



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

“The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak”

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

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. 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 or scan the QR code at right. Thank you for your commitment to God’s purposes through our faith community!



Words of Centering

“That’s the funny thing about memories. They feel true and intimate, they help shape our identities and how we see the world, but sometimes our memories are incomplete, blindly subjective and even misleading. This can be especially true of our distant memories, in which we assume that our experiences were the way things were supposed to be, to the point where we can find ourselves replicating our missteps and faults from the past.”

~ *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle

Music of Gathering

“**Mary Did You Know**” (by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green)

[Lamar Adams, soloist]

Announcements

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!

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, as we embark on a journey of remembering the past, we look to you, the redeemer of all of life and thank you that, through you, no past hurt, disappointment or grief is outside of your care and forgiveness.

Open us to your miracle just begun and in this season transform us into those whose giving brings hope in a turbulent world.

Open us to you, to each other, and to the voices no one hears so that your reign of mercy, justice and love can be made known to all. AMEN.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.

***Opening Hymn**

“God Almighty, We Are Waiting”



Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

[Young Christians]

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-6

The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light — upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining! God, you have made the nation greater — you have brought them abundant joy! They celebrate in your presence as with the harvest celebrations, or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the weight on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressors — you have shattered it, as you did at the defeat of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak that was dragged through blood, is now used a fuel for the fire. For a child is born to us, an heir is given us, upon whose shoulders dominion will rest. This One shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Strength of God, Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

Amen.

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 remain in the service following the Time for Young Christians.**]*

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:8-14

There were shepherds in the area living in the field and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid. The angel said to them, “You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you — news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David’s city, a savior — the messiah — has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you’ll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth,

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lying in a manger.” Suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in high heaven! And on earth, peace to those on whom God’s favor rests.”

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Congregational Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 230

Message

“The Redemption of Scrooge: The Remembrance of Christmas Past”

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.]

The Offering of Music

“Charlie Brown Christmas” (by Vince Guaraldi) [Jenn Peterson, pianist]

***The Presentation of Offerings**

[The gifts of Bread and Wine ^ will be brought forward during the singing.]

^ We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.

***Doxología**

(tune # 95)

**Praise God who blesses everyone! Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One! All praise the miracle begun!**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray: **Generous God, we give you thanks for all you have given us and we offer our gifts for the sake of being your hands and feet as the Body of Christ. Open us to even more ways to give so that we can offer hope for a heartbroken world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, One who birthed cosmos, creation, community. Out of your womb of life we came. When we rejected your love, you remained with us, steadfast still. You have made a covenant with us for all time. Again and again you make good on that promise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy God of power and might!

Heaven and earth sing your praise!

Blest is the One who comes in your name!

Heaven and earth sing your praise!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Coming to us in the form of a baby, you reminded us that each one is precious. In his growing from child to adult you reminded us that each of us can grow and change. In his ministry with the poor, sick and oppressed you reminded us that our true nature is compassion. In his death and resurrection you reminded us that pain and violence and death do not have the last word. In his promise to be with us always you remind us that it is never too late to turn the redeeming power of your love.

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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 my blood 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, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Through this meal, may our brokenness and regret be transformed to wholeness and compassion. By your Spirit, in which all things past, present and future find their unity, unite us, O God, for the sake of the world.

We pray this without ceasing until all time and space and peoples become one in your reign. Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. And Amen.

As you come to receive the elements of communion today, we invite you to light a candle. Perhaps it will represent someone you are missing this Christmas season — a sign that their light still shines in you. Or perhaps you will light a candle to shed a light on a disappointing past experience and transform it, dispelling the fear that is its residue and reminding us that the past does not need to define us.

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⁺ to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion.]

The Prayer following Communion

***Closing Hymn**

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" # 240

⁺ See "As We Are Fed" under today's announcements on pg. 12

***Benediction**

***Greeting One Another**

Postlude

“Jesus Oh What a Wonderful Child” (arr by Lloyd Larson)

[Broadway Choir]

LITURGICAL RESOURCES

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

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TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: All the People

Acolyte: Charlie Ryan

Ushers: Charless Keenan and Augusta Clusen Moses

Call to Worship: Isa Echeverría

First Scripture: Sydney Pfeiffer

Gospel Reader: Augusta Clusen Moses

Communion Stewards: Javarus Mack and

Camille Clark Spalek

Pianist: Mark Slima

Organist: Tim Barnes

Media: Richard M. Johnson

Celebrating Abundant Life: 2016 — Monthly Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Quarter 1	\$44,580.97	\$70,120.72	-\$25,539.75
Quarter 2	\$42,149.87	\$65,686.03	-\$23,536.16
Quarter 3	\$39,387.38	\$51,183.26	-\$11,795.88
October 2016	\$16,843.59	\$17,059.60	-\$216.01
November 2016	\$13,655.29	\$14,979.32	-\$1,324.03
YTD TOTAL	\$156,617.10	\$219,028.93	-\$62,411.83

Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

You can also give online at www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give
(scan code for our donation page) or download app (see below).



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Support your local church, right from your phone, any time, anywhere.

Give in three easy steps: 1) Download the app at <https://joyfully2umc.org>. 2) Find your church. 3) Donate.

December Mission Minutes

Each month, your donation to the mission minutes will be split between the two monthly projects; at least one is a UMC Rainbow Covenant Advance. If you want your entire donation to go to a particular mission, just mark your check or envelope with the specific name of the mission or advance. In addition: each month we offer an action alert; another way to put your faith in action.

UM Global Aids Fund (Advance #982345)

Combatting HIV/AIDS globally through prevention, treatment, support and capacity development.

Goals & Objectives:

1. Promotion of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention through education, information, and communication.
2. Create AIDS resources to be used in local churches and/or annual conferences.
3. Mobilize and appropriate funding to support projects around the globe that prevent the spread of HIV, provide care to those living with AIDS and/or improve access to testing and treatment.
4. Increasing the capacity of communities to respond to HIV/AIDS and combat stigma.

Heifer International (www.heifer.org)

Working with communities to end hunger and poverty.

How it Works: We empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but our approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

Passing on the Gift: The core of our model is Passing on the Gift. This means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities. The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. We do this by providing them the tools they need to sustain themselves, and it's thanks to the generosity of donors like you. You have the power to give a hungry family the training it takes to feed themselves and their children; to give a young girl a chance at an education; to empower a woman to have a voice in her community. Together, we can change the world, one family, one community, at a time. And it all starts with a gift.

Action: Socks and Mitten Tree

We are decorating our tree with hats, scarves, mittens, and socks! Socks? Yes — it's the most asked for item at most shelters. So this year next to our mitten tree, fill our box with socks. Lots of socks: green, blue, striped, white - as long as they are new we want them. Later this month you'll here more about how BUMC can make a big impact delivering our socks.

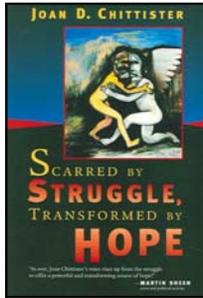
You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate “December Mission Minute” (split between both) or “AIDS fund” or “Heifer.” You can also donate [online](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY — DECEMBER 4, 2016

As We Are Fed As part of our celebration of Holy Communion, 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.”

Adult Education Hour: Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope by Joan Chittister “Everyone goes through times of pain and sorrow, depression and darkness, stress and suffering. It is in the necessary struggles of life, however, that we stretch our souls and gain new insights enabling us to go on. Building on the biblical story of Jacob wrestling with God and on the story of her own battle with life-changing disappointment, Sister Joan Chittister deftly explores the landscape of suffering and hope, considering along the way such wide-ranging topics as consumerism, technology, grief, the role of women in the Catholic Church, and the events of September 11, 2001. We struggle, she says, against change, isolation, darkness, fear, powerlessness, vulnerability, exhaustion, and scarring; and while these struggles sometimes seem insurmountable, we can emerge from them with the gifts of conversion, detachment, faith, courage, surrender, limitations, endurance, transformation, and (perhaps most important) hope. Each of these struggles and gifts is discussed in a chapter of its own.” Join us for discussion, **Sundays at 10am.**



Children's Choir Unique Spirit rehearses on **Sundays at 10:15am.** For more information, please contact Ruthanne (ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com), Jenn (jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com) or Emily (emilymcc@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK — DECEMBER 5 TO 10, 2016

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. Rev. Alka is usually available for prayer and consultation. **WNL! Education Hour: Lectionary Study each Wednesday at 7pm.** We will be meditating, reflecting and discussing the lectionary scripture readings.

Broadway Choir The Broadway Choir rehearses on **Thursdays at 7pm.** If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Jacqueline Boyd, our Music Director.

NEXT SUNDAY — DECEMBER 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Christmas with Broadway Broadway's Annual Christmas concert will be on **Sunday, December 11 at 2pm.** Join the Broadway Choir as we celebrate Christmas with the sounds of the season! Featuring the Unique Spirit Choir. Suggested donation: \$10. Contact our Music Director Jacqueline Boyd for more details.

COMING SOON

Blue Christmas Service at Wellington Avenue UCC (615 West Wellington Ave) Honoring the Journey. It was not the way she expected it would happen. The fear and uncertainty, the anxiety and stress. Having your first baby should be a quiet homey time, with lots of support and all the usual comforts in place. But no. This was an arduous journey. A painful one. A long and worrying one. A lonely and uncertain one. That is the story of the first Christmas. And if we look honestly at our lives, not much has changed since those days. The human journey is still not easy...and yet...most of us, in one way or another, have been conditioned since childhood to expect Advent and Christmas to be a joyful time. Sometimes we can't help feeling guilty for not joining in the fa, la, la, la and for not feeling quite up to decking the halls. The "real" story of Christmas is not just Mary's and Joseph's difficult journey to Bethlehem. It is also about our journeys, with all their uncertainties and potholes, disappointments and deprivations, sorrows and losses. We are not alone. And during this season of hype and expectation, we need one another. **Join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 14 in the sanctuary at Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ** for a warm and supportive time of candlelight, music, meditation, prayer and sharing followed by light refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex.



*CHRISTMAS WITH
BROADWAY*

December 11, 2016
2pm - 3pm
3338 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60657

Suggested Donation : \$10
*Parking limited, early arrival suggested



Join Broadway United Methodist Church Choir as we celebrate Christmas with sounds of the season! Featuring the Unique Spirit Choir.

Contact Jacquelineh.boyd1@gmail.com for more details.

2016 ADVENT SERIES



Advent 1	Nov. 27	"Bah Humbug! Making Change"
Advent 2	Dec. 4	"Remembrance of Christmas Past"
Advent 3	Dec. 11	"The Life of Christmas Present"
Advent 4	Dec. 18	"Hope for Christmas Future"

Christmas Eve December 24

Candle-light services at 4:00pm and 7:00pm

"Keeping Christmas Well"

Christmas Day December 25

One Service at 10:00am "Singing Christmas Carols"

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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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