



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

December 3, 2017

## First Sunday of Advent

### Make Ready a People: #morehope

**Welcome!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion today. The United Methodist Church practices “open communion” which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament.

**Visitors:** Please record your address, as well as your name, on the registers. We’d like to send you a greeting!

**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 pastoral team is 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 is Paul Smith’s book, *Is it Okay to call God Mother?*.

**Nursery:** Children of all ages are welcome in worship. When children need a break, parents can take them to our unstaffed nursery room next to the Sanctuary.

**Safe Sanctuary:** Our young people are fantastic, and we know that you want to take pictures/videos of them, but please help keep our youth safe and do not share photos/videos of them in any public forum (i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Thank you!

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

**Prayer/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. You may choose to have the card added to the prayer wall or to be viewed ONLY by the pastoral team. 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:** God is inviting you to specific ministry of sharing your resources. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. 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

"It was just another day at the temple for Zechariah. But it turned into something quite different when an angel showed up at the altar. Have you ever had a moment in your life after which you knew nothing would ever be the same? In the midst of great change, hope is always a welcome thing. Advent reminds us that God makes us ready for whatever unknown may come our way and calls us to be messengers of #morehope in an ever-changing world." ~ Marcia McFee

# WE GATHER

## Music of Gathering

## Announcements

## Introduction

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye  
There are messages of [hope] coming from a choir on high  
But don't just look up; for the way God works  
is to plant more [hope] right here on earth just like it was with Jesus birth.

There are angels among us, there are angels among us,  
there are angels among us, bringing [hope] on earth.

Do not be afraid, Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid, Do not be afraid.

## Call to Worship

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

**alight within us your flame of hope this day.**

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating [more hope] in the midst of fear.**

And with the angel messengers above us, among us and within us, we sing...

*[sung:]* **Do not be afraid, Do not be afraid.**

**Do not be afraid, Do not be afraid.**

\* **Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come Immanuel"** ..... # 211

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

*Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.*

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

*(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC, wifi password is 7733482679, and pass the friendship pads to register your attendance and any updated contact information.)*

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

**YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

### **A Time for Young Christians**

*[During the Time for Young Christians, you are invited to use the Prayer Cards in the pew pockets to indicate prayer concerns you would like lifted up in prayer during this week. They can be placed in the offering plate or posted on the prayer wall. Children are invited to return to their seats following the Time for Young Christians.]*

### **Prayers of the People**

In this moment we pray for all those who are in need of hope...

We hear the message of God,

**"Do not be afraid."**

In this moment we give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God's presence among us, in the words and actions that bring hope in the midst of despair...

"For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain,

**Do not be afraid."**

In this moment, we pray for our world...

God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayers.**

God of life, lead us to justice and peace!

**this we pray today when we are hearing the threats of war in the Korean peninsula.**

God of light, lead us to justice and peace!

**So we pray when we start our Advent season, expressing our expectations to the light of the world that has come to us in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.**

God of hope, lead us to justice and peace!

**So we pray when we see the realities of injustices and unsolved conflicts being extended and expanded, even becoming enormous, when we see how the horizon gets filled with worries for the future of the people of Korea.**

Giver of all life, give the people of Korea peace, and give peace to all peoples all over the world.

**God, grant us that our light shine where we are, so that we share the life and the hope you have given us.**

God in your grace, **hear our prayer!**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 5-25, 57-80**

adapted for Reader's Theatre

**Congregational Hymn: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

**Message: "More Hope"**

Rev. Alka Lyall

**Choir Anthem: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** (arr. Hal Wright)

Broadway Choir

## **WE RESPOND**

### **Invitation to the Table and Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the beginning you set everything in motion, Creator of heaven and earth. With bold ingenuity you splashed the sky with light and stars, sun and moon; wind and clouds, rainbows and winged ones. With a word you brought forth the waters, the waves, the mountains and valleys. And you called forth our lives from the dust and called it good. And so we proclaim this ancient song with all of the saints and angels:

**Holy, holy, holy God! God of power! God of might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you! Blessed are you!**

You sent Jesus—your message-made-flesh to dwell among us: Harbinger of Hope, Prince of Peace, Cup of Joy, Bread of Love. Through Jesus you gave birth to your church and sealed a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so as we anticipate the birth of hope anew, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Touch us, O Spirit, with your transforming power. Open us to your promise of resurrection from fear and death. In partaking of these elements, make us a people ready as your Body in and for an anxious world. Let us become your messengers of hope in all that we say and do. Make us one in this purpose, O God. Make us one in Jesus, who taught us to pray:

*[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **The Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*[You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. You may bring your food offering<sup>+</sup> to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion. **As you come forward for communion, please also place your offering in the offering plate and receive a feather key chain to remind us of angels throughout this Advent season.]***

### **Prayer after Communion**

## **WE GO FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” ..... # 240**

*[Each week we will start our worship with an Advent hymn/song and we close with a Christmas carol. Traditionally the church waits until Christmas to sing these songs but in our day, these songs ring through the air on the radio, in stores—just about anywhere holiday tunes are happening. So we will take our encounters with these as “messengers,” foretelling the good news of the presence of God coming once again in Jesus Christ. This week, when you hear “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,” stop for a moment, touch your feather if you happen to have it in your pocket, on your bag or in your hands, and breathe a prayer that hope will invade the world like a gaggle of angels descending on humankind.]*

**\*Sending Forth**

### **Postlude**

<sup>+</sup> See “As We Are Fed” under today’s announcements on pg. 8



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# DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE!

## Broadway United 2017 Methodist Church

*My house will be called a HOUSE OF PRAYER for all nations*

*Isaiah 56:7*

### Draw the Circle Wide!: 2017 — Monthly Update

Draw the Circle Wide	Income	Expenses	Difference
Quarter 1	\$39,137.91	\$49,142.09	-\$10,004.18
Quarter 2	\$39,253.11	\$50,694.06	-\$11,440.95
Quarter 3	\$38,848.86	\$43,942.51	-\$5,093.65
October 2017	\$14,348.80	\$14,671.77	-\$322.97
Bequest from Robert Fordham Trust	\$29,890.27	n/a	n/a
YTD 2017	\$161,478.95	\$158,450.43	\$3,028.52

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY — DECEMBER 3, 2017

**A big THANK YOU to Cafe L'Appetito** for the communion bread we receive from them every other week! Thank you for your partnership! Broadway community, please support them with your business. Café L'Appetito is located next door at 3332 N Broadway, as well as downtown and at Midway.

**Coffee Hour Goodies** Shout out to Osmium Coffee Bar for donating us the goodies for church and our community. Broadway community, please support them with your business. Osmium is located at 1117 W Belmont.

**As We Are Fed** As part of our celebration of Holy Communion **today**, we will receive an offering of nonperishable food and other requested items. The local area food pantries and shelters then distribute items. Broadway has been asked to consider particularly gifts of 100% Shelf Stable Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter, Canned Beef Stew/Chili, Canned Tuna, Whole Grain Cereals, and Dried Beans. "As we are fed, so we are called to feed."

**Advent Flower Order Form** See pink insert. Orders are due **today**.

**ONE Northside Neighborhood Stabilization Meeting** ONE Northside wants you to be part of their campaign to promote neighborhood stabilization. Want to get involved? Join us at **TODAY at 2pm**, here at Broadway. More information on flyer on the back of the flower order form.

**Praying Our Way Forward** Join the Prayer Community for The United Methodist Church. See purple insert for details.

**Lifesavers at Broadway** Who has been a lifesaver recently at Broadway Church? A few examples of LifeSavers: Someone who's gone above and beyond. Someone who has pitched in to help at the last minute. Someone who's reliable and constant—who always completes a particular job or contributes to a regular event. We want to recognize each other for the contributions we each make to the life of Broadway Church. One way the Ministry Advocates Team wants to do this the new monthly LifeSaver Award at BUMC. **If you've noticed a LifeSaver in action, please nominate them for a LifeSaver Award:** Write their name and what you've noticed that makes them a LifeSaver, and deposit the slip into our ballot box outside the sanctuary. We'll celebrate a different LifeSaver each month, so be on the lookout for LifeSavers you can nominate!

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### THIS WEEK — DECEMBER 4 TO 9, 2017

**Weekly 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.

**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. **WNL! Education Hour: Lectionary Study each Wednesday at 7pm**. We are meditating on, reflecting on, and discussing the lectionary scripture readings.

**"Live Below the Line" Meal** Join Sowers and Unique Spirit Youth Group for Dinner (Rice and Beans) and movie.



• **When: Friday, December 8, 6–8:30pm.** • **What:** We are commemorating World AIDS Day (December 1st) and Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day (December 10th). • **Dinner:** We're intentionally serving a very simple meal, rice and beans. For one night, we ask our community to try to "live below the line." • **About the meal:** Several years ago, the Global Poverty Project began a campaign "The Live Below the Line campaign" asking people to eat and drink at a cost of no more than \$1.50 a day, for five days. The movement raised awareness about the 1.2 billion people who live on \$1.50/day or less and urged world leaders to increase efforts in improving the living conditions of these people. • **Movie:** Stay

for a movie, "Miss HIV," and discussion. • **About the film:** Miss HIV (2007) follows two HIV positive contestants in the annual Miss HIV stigma-free pageant in Botswana while exploring the international policies on HIV/AIDS prevention. Some of the information is out of date, but sadly, in other ways, we haven't progressed a lot internationally to eliminate AIDS and HIV and to provide up-to-date care.

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**NEXT SUNDAY — DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Advent                      Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace                      Preaching:** Rev. Alka Lyall  
**Lectionary:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

**Mission Minute Sunday next Sunday: Global AIDS Fund:** Combatting HIV/AIDS globally through prevention, treatment, support and capacity development. Yes, there has been an overall decrease in number of people with AIDS and HIV here in US, but that fact doesn't tell the full story for all populations in the US or around the world! **Heifer International:** Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. Dan West was a farmer from the American Midwest and member of the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary refugees once a day was not enough. And then he had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow? That "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International. And now, nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires our work to end world hunger and poverty throughout the world once and for all.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Inclusive Bathroom Project** The Broadway Ministry Advocates Team, as representatives of the congregation as a whole, want to find ways to move the conversation forward about expanding our welcome to trans and non-binary members of our community. After taking into consideration the concerns of many who spoke up during our gender neutral bathroom Q&A session, we'd like to take a poll the next few weeks during service to see how members and friends of our church feel about the subject in order to inform our next steps in this process. This is simply a pulse-taking activity to help us understand what issues are most important to our congregation and where we may need more education or explanation as we move along our journey to becoming a continuously a more welcoming and expansive community. It is NOT a vote. Please see Ines Brookens, Emily McConnell or any of the ministry advocates with any further questions about this poll.

**Save the Date** Broadway's Advent Concert will be on **Sunday, December 17 at 2pm.**

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**The Mission to the Messengers**

Every week we will share a meme with you. We invite you to be "hashtaggers of hope" and to share this meme for the week from our church facebook page to your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat accounts and hashtag it #morehope.

If you are not into social media, we invite you to take the insert in your worship guide and give it to someone you think needs a reminder of hope in their lives.



# ADVENT SERMON SERIES

## #donotbeafraid

The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point- their favorite line being #DoNotBeAfraid.

As we look at the stories of these winged messengers to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds and their reactions to them, we will contemplate what messages we can offer that will counteract a culture of fear in the world!

### **ADVENT 1    12/3/17    Make Ready a People: #morehope    Luke 1: 5-25, 57-80**

It was just another day for Zechariah, when an angel showed up at the altar. Have you ever had a moment in your life after which you knew nothing would ever be the same? In the midst of great change, God calls us to be messengers of *#morehope* in an ever-changing world.

### **ADVENT 2    12/10/17    Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace    Luke 1: 26-56**

Zechariah freaked out when the other-worldly creature appeared to him, but Mary replied, "Let it be so." Have you ever struggled with finding your purpose and being at peace with it? *#morepeace* in the world happens when all of us feel and live out that message each day.

### **ADVENT 3    12/17/17    Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy    Matthew 1: 18-25**

Every angel seems to use "do not be afraid" as an opening line. But perhaps no one needed hear it more than Joseph. What was happening to him was the stuff that ruins lives. Keeping up "appearances" can rob us of our *#morejoy*. Let us be messengers of encouragement and steadfast support, as Joseph was, for that which the Spirit is birthing in the world.

### **ADVENT 4    12/24/17    This Will Be a Sign: #morelove    Luke 2: 1-20**

The sky was brighter than usual that night, making it easier to keep track of the sheep. That's what most of us look for--great big clues about God's presence. But instead, the angel says that a newborn helpless baby in a feeding trough was the sign. In a flash, the message was that *#morelove* is found where you least expect it and perhaps is already there residing in the ordinariness of your life.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24/17    Do Not be Afraid: #donotbeafraid    Luke 1**

"Yes, I believe there are angels among us. God calls us to be messengers of love, flying in the face of fear, and *#donotbeafraid*, for we are the Body of Christ."

### **SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE 12/31/17    Kwanzaa**

**Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of December 3, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Praying Our Way Forward; December 3-9 +</b>
<b>December 3</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>Service of Prayer and Preaching: Holy Communion</b> [Sanctuary] 9:30 a.m. <b>Broadway Choir rehearsal</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>Advent I</b>	10:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship Time</b> [Friendship Hall] 10:00 a.m. <b>Adult Education Hour</b> [Area C] 11:00 a.m. <b>Festival Service: Holy Communion</b> [Sanctuary] 12:30 p.m. <b>Advent Flower Order Forms Due +</b> 12:30 p.m. <b>Money Ministry Meeting</b> [Volunteer Office] 2:00 p.m. <b>ONE Northside Neighborhood Meeting on Neighborhood Stabilization +</b> [Wesley Room] 2:00 p.m. Dignity Membership Meeting* [Room B] 5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall] 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C] 7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B]
<b>Monday</b>	2:00 p.m. Private Lessons [Sanctuary]
<b>December 4</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m. Allegrezza rehearsal [Sanctuary]
<b>December 5</b>	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C] 7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>December 6</b>	5:30 p.m. <b>Sanctuary Prayer +</b> [Sanctuary] 5:30 p.m. <b>Sowers Meeting</b> [Wesley Room] 7:00 p.m. <b>Education Hour: Lectionary Study +</b> [Volunteer Office] 7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B] 8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. <b>"Live Below the Line" Meal +</b>
<b>December 8</b>	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C] 7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m. <b>Youth Lounge</b> [Area C]
<b>December 9</b>	



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 with a monetary holiday gift.

**Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities**

\*Community Group

+ see announcements

# **BROADWAY**

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **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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