



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 p.m.

December 24, 2016

# *Candlelight Service for Christmas Eve*





Welcome to Broadway on this Christmas Eve! Every time we gather in Worship, we celebrate that all of God's children are named and claimed by God as "beloved" – embraced by that extravagant love of God that knows no bounds. Whether this is your first Christmas here or you've been here many years...we welcome you to this faith family that commits itself as an anti-racist, multi-cultural community as well as a reconciling one where people who are LGBTQ can live and love authentically.

**We invite you to join us again! On Sunday, December 25, we'll celebrate Christmas Day at 10:00am and on Sunday, January 1, we'll celebrate Kwanzaa at 10:00am.**

Our regular Sunday schedule resumes on January 8, with Sunday morning Worship at 9 & 11 am, Adult Education at 10:15 am, and Children's Education during 11 am Worship. We welcome you to join our family of faith as we begin a new year here in Lakeview!

For more information, visit [www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com](http://www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com).

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

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

**Season of Giving:** As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep the church in mind. 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 this holiday season and in the year ahead. To give online, visit us at [BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give](http://BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give). Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through this faith community!

## Words of Centering

Early in the morning Scrooge wakes up from the strangest dream he's ever had. He opens the window and discovers that it is Christmas morning, and he has been given a chance to change his ways. He did nothing to earn it; rather it was a gift. He shouts to himself, "I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel. I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man. A merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world. Hallo here! Whoop Hallo!"

~ Matt Rawle, *The Redemption of Scrooge*

**Prelude: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"** (M. Praetorius)

[Tim Barnes, organ]

## Announcements

### \* **Call to Worship**

Rejoice, for God is with us — Emmanuel.

**In the darkness of our world shines God's holy light.**

Now there is reason to hope, to love, to laugh, to live.

**God is truly with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

### \* **Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"** ..... # 234 vs. 1, 3, 6

**1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.**

**Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

**O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**

**O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.**

**O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

\* Please stand, in body or in spirit.

*Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.*

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Gracious God, with joy and thanksgiving we gather as your people. We have come to hear again the timeless story of Christ's birth. In the excitement of this night, quiet our hearts that we may know the peace and fullness of this holy time. Shine, O Light, in the darkness of our world. Sing, O angels, in the stillness of our hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those God favors." This we pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem. Amen.**

**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!**

**SCRIPTURE AND CAROLS**

**The Prophecy**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:1-2, 4-5

**The Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**The Coming of Jesus is Announced to Mary and Joseph**

Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

**Special Music: "O Holy Night"** (by Adolphe Adams. arr. D. Foster & J. Lubbock)

[Jacqueline Boyd, soloist]

**The Preparations for the Birth of Jesus**

Luke 2:1-5

**Congregational Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem** ..... # 230 vs. 1

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**Jesus is Born**

Luke 2:6-7

**Congregational Carol: Away in a Manger ..... # 217 vs. 1**

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds**

Luke 2:9-14

**Congregational Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear..... # 218 vs. 1**

**It in came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus**

Luke 2:15-18

**Congregational Carol: The First Noel ..... # 245 vs. 1**

**The first noel the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.**

**Congregational Carol: The First Noel ..... # 245 vs. 3 & 5**

**3. And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far.  
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.**

**5. Then entered in the wise men three, full reverently upon the knee.  
And offered there in His presence their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.**

**We Offer Our Gifts to God**

**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.]*

**Offertory Response: What Child is This ..... # 219 vs. 3**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**Great God our Redeemer, we sing your praises. Your glorious love shines in the face of Jesus, born a babe in this dark world. We marvel that he generously humbled himself to bring salvation. Let the light in our sanctuary and our songs of praise spill through to neighbors far and near. May our gifts and offerings reflect the light of Christ and, as beacons in the night, draw people far and near closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**



**Meditation**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night”** ..... # 239 vs. 1, 3, 4

*[You are invited to pass the light as we sing.]*

- 1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**
- 3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**
- 4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Sending Forth**

**Postlude: “Feliz Navidad”** (by Jose Feliciano) [George Banks and Lou Marini]

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*This service is a variation on a service of light — an opposite of a Tenebrae service.*

*Candles in the chancel area symbolize the characters in the narrative.*

*Mary — light blue candle; Joseph — royal blue candle; Baby Jesus — white votive candle.*

*The angel candles are yellow. The shepherd candles are a variety of shades of green.*

*The king candles are a variety of shades of purple.*

**SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**  
Pianist: Mark Slima; Organist: Timothy Barnes; Guitar and Drums: George Banks; Bass: Lou Marini  
Liturgists: Ines Brookens, MJ Grimshaw, Daniel Santos

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## 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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