

Broad Street United Methodist Church

1st Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 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

*CALL to WORSHIP (responsive)

Pastor James

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

and because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

-Galatians 4:4-7

*HYMN

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come

UMH 246

OPENING PRAYER (pray in unison)

Doug Papp

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

-Book of Worship

HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jalyn Sunshine

ANTHEM

The Coventry Carol arr. Terri

Sanctuary Choir



WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Doug Papp

**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

PSALTER

Psalm 148 led by Doug Papp

UMH 861-2

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-35

Katarina von Kühn

THE MESSAGE

A Sign that Will Be Opposed

Pastor James

HYMN

My Master, See the Time Has Come

UMH 226

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Doug Papp

Holy God, heaven and earth have met in the new born Child, Savior of the world.
We celebrate his birth; for in him you come to be close to us, that we might be close to you.
Especially, we give thanks

**for the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and all he means to us;
for prospects of peace in the world;
for confidence in your almighty love;
for those who generously give;
for those who graciously receive;
for the Church's nurturing us in the faith**

God of all mercy, as you have come in Jesus Christ to be our guest, inspire our hearts to a hospitality
that welcomes all your children in his name.

Especially we pray

**for those who have not heard your good news;
for the sick and suffering;
for those who know no laughter, only tears;
for those who govern and rule;
for those enslaved by tyranny;
for prisoners of addiction or abuse;
for the Church as a refuge for the needy.**

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

-Book of Worship

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

Come, Thou Almighty King v, 1, 4

UMH 61

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (pray together)

Pastor James

**O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

-Book of Worship

WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

UMH 671

*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 this morning are dedicated in honor of Doris Waitz and the Danser family for all their love and support from Marsha Danser.



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Mike Levesque, Dale Crocker, Herb Tomer, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Susan Curlett, Lina Jaskot, Cindy Kenneally, Keith and Lauri Sheppard

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:

No Bible Study the next two weeks.

Thursday, January 4, 2024 – Choir practice 7:00PM



Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – United Women of Faith Meeting 1:00PM

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Girls of Grace Meeting 1:00PM

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – Bible Study resumes 7:00PM

Sunday, January 21, 2024 – Coffee Hour Following Worship

Sunday, January 21, 2024 – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Soup Sunday following Worship

Sunday, February 11, 2024 – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection following worship to support
The Camden Neighborhood Center

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday Service 5:30PM

Sunday, February 18, 2024 – Coffee Hour following Worship

Sunday, February 18, 2024 – Admin Board 7:00PM

Saturday, March 9, 2024 – Hoagie Sale

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Hoagie Sale

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Coffee Hour following Worship