



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2025



Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" United Methodist Hymnal # 519 vs. 1-2

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, Giver of life, thank you for your many blessings, and for the beauty of the bountiful Earth. Forgive us for taking our many blessings for granted. Pardon us for abusing and exploiting your creation. We are not responsible stewards; our consumerism & materialism hinder us. Merciful God, your creation groans for liberation. Let us be "the first fruits" of your Spirit for a hurting world. Help us to transform our bombs into bread, our bullets into books. And count our blessings and name them one by one. Guide us to that end—in your Holy name we pray, **AMEN.**

WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]*

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

**YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** indicates congregational response.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WHY KWANZAA?

## MUSIC MINISTRY

## KWANZAA PRINCIPLES AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*[A Christian Affirmation of the Nguzo Saba. Inspired by The African American Lectionary, a collaborative project of American Bible Pulpit & American Baptist College of Nashville, 2012.]*

### FIRST PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 1st Principle: UMOJA (Unity).

God calls us to dwell together in UNITY and to be on one accord. We are one in the Spirit.

O God, we invoke Your holy presence as we identify, recall, and relay the first principle: UMOJA, the principle of unity. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," says Psalm 133.

**Help us to be a unified people while interacting with various communities: family, neighbors, friends, believers, nations, and races, as unity is a blessing from God. May we employ the element of unity as we continue to acknowledge the Triune God. May we strive to maintain the true spirit of unity as we walk as your people around the world.**

### SECOND PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 2nd Principle: KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination).

O God, as we call and relay the second principle: KUJICHAGULIA, the principle of self-determination, teach us how to be self-determining believers as You created us. Help us to know Your will for our lives so that we may help others. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please lift his neighbor for his good to edification." says Romans 15:1-2.

**We will learn to live self-determined lives knowing that our actions must help others and ourselves.**

### THIRD PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 3rd Principle: UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility).

As we call and relay the third principle: UJIMA, the principle of collective work and responsibility, grant us the wisdom to develop and maintain collective interests. Teach us how to think collectively and build collectively the family unit and our neighborhoods and to truly be our brother's and sister's keeper as You are the Keeper of our souls.

**We will strive to embody a spirit of collective work and responsibility, building and maintaining our communities as did our ancestors.**

#### FOURTH PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 4th Principle: UJAMAA (Collective Economics).

As we call and relay the fourth principle: UJAMAA, the principle of cooperative economics, grant us the wisdom to have the tenacity to build and maintain businesses within our communities.

Teach us how to think and build cost-effective businesses that will be profitable for both the owner and consumer. Teach us to be mainly savers not consumers. God has provided for us.

**We will be good and faithful stewards over all that you have provided. Together we will build and profit.**

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#### FIFTH PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 5th Principle: NIA (Purpose).

As Christians, we call and relay the fifth principle: NIA, which means purpose. We exist for the purposes of worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship, and discipleship. Ecclesiastes 12:13b says, Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of all persons.

**We will keep God’s commandments! This is our purpose. We will love God and our neighbor as ourselves; this is our purpose. We will live as a beacon to the world; we will live as those who give light to the world; and as salt that gives flavor to the world. This is our purpose.**

#### SIXTH PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 6th Principle: KUUMBA (Creativity).

The creativity of Yahweh is unsurpassed! We call and relay the sixth principle: KUUMBA: creativity. Help us to continue to share our creativity with the world through music, painting, food, dance, worship, and all endeavors in which we engage. We honor the creativity of our people.

**We acknowledge the creative genius of God that is provided for all creation to enjoy. Allow us to keep our minds and hearts open so that God can create what the world needs through us.**

#### SEVENTH PRINCIPLE

I light the Kwanzaa candle for the 7th Principle: IMANI (Faith).

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” says Hebrews 11:1. As we call and relay the seventh principle: IMANI, the principle of faith, help us to be greater people of faith “for without faith it is impossible to please you.” (Hebrews 11:6b)

**We have come this far by faith. We affirm the values and customs of our ancestors and give thanks for their sojourn as we seek to emulate the best of what they have bequeath to us. We have faith in God, faith in one another, faith in our race, faith in ourselves, and faith in humanity.**

HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

United Methodist Hymnal # 548 vs. 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth—which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod—astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage.” At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem of Judea,” they informed him. “Here is what the prophet has written: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, “Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me—so that I may go and offer homage, too.” After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

TIME FOR OFFERING

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. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, scan the QR code at right or visit us at [BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give](http://BroadwayChurchChicago.com/give).]*



\*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, in a spirit of awe we offer these gifts. For you have led us to Love, invited us to linger in its presence, and promised us that no matter where we go, Love will go with us. May these offerings also be swept up into the embrace of Love to be channeled in the direction of all who hunger for your presence. Amen.**



## BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Access our **website** with the QR code to the left.



Subscribe to our **Weekly E-News** with use the QR code to the right.

The **Community Food Pantry** outside BUMC is there for anyone in need but it's often EMPTY! We invite all who are able to pick up a few items next time you're at the grocery store and drop them off in our Community Food Pantry! See our giving page on our website for suggested items/items to skip.

If you are **willing to assist in worship by reading** our Offering Invitation/Prayer, or Scripture, **providing special music** such as solos, duets, groups on vocals and/or instruments, or **assisting with media**, please use this QR code.



We have a **clothes collection box** on the Southeast corner of our parking lot, serviced by the GAIA movement. Please share this information with your friends and invite them to leave their donations in the collection box instead of our front door!



You can access our **online giving platform Digigiv** with this QR code. You can make a quick donation by credit card or set up an account for ACH or for recurring donations. Questions or concerns? Please email the office at [bumclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com). Thanks!

**January Mission Minute: World Central Kitchen (WCK)** (Four star rating on Charity Navigator): Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world—and it is more important than ever in a crisis. Not only is a thoughtful, freshly prepared meal one less thing someone has to worry about in the wake of a disaster, it is a reminder that you are not alone, someone is thinking about you, and someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves back up in the darkest times. In 2010, Chef José Andrés, ready to use his culinary knowledge and talent to help, headed to Haiti following a devastating earthquake. Cooking alongside displaced families in a camp, he was guided on the proper way to cook black beans the way Haitians like to eat them: mashed and sieved into a creamy sauce. It wasn't just about feeding people in need—it was about listening, learning, and cooking side by side with the people impacted by the crisis. This is the real meaning of comfort food, and it's the core value that José, along with his wife Patricia, used at the center of founding World Central Kitchen. For more information please visit <https://wck.org>. To donate, please go to <https://www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give>.



**Today — Sunday, January 5, 2025**

As part of our celebration of Holy Communion today, we receive an offering of nonperishable, packaged and canned food items for our Community Pantry. **“As we are fed, so we are called to feed.”**

Children are invited to **Children’s Sunday School** in Room 204 following the Worship Service.

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**This Week — January 6 to 11, 2025**

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for our **Online Bible Study**. You can access the Zoom link on our events page: <https://broadwaychurchchicago.com/events>.

Join us Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:30pm to **sing through the hymns** for the upcoming Sunday service.

All are welcome! No auditions required, only a willingness to lift up God’s Name in song! Questions? Contact Robert Galbreath at [ziggy6870@gmail.com](mailto:ziggy6870@gmail.com).

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**Looking Ahead**

All ministries our church implements are dependent on the generosity of God’s people. Please see our giving page for ways to submit your **pledge for 2025**.

Our HVAC system needs to be replaced! The new system will cost an estimated \$40,000. If you would like to make a **special donation** to assist with this very large, unexpected expense, please put “HVAC” in the memo line.

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**From Pastor Alka** — Thank you for all the Christmas cards, gifts, notes, and messages. Your love and support for me and my family is deeply appreciated.



## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL PEOPLE

We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability. We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

**Welcome to God's Beloved Community at Broadway.**



**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."

Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm\*

**\*For the most up to date information, please see  
[www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com/Calendar](http://www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com/Calendar)**

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