

Broad Street United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

December 15, 2024

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin. Congregational readings are bolded.

*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE		Judy Schetler
GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Temaris
ADVENT SONG	<i>Advent's Holy Light</i> by Joel Raney	Sanctuary Choir
*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	(responsive)	Sunshine Family

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

Faced with the troubles and suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

We light this pink candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

*HYMN	<i>Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice</i>	TFWS 2089
OPENING PRAYER	(pray in unison)	Cyrrus Bernaldes

**Holy God of Joy, we rejoice in the reality of who you are.
We live within the joy of your love for us.
Our contentment comes and goes. Our happiness ebbs and flows.
Our feelings depend upon our circumstances, our physical health, our brain chemistry.
But our joy is deeply rooted in our identity as your beloved children.
And we give you thanks. Amen.**

-Written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/2013/12/17>

*HYMN	<i>The First Song of Isaiah</i>	TFWS 2030
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ADVENT PRAYER (Unison)

Advent (led by Cyrus Bernaldes)

UMH 201

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Laura Jaskot

NOISY COIN COLLECTION (supporting our Children’s Ministry)

Youth

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Cyrus Bernaldes

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and the cantata is sung, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:2-6

Cyrus Bernaldes

MUSICAL MESSAGE

The Winter Rose by Joseph Martin

Sanctuary Choir

Written by one of our favorite composers, our cantata this morning incorporates traditional carols and original anthems that tell the story of the life of Christ from prophecy to passion.

Director/Accompanist: Judy Schetler

Narrator: Doug Papp

Soprano: Cindy Borgstrom, Susan Curlett, Marsha Danser, Laura Jaskot

Alto: Becky MacMillan, Helen Rainier, Jalyn Sunshine

The Winter Rose. Choir

When Will He Come. Choir

Advent Cry. Soloist: Jalyn Sunshine, Choir

Every Valley.Choir

Carol of Remembrance. Choir

Dance into the Light.Choir

The Rose Tree Carol.Choir

The Winter Rose (Reprise) Soloist: Laura Jaskot

Look to the Rose. Choir

Lo, How A Rose. Choir

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Cyrrus Bernaldes

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him.

Amen.

~ adapted from a prayer written by Fr. Rick Morley, and posted on <http://www.rickmorley.com/archives/207>

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for _____.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER CHORUS

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor Temaris

HYMN

Jesus, Name Above All Names

TFWS 2071

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

Generous God, your love renews us and restores our strength. With gratitude, we offer you a portion of what you have given to us. Receive our gifts, our prayers, and our service, that your church may become a source of hope for the world. Amen.

-The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203

*WORDS OF BLESSING (Responsive)

Pastor Temaris

Beloved, may you be blessed with fierce, tenacious joy that in all things—the highs, the lows, the rejoicing, and the sorrow—you may hold fast to and be held fast by the good news of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah.

Amen.

-from umcdiscipleship.org

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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Bulletin Dedication

The bulletin this morning is dedicated in honor of our talented organist and choir director, Judy Schetler. The congregation wishes to thank Judy for the many hours spent preparing inspirational music throughout the year.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Angie Gallagher, Doug Papp, Tom & Linda McElwain, Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway, Travis Montone, Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Susan Curlett, Faye Habingreither, Carolyn Shinn, Dana Painter, Tony Hoffman, Pastor Hilda Covington

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.



Next Sunday we will have poinsettias on the altar and the dedications for both the poinsettias and any memorial donations will be listed in the bulletin. You may take your poinsettias following the service, or if you choose, you may leave them on the altar and take them with you after the Christmas Eve service at 7:00PM on Tuesday night, December 24th. ***Today is the last day to order flowers or submit your donations for the 'In Memory of/In Honor of' page for the bulletin. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary.***



Please check the mail slots in the chapel for any cards sent to you. The “Post Office” is open through next Sunday so you still have a chance to write and send cards to fellow BSUMC family members.

Please visit the church website (www.broadstumc.org) for more information on upcoming activities.

CALENDAR:

Sunday, December 15, 2024 – Deadline to order poinsettias and submit memorials
Sunday, December 15, 2024 – Advent Covered Dish Dinner 4:00PM Lucas Hall
Tuesday, December 17, 2024 – Bible Study 6:30PM Lucas Hall
Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Praise Band Practice, 5:30PM Sanctuary
Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Sanctuary Choir practice 7:00PM Lucas Hall
Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Sunday School 9:45AM Worship 11:00AM
Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Annual Cookie Munch following Worship 12:00Noon
Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM