



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

December 2, 2018

*Welcome! Please see the pew card "Welcome to Worship" for more information on our services.*

*Calm & Bright:  
200 Years of Silent Night  
"Sleep in Heavenly Peace"*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — PEACE



CENTERING WORDS

“There are lots of ways to prevent violence, lots of ways to repair its consequences, lots of ways to build beloved community. In a polarized society there may be no more effective violence prevention measure than building bridges, or at least none more accessible. Get to know at least one person who votes differently. It’s not necessarily easy. But it is necessary. And the history of conflict transformation proves it works. Start with the person of different political views with whom you feel most comfortable. Just get to know each other. This is the work.” ~ Gareth Higgins

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT: “Over My Head” (traditional Spiritual) [Robert Galbreath, Jr.]

OPENING SONG: “Calm and Bright” ..... see lyrics below (led by choir)

It was the night when Peace was born; **Silent Night**  
And just as now the world was torn; **Holy Night**  
But all was calm and all was bright; **Silent Night**  
The star above gave out its light; **Holy Night**

SPOKEN RESPONSE *(in soft voices)*

**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.**

SUNG RESPONSE: “Calm and Bright” ..... see lyrics below

So let your Peace shine in the night; **Silent Night**  
And let your life burn warm and bright; **Holy Night**  
This Peace we give the world is balm; **Silent Night**  
And in this truth we find our calm; **Holy Night!**

OPENING PRAYER & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type indicates congregational response.**

Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.



**Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "O God of Every Nation" ..... # 435

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!**



HYMN: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... # 230 verse 1

**Oh 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 streets shineth the everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7

This is what Isaiah ben-Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days, the mountain of YHWH's Temple will be established as the most important mountain and raised above all other hills—all nations will stream toward it. Many people will come and say: "Come, let us climb YHWH's mountain to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that we may be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths." Instruction will be given from Zion and the word of YHWH from Jerusalem. God will judge between the nations and render decisions for many countries. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war...The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light—upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light in shining! ... 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. This dominion, and this peace, will grow without end, with David's throne and realm sustained with justice and fairness, now and forever. The zeal of YHWH Omnipotent will accomplish it!"

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN MUSIC: "Sing We Now of Christmas" (trad.) [Broadway Choir]

WITNESS TO THE LIGHT IN WORD [Rev. Alka Lyall]



PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Each week during Advent, we will have a time of praying with our actions. We have tables of candles for you to go and light a candle in prayer for someone or something.]*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Christ Be Our Light" ..... verse 1 and refrain

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INVITATION TO THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Come, for the way has been lit before you. Come and take in and take on the peace of Christ that is being reborn in us today.

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Holy God, in the beginning you called out, "Let there be light!" Just as your light of creation spread in response, so too does your light rise each day, offering us a new chance to make today a little brighter than yesterday. When we feel overcome or succumb to the dark night of our souls, you offer us a way back into the light of hope. And so we praise you,

**You are the Light. You are our God, piercing the dark night. Bless'd are the ones, shining their lights, now in your name!**

A star appeared on a silent and holy night and brought with it your peace, joy, love and hope in the form of a baby. This holy infant, tender and mild, was a sign of new life, a sign of holy vulnerability, a sign of your presence enfleshed in our human form. This would be the light that showed forth the truth that all humanity *IS* beloved and called us to care for each one *AS* beloved.

Jesus gathered people around tables and showed them their radiance. Jesus gathers us around this table and says, "This bread and this cup are my life and light for you. And because I shine in you, let your light shine for the world."

And so we offer ourselves in union with Christ's offering of salvation:

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

Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts. Transform us into the Light of your Love for all and make us one in you. Thanks and praise be to the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! **Amen!**



SUNG RESPONSE: "Christ Be Our Light" ..... verse 3 & refrain

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*[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. 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 offering and food donations\* to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion. Please place your offering in the collection basket. We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.]*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *[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.**



\*CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" ..... # 431

\*BENEDICTION

I invite us to follow the light as it goes out into the world and let us say our Advent/Christmas blessing together:

- Go with God into this day**
- May the Spirit guide our way**
- Offer peace to all we greet**
- Like Christ, see God in all we meet.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE: "Threefold Amen" ..... # 898

POSTLUDE



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\* See "As We Are Fed" under today's announcements

## Broadway United Methodist Church

# Calm and Bright : 200 Years of Silent Night 2018 Advent Sermon Series



This is the 200th anniversary of the debut of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

This year we will celebrate the carol's message over the entire season of Advent and highlight its call for our lives that can guide us all year long. Was it a silent, calm and Holy night? If not, what was special that night?

- ♦ **Advent 1 Dec 2, 2018 PEACE** Humanity is the holy infant for whom God so desires a heavenly peace. Is it possible to bring calm and bright to our own corners of this world?
- ♦ **Advent 2 Dec 9, 2018 JOY** How would our lives be renewed if we saw the world and our lives through the lens of wonder?
- ♦ **Advent 3 Dec 16, 2018 LOVE** What would the world be like if "love's pure light" was at the center?  
**CHRISTMAS Cantata "King of Love" @ 2:00pm**
- ♦ **Advent 4 Dec 23, 2018 HOPE** We are reminded by this seemingly benign and sweet song that whenever there is injustice in this world, we are to look to the one whose power is love. How might this increase our hope for the future?
- ♦ **CHRISTMAS EVE Dec 24, 2018 @ 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm**  
On this night with candle-lights, we will remember the promise of God—that God would be "Emmanuel," God-with-us forever more.
- ♦ **KWANZAA SUNDAY Dec 30, 2018 ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 am**  
We honor African heritage in African-American culture with the seven core principles.
- ♦ **PAJAMUARY SUNDAY Jan 6, 2019 ONE SERVICE AT 11:00 am**  
Wear your Christmas PJ's to church this day and participate in a baby shower.  
Bring donations of new baby items to be shared with Thresholds.

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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.”

Monthly Update	Income	Expenses	Difference
Quarter One	\$36,747.60	\$49,436.31	-\$12,668.71
Quarter Two	\$46,923.97	\$46,076.36	\$847.61
Quarter Three	\$40,182.25	\$46,608.61	-\$6,426.36
October 2018	\$14,513.43	\$18,604.29	-\$4,090.86
YTD	\$138,367.25	\$160,725.57	-\$22,358.32



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