

Broad Street United Methodist Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor James

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (responsive)

Donna Acosta, Jerrica and Daenerys Inzerma

Reader 1: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come” (Mark 13:35).

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

*HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

UMH 718

OPENING PRAYER (pray in unison)

Midge Smith

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

-Book of Common Prayer

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Cindy Borgstrom

ANTHEM

With Open Hearts, We Are Waiting Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Midge Smith

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

-Book of Worship

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:11-14

Midge Smith

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

Margie Hoffman

THE MESSAGE

Wake Up Call

Katarina von Kühn

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Margie Hoffman

God of the ages, we praise you, for in the dawn of time you created the world, sending light by your Word to dispel darkness. In Jesus Christ you began a new creation, sending him to be the Light of the world, to drive away fear and despair, and to rule in peace and justice, holiness and love. Especially we thank you

for the order and beauty of your creation

for coming in Jesus Christ to share our human life

for the place you give us in your continuing creation

for the promise of peace among nations, and justice for all peoples

for the Church as the sign of your coming kingdom

Mighty God, prepare the world for your rule, for we long for the day when there shall be no more crying or tears, and death will be destroyed. Help us to share the ministry of Christ and be agents of his compassion. Especially we pray

for the nations of the earth and peace in the world,

for victims and survivors of violence,

for those who are sick and suffering, for our families and friends

for the Church and those who serve in Christ's name

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-UMC Book of Worship

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

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor James

HYMN

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 97

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor James

**All things come from you, O God,
and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all your gifts,
we offer ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

-Book of Worship

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

*WORDS OF BLESSING (Responsive)

Pastor James

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Judy Schetler

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The altar flowers and bulletin this morning are dedicated in honor of Jean Tomer's birthday on December 8th, given by her husband, Herb.



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.

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

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Bible Study on Romans 6:00PM Fellowship Hall



Planning ahead... mark your calendars

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – Bus Trip to Sight and Sound for *The Miracle of Christmas* 9:30AM

Sunday, December 17, 2023 – Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata

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



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.

