

Broad Street United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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.

PRELUDE

Judy Schetler

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Herb and Jean Tomer

In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says Your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." (Isaiah 40:1)

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

We light these two Advent candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

*HYMN

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

led by Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Cyrrus Bernaldes

Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope.

Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies.

**Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices
with strength and joy!**

Straighten the crooked paths, that we might walk in your ways.

**Level the rocky ground, that we might prepare for your arrival
in our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

— posted on the [*Ministry Matters*](#) website

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Laura Sourwine

ANTHEM

Christmas Chorale and Alleluia by John Purifoy

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Celine Danser

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen for your voice. By your Spirit lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. Amen.

www.valleypresct.org/ /prayers_for_illumination.pdf

PSALTER READING	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (led by Cyrrus Bernaldes)	UMH 806
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 40:1-11	Cyrrus Bernaldes
THE MESSAGE	<i>The Word at the Right Time</i>	Pastor James
*THE APOSTLES' CREED	(led by Celine Danser)	UMH 881

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Celine Danser

Our God speaks tenderly to his people and cares for them as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Let us therefore bring to him our thanks and our prayers for our own needs and the needs of others. Lord our God, in this Advent season we pray for your church throughout the world.

In our communion we pray for our pastor, our congregation and all leaders of the church.

Give them the wisdom and guidance to do your will. Lord of all glory,

hear our prayer.

Lord our God, we pray for all the nations of the world and their leaders. We pray for equality, healing and justice for all your people. Lord of all glory,

hear our prayer.

Lord our God, we pray for the communities in which we live, work and worship. We pray that with your help we will reveal your glory in the way we live and serve you. If we become over-busy, stressed or tired speak tenderly to us, gather us in your arms and bring us back to a place where we can rest and re-focus on the one great truth of Advent and Christmas: that you have come to us in humility and with patience so that we may see your glory and salvation in our lives. Lord of all glory,

hear our prayer.

Lord our God, we remember before you the lives of those who are now with you in your eternal Kingdom where one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day.

Lord of all glory,

hear our prayer. Lord our God and heavenly Father, we bring our prayers to you, trusting in your great faithfulness and compassion. As we look forward to celebrating once again the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, help us also to look forward to the time of his coming again and to prepare ourselves for that day when your kingdom will at last be established on earth.

Now let us pray for those dear to our hearts. We pray for _____

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer. Amen.

Adapted from www.katharinesmith.org. advent/intercessions-for-2nd-sunday-of-advent-year-b/

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

DOXOLOGY

Who You Say I Am

Cecile Danser/Praise Team

UMH 95

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER*
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

HYMN

O God of Every Nation

UMH 435

*WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor James

As you were present with us through your Word, O God:
May we be present to others who will come to us this week.
As you fed us with peace, Bread of Life:
May we grace others with your peace in the coming days.
As you welcomed us to your Table, Spirit of hope:
May we welcome those you send us who have no hope.

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POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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Bulletin Dedication

The bulletin this morning is dedicated in loving memory of Jim Waitz on his birthday, December 14th, given by his wife Doris.



The altar flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Walter Sheppard, whose birthday anniversary was December 3rd, given by the Sheppard, Sunshine and Dorsi families.

The Communion offering this month supports our Broad Street UMC office expenses.

Reminder – next week is the third Sunday and we will have a Noisy Coin Collection.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Dale Crocker, Frank Becker, Lina 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.

Tuesday December 12, 2023, the bus trip to Sight and Sound will be leaving at 9:30 AM from in front of Broad Street UMC 36 E. Broad St., Burlington.

PARKING is behind Edmar’s Restaurant Supply across from the church.

Any questions call Susan at 856-873-1479.



Check out the church website (www.broadstumc.org) for more information on upcoming activities.

THIS WEEK:

TODAY – DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS – See Laura Jaskot after Worship
Sunday, December 10, 2023 – Advent Covered Dish Dinner and Carol Sing 4:00PM
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – Bus Trip to Sight and Sound for *The Miracle of Christmas* 9:30AM
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00PM ***Note date change***



Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata; Noisy Coin Collection
Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Annual Cookie Munch following worship 12:00PM
Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM
Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Sunday School 9:45AM Worship 11:00AM
Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM



Christmas Card

Opening Sunday, December 3rd

Donation of \$0.20/card requested which supports our Youth.
Include a check or cash with your cards or pay online at our website or PayPal. Place your cards (please 'address' with both first and last names) in the box in the chapel with your payment and the cards will be 'delivered' by the youth into the mailbox slots.
Please check your slot each Sunday in Advent.
This is a great way to both support our youth and save money!

Post Office

The graphic features a large, stylized letter 'C' with a striped pattern, decorated with holly leaves and berries. To the left of the 'C' are two wrapped gifts. To the right is a mailbox with a holly branch on top and a letter sticking out. A vertical striped pole is positioned next to the mailbox. The text 'Christmas Card' is written in a serif font, with 'Christmas' on the top line and 'ard' on the bottom line. Below this, the text 'Opening Sunday, December 3rd' is centered. Further down, a paragraph of text provides details about the donation and how to use the service. To the right of this text, the words 'Post Office' are written in a large, bold, serif font.

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone – Chris Tomlin

VERSE 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

VERSE 2

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains, unending love, Amazing Grace.

VERSE 3

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures

CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains, unending love, Amazing Grace.

VERSE 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.

CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains, unending love, Amazing Grace.
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