



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COMMIT. SEEK. SHARE 2024



Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Tim Barnes, organ and Robert Galbreath, piano

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Limestall family

Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us,

Let us light the first candle and pray for hope.

Because so many swords have not yet been beaten into ploughshares,

Let us light the second candle and pray for peace.

Because grief and loss weigh so heavily in our world,

Let us light this third candle and pray for joy.

Because hatred is still so strong, and because people all over the world are suffering,

Let us light the fourth candle and pray for love.

God has come to us as a child. Christ is present in our world.

Let us light the Christ candle and pray that the light from these candles will burn away everything that is preventing the God of hope and peace and joy and love from being born among us.



HYMN FOR CANDLE LIGHTING "Advent Song" The Faith We Sing # 2090 vs. 5

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response.

*OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

United Methodist Hymnal # 246 vs. 1, 2, 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy Living God, you are our Light. Let this light grow in our lives each day, so we can be a Present of Light and bring the Joy of Love to others. **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

MUSIC MINISTRY

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” (Traditional West Indies Tune)

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

FIRST READING

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light — upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining! God, you have made the nation greater — you have brought them abundant joy! They celebrate in your presence as with the harvest celebrations, or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the weight on their shoulder, the rod of their oppressors—you have shattered it, as you did at the defeat of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak that was dragged through blood, is now used as fuel for the fire. 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!

HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

United Methodist Hymnal # 238 vs. 3 & 4

**Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

[Refrain:] **Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *[Refrain]***

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

TIME FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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*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

Glorious God, as the shepherds rejoiced at the angel's news, we too bring our offerings with joy. Bless these gifts, that they may spread the good news of great joy to all people. Use them to bring peace, justice, and hope to our community and beyond. In this season, may our giving reflect the light of Christ, and may we be your instruments of love and generosity. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SECOND READING

THE STORY

Luke 2: 1-7

In those days, Caesar Augustus published a decree ordering a census of the whole Roman world. This first census took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All the people were instructed to go back to the towns of their birth to register. And so Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to "the city of David" — Bethlehem, in Judea, because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David; he went to register with Mary, his espoused wife, who was pregnant.

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While they were there, the time came for her delivery. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son; she put him in a simple cloth wrapped like a receiving blanket, and laid him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no room for them at the inn.

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

MUSIC MINISTRY "Let All the World This Night, Rejoice" (Roger Strader)

THE STORY CONTINUES

Luke 2: 8-20

There were shepherds in the area living in the fields and keeping night watch by turns over their flock. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very much afraid. The angel said to them, "You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you — news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in David's city, a savior — the Messiah — has been born to you. Let this be a sign to you: you'll find an infant wrapped in a simple cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in high heaven! And on earth, peace to those on whom God's favor rests." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see this event that God has made known to us."

They hurried and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw this, they reported what they had been told concerning the child. All who heard about it were astonished at the report given by the shepherds. Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart. The shepherds went away glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as they had been told.

CLOSING HYMN "Silent Night"

United Methodist Hymnal # 239 vs. 1, 3, 4

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.

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.

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

Beloveds, May God's Door of Welcome swing open in our hearts and in our lives. May Christ's humble first dwelling remind us of all we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into possibilities of hospitality that we haven't imagined, making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for the whole world. May we go in peace and be agents of peace in all our circles of connection. Merry Christmas.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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2024 Christmas Dedications from the BUMC Family

- In Memory of Marjie and Byron Sommers Given by Julia Sibley & Larry Sommers
In Memory of Edna, Percy, Mary Jane, Dean, Jeffrey Given by Scott McGowan
In Memory of Deepak Sharma Given by Mudit Kapil
In Memory of Tootie Paugh and Pam Paschall Given by Peg and Mary Rodriguez
In Celebration of the birth of Joel Raimondo Bustos Given by Julia Sibley & Larry Sommers
In Celebration of Broadway United Methodist Church Given by Wava Carpenter

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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.

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!

December Mission Minute: Heartland Human Care Services: At Heartland Human Care Services, we support people as they build on their strengths. We address immediate needs for today, like housing and advocacy, while providing job and financial training for tomorrow. Because we have seen it, we believe that with support and training, lives can change. Mission: Heartland Human Care Services is dedicated to partnering with individuals facing poverty, displacement, and injustice, to support them in achieving ongoing safety, stability, and long-term success. Vision: We envision a society in which we all participate, prosper, and reach our full potential. For more information please visit <https://heartlandhumancareservices.org>. To donate go to www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give.

Holiday Gift Fund for Church Staff! Each year, we offer our church staff holiday gifts. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please write "Staff Gifts" in the memo. BUMC Staff: Alka Lyall, Pastor; Robert Galbreath, Music Minister; Alexia Rivera, Office Manager; Tim Barnes, Building Monitor; Rick Newbury, Building Monitor

Makom Shalom Mitzit would like to invite members of BUMC to their **lunch and learn program by Keshet**, a Jewish organization that works for the full equality of LGBTQ Jews and their families in Jewish life. The talk will be on Gender in Jewish texts (Old Testament) on Saturday, January 4th at BUMC from 11:30am-1:30pm. They request that anyone who wants to attend RSVP at ascher1@ameritech.net by December 30 so they have enough food for everyone.

Heartland Human Care Services is holding a **Refugee & Migrant Winter Holiday Drive**. Accepting new and gently used: winter coats for children and adults, winter boots, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters and underlayers, toys, blankets, and non-perishable foods. You can drop off donations here at the church. They also have an amazon wish list at <https://amzn.to/3XMgUVT>. More info at <https://HeartlandHumanCareServices.org/program/rics>.



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. Thanks!



We are so glad you joined us 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 of all gender expressions can live and love authentically.

- On Sunday, December 29, we will celebrate the Christmas season with a **Carol Sing**.

We welcome you to join this family of faith as we begin a new year here in Lakeview!

- **Sunday worship services are held at 11am in-person and on Zoom.**
- On Sunday, January 5, we will celebrate **Kwanzaa and Epiphany Sunday**.
- **Children's Sunday School** will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025.
- **Online Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

For more information, visit www.BroadwayChurchChicago.com.

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."

The church office will be closed for winter break from December 25 to January 3.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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