



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

December 24, 2017

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## This Will Be A Sign: #morelove

**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](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 sky was brighter than usual that night, making it easier to keep track of the sheep. And then it got really bright. You would have thought that all that “glory” shining would have been “the sign.”

That’s what most of us look for—great big obvious clues about God’s presence.

But instead, the angel says that a baby...a newborn helpless baby in a feeding trough was it—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.

~ Marcia McFee

## WE GATHER

### Music of Gathering

Tim Barnes, organ

### Announcements

### Introduction

There are angels among us that may not meet the eye  
There are messages of [love] coming from a choir on high  
But don’t just look up; for the way God works  
is to plant more [love] 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 [love] 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 love this day.**

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more love 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: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” ..... # 220**

**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 2:1-20**

adapted for Reader’s Theatre

[Narrator:] At that moment, the first heavenly messenger was joined by thousands of other messengers—a vast heavenly choir. They praised God.

**[Congregation:] To the highest heights of the universe, glory to God! And on earth, peace among all people who bring pleasure to God!**

**Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High” ..... # 238 vs. 1, 3**

**Message: “#morelove”**

Rev. Alka Lyall

**Message in Dance: “Now Behold the Lamb” (by Kirk Franklin)**

Malia Santiago

**WE RESPOND**

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for all those who are in need of love... *[You are invited to call out prayers.]*

“We hear the message of God,

**Do not be afraid.”**

Let us give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God's presence among us, in the words and actions that bring love in the midst of fear... *[You are invited to call out prayers.]*

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

**The Prayer of Jesus..... # 895**

**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.**

**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: "O Holy Night"**

Kathy McCabe, soprano

**\*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 love 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: “The First Noel”** ..... # 245 vs. 1&2

*[The word “Noel” comes from the French word meaning a shout of joy. But it may have even older roots in the Latin for “news.” Indeed it is the day that we proclaim the news that love has come to town. May you be humming this all day and into the night as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this day.]*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

Tim Barnes, organ



*Liturgy from worshipdesignstudio.com. Pianist: Jenn Peterson. Organist: Tim Barnes; Reader: Tim Barnes; Candle Bearer: Curtis Bewley; Soloist: Emily McConnell*



## The Mission to the Messengers

Every week we will give you a mission, “should you choose to accept it.” It is a mission with a message. So we invite you to be “hashtaggers of love” and to Facebook, Tweet, Instagram, Snapchat this meme for the week and hashtag it #morelove.

We also invite you to pick up extra copies of this and give it to someone today that might need to come to tonight’s Christmas Eve service to hear the message and see a sign of how Love Wins over fear.

# Merry Christmas!

There will be two Christmas Eve Candlelight services tonight:

- ◆ a Family Service (Lessons and Carols) at 4:30pm and
- ◆ an Evening Service (Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid) at 7pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY — DECEMBER 24, 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.

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### TONIGHT — DECEMBER 24, 2017

**Christmas Eve: #morelife**                      **Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid**

**Preaching:** Student Pastor Jessie Cummins and Rev. Alka Lyall

**Lectionary:** Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

**Christmas Eve** There will be two Christmas Eve Candlelight services: **a Family Lessons and Carols Service at 4:30pm and an Evening Service at 7pm.**

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### THIS WEEK — DECEMBER 25 TO 30, 2017

**Christmas Day** The office will be **closed on Monday, December 25.** Merry Christmas!

**Office Hours** The Office Manager will be out of the office **December 25 through January 7.** If you need a response before January 8, please contact Rev. Alka (between Dec. 26 and Jan. 3), Student Pastor Jessie Cummins; Rev. M Barclay, Deacon; or to Co-Lay Leader Sheila Ashby Schultz at [ssch733@aol.com](mailto:ssch733@aol.com).

**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.

**NO Wednesday Night Live (WNL) this week** WNL is taking a short break. See you when we resume on **January 3rd!**

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**NEXT SUNDAY — DECEMBER 31, 2017: ONE MORNING SERVICE AT 10AM**

**Kwanzaa Sunday**      **Lectionary:** Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

**Kwanzaa Sunday** On **Sunday, December 31**, there will be **one morning service at 10am**; as we celebrate Kwanzaa.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Pastoral Care** Rev. Alka will out of the office **January 4-17**. Please direct all pastoral care needs during that time to Student Pastor Jessie Cummins; Rev. M Barclay, Deacon; or to Co-Lay Leader Sheila Ashby Schultz at ssch733@aol.com.

**Winter Warming 2018 Saturday, January 13th, 2018.** First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights. **10:15 Registration Check-in Opens. Event 11am-4pm.** Join us for a time community building and learning at Winter Warming 2018. **Our Keynote Speaker Rev. M Barclay** will share about gender, the sacred, and troubling our addiction to certainty. Rev. M Barclay is a queer and non-binary trans provisional Deacon in The United Methodist Church. They are currently serving as Co-Director of enfleshed where their ministry includes developing spiritual resources for the purposes of "bringing what matters back to the gospel, for justice, liberation, and delight." Through enfleshed, they contribute to progressive lectionary-based liturgies and devotionals, preaching and teaching on faith and society, and resources for ministry with and for queer and trans Christians. Rev. Barclay is passionate about bringing fresh perspectives to the questions, traditions, and theologies that have sustained our faith communities for centuries. Formerly, M has enjoyed serving in ministries in the parish, hospital setting, organizing, and most recently at Reconciling Ministries Network as the Director of Communications where they advocated for queer and trans justice in The United Methodist Church. M uses singular they/them pronouns. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.universe.com/events/winter-warming-2018-no-longer-a-stumbling-block-tickets-BQVT9K>.

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**MEDIA UPDATE**

Being on the media team is a form of ministry and stewardship, and we're in need of additional members to meet a goal of continuous media PowerPoint presentations for 11 AM Sunday services. In order to set the church up for success, here's what the media team needs:

- Preferably 4 to 8 media volunteers willing to commit to a **five-month rotation (February–June)**. Four volunteers per rotation are desired (e.g., each volunteer would only need to create one media presentation in a month with four Sundays).
- Required skills and attributes: **An ability** to develop a simple, and creative PowerPoint presentation with attention to detail; **Ensuring** microphones are turned on and projection screen is deployed prior to start of service; **Willingness** to perform media for special occasions upon request pending media team availability; **Flexibility** in considering trade request with fellow media team members

Ideally, interested volunteers have basic PowerPoint skills. We'll provide training one month prior to each five-month rotation. Please see one of us if interested, and thank you for your ministry and stewardship at Broadway. ~ Richard Johnson, Sheila Ashby-Schultz and Nick Campanile

# 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**





*2017 ADVENT Dedications  
from the BUMC Family*



In Celebration of the birth of Christ and Broadway's pastor and members.....Given by the Marron family  
 In Celebration of the excellent teachers of Chicago Public Schools.....Given by Katy Clusen & Laurie Lee Moses  
 In Celebration of Agnes Moorehead ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek  
 In Celebration of family .....Given by Kevin Hahn

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In Honor of my loving family & memory of my late husband, Bob .....Given by Charolette Lill  
 In Honor of Broadway UMC..... Given by Alka Lyall  
 In Honor of Rosemary Korhorn..... Given by Joy Culver  
 In Honor of the Music Ministries of Broadway UMC.....Given by Tim Barnes  
 In Honor of Paul Clusen .....Given by Katy Clusen & Laurie Lee Moses  
 In Honor of our nation's Military Service Members, serving near and far,  
     many unable to be with family, may they feel the love of a grateful nation..... Given by Jon Fallon  
 In Honor of Lois Parr .....Given by Ruth Clark

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In Memory of all our loved ones who now rest in peace! ..... Given by Alka Lyall  
 In Memory of Quintin Vanden Hoek ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek  
 In Memory of Jerry Clark .....Given by Loraine Edwalds  
 In Memory of my mother, Alice Evans, who passed one year ago Christmas Day..... Given by Charolette Lill  
 In Memory of all the people who've gone before us .....Given by Fran Markwardt  
 In Memory of "Mama Flo" Floretha Reid ..... Given by Sheila Ashby Schultz  
 In Memory of Robert Moses, Alfie Max Kerzner,  
     beloved Dads & Grandpas.....Given by Katy Clusen & Laurie Lee Moses  
 In Memory of my brother, Bill Mandell..... Given by Liz Elliott

**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!

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**DECEMBER MISSION MINUTES**

**Global AIDS Fund and Heifer International**

**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](#).

**NOW ACCEPTING**  
**Thank\$Giving**  
**Donation\$ for**  
**BROADWAY**  
**STAFF**  
*Tim Jenn Perry Rev Alka Alexia K&B Cleaning Jessie*  
On behalf of the Relationship Builders Team,  
please consider giving to provide our church staff  
with a monetary holiday gift.

**Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of December 24, 2017**

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| <b>Sunday</b>                       | 10:00 a.m. <b>Festival Service</b> [Sanctuary]   |
| <b>December 24</b>                  | 11:00 a.m. <b>Fellowship Time</b> [Friendship Hall]<br>4:30 p.m. <b>Family Lessons and Carols Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</b> [Sanctuary]  |
| <b>Fourth Sunday<br/>of Advent;</b> | 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C]<br>7:00 p.m. <b>Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</b> [Sanctuary]  |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>                | 7:00 p.m. Augustine Fellowship* [Wesley Room]<br>7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B]  |
| <b>Monday</b>                       | <b>OFFICE CLOSED — Merry Christmas!</b>  |
| <b>December 25</b>                  | 9:00 a.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall]  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                      | 7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]   |
| <b>December 26</b>                  | 7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                    | 12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]   |
| <b>December 27</b>                  | 5:30 p.m. <b>Sanctuary Prayer +</b> [Sanctuary]<br>7:00 p.m. <b>Education Hour: Lectionary Study +</b> [Volunteer Office]<br>7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]<br>8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room] |
| <b>Friday</b>                       | 6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]   |
| <b>December 29</b>                  | 7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]   |
| <b>Saturday</b>                     | 1:00 p.m. <b>YL 101</b> [Room A]   |
| <b>December 30</b>                  |  |



**Sunday, December 31: Kwanzaa Sunday**

- ♦ one morning service at 10am

*Merry  
Christmas*

**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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