



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

January 3, 2016

# *Living Abundantly*

## Pajamuary Sunday

**Welcome!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship today.

**Visitors:** Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

**Inclusive Language** Here at Broadway we have an inclusive language policy that recognizes and affirms the full range of diversity among persons engaged in the communication process. We are intentional that our imagery of God as well as our liturgy reflect that inclusiveness. *We use a variety of pronouns for God, just as our community uses a variety of pronouns as we grow and learn beyond the binary. In the spirit of hospitality, please ask others for their preferred pronoun.* The pastors are available to answer any questions you might have regarding the policy. The entire inclusive language policy can be found on the website. A further resource by Paul Smith, *Is it Okay to call God Mother?* is available through the church office.

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Stewardship Cards:** As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

**Song numbers** with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

**Giving** Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses — both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can in the year ahead. To give online, visit us at [broadwaychurchchicago.com/give](http://broadwaychurchchicago.com/give) or scan the QR code at right. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!



**Words of Centering**

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

**Music of Gathering**

**\*Call to Worship**

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**Too long we've gone the wrong way...Followed the wrong stars!**

We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

**Star of Wonder...**

We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

**Star of Light...**

We even went North following our own visions, our own intuition, and our own way.

**Star with Royal Beauty Bright...**

Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

**The Star of Hope.**

The Star of Peace.

**The Star of Joy.**

The Star of Love.

**The Star that is You.**

**\*Singing Together**

**“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”** ..... FS 2096

**Opening Prayer**

**God with us, God revealed in us, God hidden within our hearts, Show forth among us, Be manifest here this day, Great God of the Epiphany, this day reveal your salvation to the poor who hunger for your nourishment, to the seekers who travel across deserts for your drink, to us gathered here, who desire you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **Welcome Statement of Community and Connection**

[Congregational Response:] **Yes, I am welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

(Don't forget to check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC. Wifi password is 7733482679.)

## **God's Story in Scripture**

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth — which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod — astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage." At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me — so that I may go and offer homage, too." After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **2016 Stewardship: Celebrating Abundant Life**

### **Call to Offering**

### **The Offering of Gifts**

*[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]*

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.**

**The Offering Of Music**

**“Every Praise”** (by Hezekiah Walker)

[The Broadway Choir]

**\*The Presentation of Offerings**

**\*Doxología**..... (tune # 95)

**A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor  
Y al eternal Consolador Unidos todos alabad.**

**\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of Dreams and Visions,  
Take these offerings of money and turn them into vision;  
vision of all people fed, vision of all people safe,  
vision of all people housed, vision of all people educated. Amen.

**Reflection: “The Pajamas of My Dreams”**

[Rev. Alka Lyall]

**Prayer of Response**

**“The Work of Christmas”** (by Howard Thurman)

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
**when the star in the sky is gone,**  
when the kings and princes are home,  
**when the shepherds are back with their flocks,**  
the work of Christmas begins:  
**to find the lost,**  
to heal the broken,  
**to feed the hungry,**

[continued...]

to release the prisoner,  
**to rebuild the nations,**  
to bring peace among the people,  
**to make music in the heart.**

**God hear our prayer and our dreams. AMEN.**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

## **Announcements, News of the Congregation, and “Sign-ups”**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

**“Cuando El Pobre (When the Poor Ones)”** ..... # 434

### **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

#### **LITURGICAL RESOURCES**

**Liturgy** adapted from [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org).

**Scripture** from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

## **TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** All the People

**Pianist:** Mark Slima

**Broadway Choir Director:** Jacqueline Boyd

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK — JANUARY 4 TO 9, 2016

**Office Hours** The Office Manager will be out of the office **through January 8**. Please direct correspondence to one of the pastors if you need a response before January 11. Otherwise, she will be returning messages the week of January 11.

**Alka's Angle and Vernice's View** Revs. Alka and Vernice share thoughts each alternating week through the **weekly Monday e-news**. If you aren't already subscribed to our e-news, click the mailing list link either on our website or on our facebook page, or contact the office. (**Weekly e-news will resume on January 11, 2016.**)

**Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Sanctuary Prayer** is open to the church and community **each Wednesday at 5:30pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation. **WNL! Guided Meditation** in the Sanctuary at **6:00pm on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation.

**WNL! New Study** Our Fast Track Bible Study will begin again on **Wednesday, January 6th at 7pm** as we start our New Testament Disciple Bible Study. There are still study manuals and room if you care to join us. All are invited and welcome!

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### NEXT SUNDAY — JANUARY 10, 2016

**Living Abundantly**                      **Preaching:** Student Pastors Taylor Gould and Tonks Lynch

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**2016 Budget** Hello Broadway Family, Please mark **Sunday, January 10th** on your calendars. Immediately after the 11:00 AM service on that date, we will be having a Congregational Meeting to discuss the 2016 Budget. I strongly encourage everyone to be there and participate as we plan for Broadway's future. Hope to see you there! Maurice Gillespie, Money Ministry Chair; and the Money Ministry Team.

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### COMING SOON

**Winter Warming** **Saturday, January 16, 2016**, at First UMC of Arlington Heights. See insert for more details.

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<b>Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of January 3, 2016</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m. <b>Festival Service: Holy Communion</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>January 3</b>	5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall] 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C] 6:30 p.m. Eclectic Full Contact Theatre [Wesley Room] 7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B]
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m. Eclectic Full Contact Theatre [Sanctuary]
<b>January 4</b>	7:30 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>January 5</b>	7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>January 6</b>	5:30 p.m. <b>Open Sanctuary</b> [Sanctuary] 6:00 p.m. <b>Guided Meditation</b> [Sanctuary] 6:30 p.m. Eclectic Full Contact Theatre [Area C] 7:00 p.m. <b>Fast Track Bible Study +</b> [Sanctuary] 6:00 p.m. <b>Youth Lounge 101</b> [Room A] 7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B] 8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m. <b>Broadway Choir</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>January 7</b>	7:00 p.m. Eclectic Full Contact Theatre [Area C]
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>January 8</b>	6:30 p.m. Eclectic Full Contact Theatre [Sanctuary] 7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m. <b>Youth Lounge</b> [Area C]
<b>January 9</b>	8:30 p.m. Twelfth Night celebration (outside group) [Friendship Hall]

**Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities**

\*Community Group

+ see announcements

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### **BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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