



# Broad Street

United Methodist Church

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December 22, 2024

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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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Temaris

ADVENT SONG ***Advent's Holy Light*** (Joel Raney) Sanctuary Choir

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (responsive) Bryan Roth & Family

When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah ...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O Broad Street of Burlington, from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

**God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.**

We light this purple candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

\*HYMN ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** (vs. 1 & 4) UMH 218

OPENING PRAYER (pray in unison) Lauri Sheppard

**Dear Father in heaven, you sent the angel Gabriel to see Mary, a virgin who had found favor with YOU. She was told she would give birth to our Savior. Mary was a chosen one. We pray to be in your favor, O Father. We hold your name high and pray for you to enter our hearts during this season of holiness. We pray to be your chosen ones. Amen.**

HYMN ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*** UMH 224

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laura Sourwine

CONGREGATIONAL SONG ***Mary's Boy Child*** Jester Hairston Praise Band

*Lyrics found in the back of the bulletin*

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Responsively)

Jalyn Sunshine

Dear Lord in heaven, be with us on this Christmas Eve Sunday. Help us to know your word. Help us to see the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. They were amazed at what was happening. As they looked at baby Jesus, did they know what the future held? Grant us the ability to be in awe of what was happening so long ago in Bethlehem. **Amen**

PSALTER READING

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-37  
Led by Lauri Sheppard

UMH 807-8

ANTHEM

***Angels Was A-Shoutin' on Christmas Morn***  
(John Parker/ David Lantz III)

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Jalyn Sunshine

THE MESSAGE

***Perfect Love, Perfect Sacrifice***

Pastor Temaris

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Lauri Sheppard

JESUS - He came not to a throne,  
**but to a manger**

JESUS - He lived not as a king,  
**but as a servant.**

JESUS - He chose not a kingdom,  
**but a cross.**

JESUS - He gave not just a little,  
**but everything.** ~ Holley Gerth (adapted)

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer. Amen**

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor Temaris

SONG

***What Love Has Done*** by Sarah Hart  
Music transcribed by Bryan Roth

Praise Band

UMH 95

\*DOXOLOGY

\*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

***Go Tell It on the Mountain*** (vs. 1 & 3)

UMH 251

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (from Handel's Messiah)

Choir & Congregation

\*WORDS OF BLESSING (pray together)

Pastor Temaris

**The message of Christmas falls on the lonely ears of the world like gentle snow. It rests tenderly on the heart and wraps tired spirits in a warm blanket of assurance and love. In the ringing of the church bells and the singing of treasured carols we affirm our hope found in Jesus Christ. Help us listen for God's still small voice whispering from a manger. Amen** *adapted from The Voices of Christmas, Joseph Martin*

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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### **Bulletin Dedication**

The bulletin this morning is dedicated by Spike & Jean Tomer



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

Prayers for the family and friends of Jane E. Mehrer who died December 14 and was buried on Saturday, December 21 with a graveside service. Contributions may be made in her memory

to

Broad Street United Methodist Church.

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](mailto:office@broadstumc.org) or placed in the offering plate.

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

## Poinsettias

### In memory of

Robert & Miriam McElhinney  
Our parents and grandparents  
My Husband, James S. Waitz  
My Son, James W. Waitz  
Rob's parents and our grandparents  
Thomas and Phyllis Fyfe  
Joe and Mary Ellen Jaskot

Barbara Miller  
Spike & Jean Tomer  
Doris Waitz  
Doris Waitz  
The Sourwine Family  
Joe and Laura Jaskot  
Joe and Laura Jaskot

### In honor of

Our sons and their families  
Marge Borgstrom

### Given by

Spike and Jean Tomer  
Dennis & Cindy Borgstrom

### Donations

#### In memory of

Herb Borgstrom  
Jack & Eva Crocker  
Denise Kelly  
Brian Crocker  
Bill Lucas  
Sally Oxx  
Ricki Lucas  
Florence Burkley  
John McElhinney  
Ada Harker  
Vera Jean MacMillan  
Robert MacMillan  
Carrie Leeds  
Thelma MacMillan  
Charles, Naomi and John Crook  
Harvey, Rebecca and Bill Trauger  
My Parents, Leland & Anna Rainier  
My Aunts and Uncles  
My brother-in-law and other relatives  
missed at Christmas  
Our deceased family members  
Raymond Wolvin  
Midge Smith

#### Given by

Dennis & Cindy Borgstrom  
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Betsy Grover  
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Faye Habingreither  
Barbara Miller  
Don & Becky MacMillan  
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The Crook Family  
The Rev. Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
The Rev. Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
The Rev. Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
Carolyn & Jim Shinn  
Joyce Wolvin  
Ollie Leshner & Nonny Hewes

### Mary's Boy Child (Jester Hairston)

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy  
Bible says,  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born  
on Christmas Day.

CHORUS: Hark, now hear the angels  
sing, a new King born today.  
And we shall live forevermore because of  
Christmas Day!

While shepherds watched their flocks by  
night, they saw a bright new shining star.  
And then they heard a choir sing, the  
music seemed to come from afar.

### CHORUS

Then by and by in Bethlehem, in a stable  
all forlorn,  
in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little  
boy child was born.

### CHORUS (2X)

## *Thank You*

Thank you so very much for your participation in our 2024 Giving Tree project. Because of your generosity, this year, 2024, we were able to donate 151 pair of socks; (98 pair of Men's socks, and 53 pair of women's socks) to the Sisterhood. We also collected 16 sweatshirts, that were also donated to The Sisterhood.

We collected \$405.00 in money donations. The Money Donations were split between The Sisterhood and The Ladle of Love food program at St. Mary's. St. Mary's is not serving meals on site, yet, but they provide food to those in need, in various ways. **From Betsy Grover**



# Perfect Love, Perfect Sacrifice

## Fourth Week of Advent

5 - Day Devotional

*Radiant Reflections with Pastor Tamaris*

Week of December 22, 2024

### Devotional Summary:

This week's devotional has taken us on a journey through Hebrews 10:5-10, where we've explored the profound themes of preparation, obedience, inadequacy of the old sacrifices, sanctification, and reflecting Christ's love. As we conclude this Advent season, let us carry forward the deep appreciation of Christ's perfect sacrifice and strive to embody His love in every aspect of our lives, celebrating the joy and completeness it brings.

### Day 1: Preparation for Sacrifice

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:5

**Reflection:** Christ's coming into the world was an act of intentional preparation and divine purpose. Reflect on the significance of God preparing a body for Christ and what it means for the concept of sacrifice.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the preparation that made the way for our salvation. Help me to understand and appreciate the depth of Your planning and love.

**Action Step:** Spend time today meditating on the incarnation of Christ and journal about how this act of divine preparation demonstrates God's love for you.

### Day 2: The Will to Obey

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:7

**Reflection:** Jesus embraced God's will fully, knowing it led to His sacrifice. Consider areas in your life where you struggle to submit to God's will. How does understanding Christ's obedience inspire you to obey?

**Prayer:** Father, grant me the courage to embrace Your will for my life, as Jesus did, trusting in Your love and wisdom.

**Action Step:** Identify one area where you can better align your will with God's. Commit to taking a step of obedience in that area today.

### **Day 3: The Inadequacy of Old Sacrifices**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:8-9

**Reflection:** The old sacrifices were not enough to fully reconcile humanity with God. How does Jesus' sacrifice, as the fulfillment of God's will, change the way you view atonement and reconciliation?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank You for fulfilling what was insufficient in the old covenant and establishing a new way through Your sacrifice.

**Action Step:** Reflect on the difference between external religious acts and internal spiritual transformation. Share your thoughts with a friend or mentor.

### **Day 4: Sanctified Through the Offering**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:10

**Reflection:** Through Jesus' sacrifice, we are made holy—set apart for God's purposes. How does this truth affect your identity and your daily living?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to live out the reality of the holiness imparted to me through Christ's sacrifice. May my life reflect Your love and grace.

**Action Step:** Consider ways you can live out your sanctification in practical terms at home, work, or in your community. Implement one of these ways today.

### **Day 5: Reflecting Perfect Love in Our Lives**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Reflection:** Christ's sacrifice was a perfect act of love, intended not just to save us but to model perfect love. How can you mirror this love in your relationships and interactions?

**Prayer:** Lord, let Your perfect love overflow from my life. Teach me to love others as Christ loves me—sacrificially and unconditionally.

**Action Step:** Choose one relationship where you can more actively demonstrate Christ-like love. Make a specific plan to show love to this person in a sacrificial way this week.

### **Reflection**

# CALENDAR

**This Week:**

**Today**

*Annual Cookie Munch – Following Worship,  
Lucas Hall*

**This Evening**

*Blue Christmas – 7 PM, Sanctuary*

**Planning ahead... mark your calendars**

***Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM***

***Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM***

***(September - mid-June)***

***Tuesdays - 6:30 PM***

***Bible Study in Lucas Hall***

***Thursdays - 6 PM***

***Praise Band Practice in Lucas Hall***

***Thursdays - 7 PM***

***Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Lucas Hall***

***Sunday, February 2 - Soup Sunday***

***Following worship in Lucas Hall***

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