

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

## 21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.

We are happy you are here today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

*As we gather today, God is with us. The Holy One knows us.  
The Living God shines through us. – Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

\*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor James

We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

**We are God's people! God's presence is among us!**

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

**God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.**

God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

**God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.**

When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

**Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.**

- from [UMCDiscipleship.org/worship-wagon](http://UMCDiscipleship.org/worship-wagon)

\*HYMN

***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

UMH 126

OPENING PRAYER (pray in unison)

Marsha Danser

**Magnificent and Holy One, we long to know you better.**

**As we make our way in this world, we search for signs  
that you are with us. Give us a glimpse of your glorious presence,  
and show us your ways. May our lives ring out the marvelous  
message of your goodness, your mercy, and your love. Amen.**

*Based on Exod 33, Ps 99 and 1Thess 1, from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

HYMN

***Now Praise the Hidden God of Love***

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Marsha Danser

ANTHEM

***Psalm 23*** Heather Sorenson

Sanctuary Choir

## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Betsy Grover

**O God, our God, you have given us an example to follow, that we might be imitators of your divine love. Help us listen to your Word to better discern how we should follow and how we should act.**

**For we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

*Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

PSALTER

Psalm 99 Led by Betsy Grover

UMH 819-820

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Betsy Grover

THE MESSAGE

*Knowing the Other*

Pastor James

HYMN

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

UMH 521

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Marsha Danser

We are a world that is desperate for you, God.

When powers struggle for dominance, and war, oppression and abuse result;

When groups of people oppose one another because of ideology, religion or culture;

We need a God who is bigger than ourselves, and our personal interests.

**Lord, we know you are that God.**

When people are disregarded and devalued because of poverty, geography or disease;

When compassion and justice is withheld to some because of sexuality, race or gender;

We need a Saviour who is more compassionate than we are who includes even those we would exclude.

**Lord, we know you are that Savior.**

When resources are mismanaged and abused, and the world and its creatures are destroyed;

When motivation is scarce and creativity is in short supply

to address the challenges that we face;

We need a Spirit who is more powerful and more creative than we could ever be.

**Lord, we know you are that Spirit.**

Lord God, Loving Saviour, Empowering Spirit, we offer you these prayers because we need you so desperately.

Captivate us, call us and fill us, that we may be carriers of your eternal life to this world that you love so dearly.

**Amen.**

*Posted on re:Worship blogspot*

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 James

HYMN

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (v. 1, 4)

UMH 402

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor James

**Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps.  
Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving.  
Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours.  
Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to  
be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people  
who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.**

*Written by Mary Scifres, on the Ministry Matters website, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>*

**WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD**

\*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH 103

\*WORDS OF BLESSING (Responsive)

Pastor James

Go now to serve the living God, whose image we bear.

**We go, knowing that God goes with us.**

May all our work be done with faith.

**May all our efforts be filled with love.**

Go and persevere with the hope that comes through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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The altar flowers and bulletin this morning are in honor of our grandchildren's birthdays: Allyson Fabela Pickett on October 2th, Gregory Fabela on October 27th, and Ryan Fabela on November 8th. Given by Doug and Ollie Leshner.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

Matt Cardis; Shirley Woolman; Sue Curlett; Dale Crocker, Lina Jaskot, Ken Jaskot

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.

Check out the church website ([www.broadstumc.org](http://www.broadstumc.org)) for more information on upcoming activities.

## THIS WEEK:

Entire month of October – Clothing Drive – see flyers hanging in church

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Bible Study – Romans 6:00PM – 7:00PM



## Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Saturday, November 4, 2023 – Certified Lay Servant Class (Leading Worship) 9:00 – 2:00

Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas 9:30AM

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 8:00AM

Friday, November 24, 2023 – *A Christmas Carol* with Gerald Dickens 1:00PM / 7:00PM

Saturday, December 2, 2023 – Annual Christmas Tea 12:00PM – 3:00PM

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Advent Covered Dish Dinner and Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata 11:00AM

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM

Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM