed.**

**Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.**

**Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen**

Written by Amy Loving

PSALTER

Psalm 71:1-12 led by Laura Jaskot

UMH 794

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Doug Papp

ANTHEM

**Bread of the World** (Dennis Eliot)

Sanctuary Choir

THE MESSAGE

***Love's Brightest Light***

Pastor Temaris

HYMN

***There's Something About that Name***

UMH 171

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Laura Jaskot

Lord, we settle comfortably in our familiar places; but let us not be a settled people.

**Lord, awaken us.**

Open our eyes and ears to all the opportunities before us to reach out to those who need our help.

**Lord, alert us to the possibilities of taking risks to follow Jesus where we would rather not go.**

Gracious God, give us the courage to confront our doubts that we might have a growing faith in the love of God.

**Lord, give us courage, faith and love for You.**

We pray for wisdom, a listening ear, a caring heart, and strength to serve You and others, wherever You call us to go and be.

**Lord, heal and help us all today.**

And now, Lord, we bring You the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer. Amen.** *Homiletics/April 2015 page 67*

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION		UMH 12
CONFESSION and PARDON		
THE PEACE		
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY HYMN	<b>Nothing but the Blood</b> (vs. 1 & 4)	UMH 362
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	<b>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</b>	UMH 196
*WORDS OF BLESSINGS	(pray responsively)	Pastor Temaris
Go forth replenished by the grace and mercy of God, blessed by the healing love of Jesus, energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. <b>Amen.</b> written by Moira Laidlaw		

POSTLUDE Judy Schetler

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### Bulletin Dedication

The bulletin this morning is dedicated in loving memory of my sister, Louise Evans, given by Doris Waitz.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Angie Gallagher, Tom & Linda McElwain, Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway, Travis Montone, Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Susan Curlett, Carolyn Shinn, Dana Painter, Tony Hoffman, Pastor Hilda Covington, The family of Faye Habingreither at her recent death, and Mike Levesque's family at his recent death

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 prayer list in previous weeks.

## Announcements



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# Soup Sunday

Sunday, February 2, 2025 @ 12:30PM

Join us for a delicious meal of soup  
following the worship service.

We will be creating a Lenten Devotional.

The theme will be

"What does the cross mean to you?"

We will have paper and online forms for you to  
create and submit your devotional.

Submissions are due by Sunday, February 23rd.

Please see Helen Rainier for more information.

*Call for Submissions*



# LOVE'S BRIGHTEST LIGHT

5 - Day Devotional

Week of February 2, 2025

**Devotional Summary:** Through this week of reflection on 1 Corinthians 13 within the context of Epiphany, may the brightness of Christ's love illuminate your path. As you walk in His light, may you radiate this love to everyone you encounter, embodying the brightest light of all unconditional, everlasting love.

## **Day 1: The Foundation of Love**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

**Reflection:** Paul emphasizes that without love, our actions and sacrifices are empty. As Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation to the world through Christ, we too are called to manifest His love in all our actions.

**Prayer:** Lord, let my life be grounded in Your love. May my words, deeds, and all that I am echo Your profound love to those around me.

**Action Step:** Reflect on your daily interactions. Identify one way you can show more heartfelt kindness and love today.

## **Day 2: Love's Qualities**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

**Reflection:** Reflection: Love is patient, kind, and selfless. During Epiphany, as we reflect on how Christ's life exemplified these qualities, consider how you can embody these traits in your relationships.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, cultivate in me the qualities of love described by Paul. Help me to be patient, kind, and always hopeful in my dealings with others.

**Action Step:** Choose one attribute of love from the passage to focus on today. Practice it intentionally in all your interactions.

### Day 3: Love Never Fails

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

**Reflection:** Love is eternal. While knowledge and prophecies will pass away, love endures forever. As we celebrate the eternal nature of Christ's divinity this Epiphany, let us embrace the everlasting nature of love in our lives.

**Prayer:** God, thank You for the enduring gift of love, which never fails. Help me to rely on Your eternal love as I face the transient challenges of life.

**Action Step:** Reach out to someone who is struggling and offer an encouraging word or deed, showing them the enduring nature of Christian love.

### Day 4: Growing into Perfection

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

**Reflection:** Just as we grow in understanding and maturity, so must our expression of love evolve. Epiphany is a season of growth and revelation—may it also be a time where our capacity to love matures.

**Prayer:** Lord, as I grow in my faith and understanding, let my ability to love mature as well. Replace my childish ways with the maturity of true love.

**Action Step:** Reflect on how your understanding of love has changed over the years. Commit to a new way you can show mature love to others today.

### Day 5: The Greatest of These

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Reflection:** Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love. In this season of Epiphany, as we recognize the supreme power of Christ's manifestation, let us also acknowledge that love is the greatest manifestation in our lives.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, instill in me a deep and abiding love that surpasses all else. May love guide my every action and every word.

**Action Step:** Today, make an effort to express your love through acts of faith and hope. Let your actions reflect the primacy of love in your life.

### Reflection

# CALENDAR

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

***Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM***

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

***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***

***Sunday, February 16 - Administrative Board  
Meeting following worship in Lucas Hall***

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