



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Nothing is Impossible: #morepeace

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

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



Words of Centering

Zechariah freaked out when the other-worldly creature appeared to him.
But Mary was simply “perplexed.”
Why would such an incredible message come to a common girl?
Her reply to such a foretelling about her purpose in life was also simple: “Let it be so.”
Have you struggled with finding your purpose and being at peace with it? Or are you yearning for
more peace in your life and relationships? #morepeace in the world happens when all of us feel
#morepeace within ourselves and live out that message each day.

~ Marcia McFee

WE GATHER

Music of Gathering

Announcements

Introduction

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

[sung:] **There are angels among us, there are angels among us,
there are angels among us, bringing [peace] 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 peace this day.

Grant us openness to hear your message.

Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more peace 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.**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.

*** Opening Hymn: “To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” # 215 vs. 1, 3, 6**

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.]

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-56

adapted for Reader’s Theatre

*** Congregational Hymn: “Canticle of the Turning” see page 6**

Message: “More Peace”

Rev. Alka Lyall

Choir Anthem: “Glory Be to God on High” (arr. Mark Hahn)

Broadway Choir

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

We pray for all those who are in need of peace...

“We hear the message of God,

Do not be afraid.”

We give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God’s presence among us, in the words and actions that bring peace in the midst of fear...

“For all who proclaim your kin-dom on earth, we join their refrain,

Do not be afraid.”

For all that is not put in words yet—we pray in silence....

We offer these prayers to God in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray—so we pray together the prayer of Jesus:

The Prayer of Jesus..... # 895

[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.

Mission Minute Sunday

Global AIDS Fund and Heifer International

see page 9

2017 Stewardship: Draw the Circle Wide

The Invitation to Offering

[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

***The Presentation of Offerings**

***Doxología..... (tune # 95)**

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

***The Prayer of Dedication**

God of peace and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

***Closing Hymn: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” # 218 vs. 1, 3**

[We close with a Christmas favorite that you might just hear this week, perhaps in a store or on your radio. It proclaims the message of the angels, “peace on earth, goodwill to all.” Let us sing now with a prayer that our lives this week will spread peace and goodwill.]

***Sending Forth**

Postlude



Liturgy from worshipdesignstudio.com. **Canticle of the Turning** reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-718024. **Pianist:** Jenn Peterson. **Organist:** Tim Barnes; **Reader:** Satia Orange; **Candle Bearer:** Isa Echeverria; **Soloist:** Emily McConnell



The Mission to the Messengers

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

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.



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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY — DECEMBER 10, 2017

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.

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!

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.

THIS WEEK — DECEMBER 11 TO 16, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY — DECEMBER 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent **Do Not Be Afraid: #morejoy** **Preaching:** Student Pastor Jessie Cummins

Lectionary: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Anti-Racist White Caucus Broadway's Anti-Racist White Caucus will meet at Broadway **next Sunday** (the third Sunday of each month,) **directly following the 11:00 service**, concurrent with the POC Discussion Group. Anyone who identifies as an anti-racist white person is welcome to join our discussion. To find more information, please find our Facebook group, BUMC ARWC, and/or join our yahoo email group by sending an email to broadway-arwc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com, with the subject line "subscribe."

People of Color Group Discussion Group (POC) Mission Statement: We are a spiritually alive, God-centered community of BUMC that welcomes and honors those who identify as POC. We recognize with intention the experi-

ences, identities, and strengths of our multiethnic, multicultural and multiracial membership. We accomplish our mission through the following actions: communication, respect, justice education, healing laughter collaboration with ARWC, appreciation and affirmation, sharing our gifts within and beyond the walls of Broadway church, sharing our culture, events and gatherings that celebrate our cultures. We will meet **next Sunday** (the third Sunday of the month) **following the 11:00 service**. For further information contact Sheila at 773-529-4740 or Ines at 414-426-7742.

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Eve On **Sunday, December 24**, there will be **one morning service at 10am**; and two Christmas Eve Candlelight services: **a Family Service at 4:30pm and an Evening Service at 7pm**.

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.

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! NIC Advance Orange 982345.

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.

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](#).



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 10, 2017

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Service of Prayer and Preaching [Sanctuary]
December 10	9:30 a.m. Broadway Choir rehearsal [Sanctuary]
	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time [Friendship Hall]
Second Sunday of Advent	10:00 a.m. Adult Education Hour [Area C]
	11:00 a.m. Festival Service [Sanctuary]
	12:30 p.m. Relationship Builders Meeting [Volunteer Office]
	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]
Monday	2:00 p.m. Private Lessons [Sanctuary]
December 11	
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Allegrezza rehearsal [Sanctuary]
December 12	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
	7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
Wednesday	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]
December 13	5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Prayer + [Sanctuary]
	7:00 p.m. Education Hour: Lectionary Study + [Volunteer Office]
	7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
	8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
Friday	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
December 15	7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
Saturday	1:00 a.m. Advent Concert Dress Rehearsal [Sanctuary and Wesley Room]
December 16	1:00 p.m. YL 101 [Room A]
	4:00 p.m. Makom Shalom [Area C]



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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