



# Wonder!

*Advent / Christmas 2011*

*Broadway United Methodist Church*





# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 p.m.

December 24, 2011

### CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS

**Welcome!** We are glad that you have joined us for worship today.

**Visitors:** Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

**Large print hymnals and large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Stewardship Cards:** As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

**Song numbers** with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

#### *A Note from the Pastors...*

Welcome to Broadway on this Christmas Eve! Every time we gather in Worship, we celebrate that all of God's children are named and claimed by God as "beloved" – embraced by that extravagant love of God that knows no bounds.

Whether this is your first Christmas here or you've been here many years...we welcome you to this faith family that commits itself as an anti-racist, multi-cultural community as well as a reconciling one where people who are LGBTQ can live and love authentically.

We invite you to join us again tomorrow, Christmas Day, at 12 noon for an informal Christmas Worship, followed by a potluck community feast. On Sunday, January 1, we'll celebrate Kwanzaa at 12 noon, followed by a Kwanzaa potluck and hand-made gift exchange.

Our January season after the Epiphany continues with Sunday morning Worship at 8:45 & 11, Education at 10, and *Wednesday Night Live!* as well as many special events as we begin 2012. For more information, visit [www.broadwaychurchchicago.org](http://www.broadwaychurchchicago.org).

We welcome you to join our family of faith as we begin a new year here in Lakeview!

*Blessed Christmas, Vernice & Lois*

# GATHERING THE COMMUNITY IN GOD'S STORY

## Prelude

"Carol of the Bells"

[Mark Slima, piano]

## Welcome

Rev. Vernice Thorn

## \*The Call to Worship

*Look now! It is happening again! Love like a high spring tide is swelling to fullness and overflowing the banks of our small concerns.*

**And here again is the star, that white flame of truth blazing the way for us through a desert of tired words.**

*Once more comes the music, angel song that lifts our hearts and tunes our ears to the harmony of the universe, making us wonder how we ever could have forgotten.*

**And now the magi within us gathers up gifts of gold and myrrh, while that other part of ourselves, the impulsive, reckless shepherd, runs helter skelter with arms outstretched to embrace the wonder of it all.**

*We have no words to contain our praise. We ache with awe, we tremble with miracle, as once again, in the small rough stable of our lives, Christ is born.*

**And so: we sing!**

## \*Carol

**"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"** ..... # 240

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Christmas is a time of wonder – the wonder of Jesus; God-with-us; the Promised One, the light of the world, the Holy One of God. On this holy night we light the Christ-candle and we wonder*

**Is Jesus really here?**

*We light this Christ-candle and we wonder*

**Jesus is really here!** [continued on pg. 4]



\* Those who are able, please stand.

(**Bold type** within liturgy indicates congregational response.)

*We light this Christ-candle and we know*

**God is with us, the Promised One has come, the light of the world breaks through the shadows, the Holy One of God brings peace, hope, love and joy.**

### **The Advent Hymn**

**“Toda la tierra / All Earth is Waiting”..... # 210**

## **HEARING THE STORY**

**First Lesson, from the Prophet**

Isaiah 9:2-7

### **Carol of Hope**

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”..... # 196**

**Second Lesson, from the Psalter**

from Psalm 96

*O sing to God a new song; sing to God, all the earth!*

**Sing to God, bless God’s name; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**

*Declare God’s glory among the nations, God’s marvelous works among all the peoples!*

**For great is God and greatly to be praised!**



(# 234 refrain) **O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

*Ascribe to God, O people, ascribe to God glory and strength!*

**Ascribe to God the glory of God’s name! Bring an offering, and come into the courts of the Sovereign!**

*Worship God in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth!*


**Say among the nations, “God reigns! God has established the world, it shall never be moved.**



**O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!*

Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before God, who comes to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness, and the people with truth.

 O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him; O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**Third Lesson, from the Epistle**

Titus 2:11-14

**Christmas Carol**

“The First Noel” ..... # 245 vs. 1-2

**Fourth Lesson, from the Gospel**

Luke 2:1-7  
[from the King James Bible]

**Christmas Carol**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ..... # 230 vs. 1, 3

**Fifth Lesson, from the Gospel**

Luke 2:8-14  
[from the King James Bible]

**Special Music**

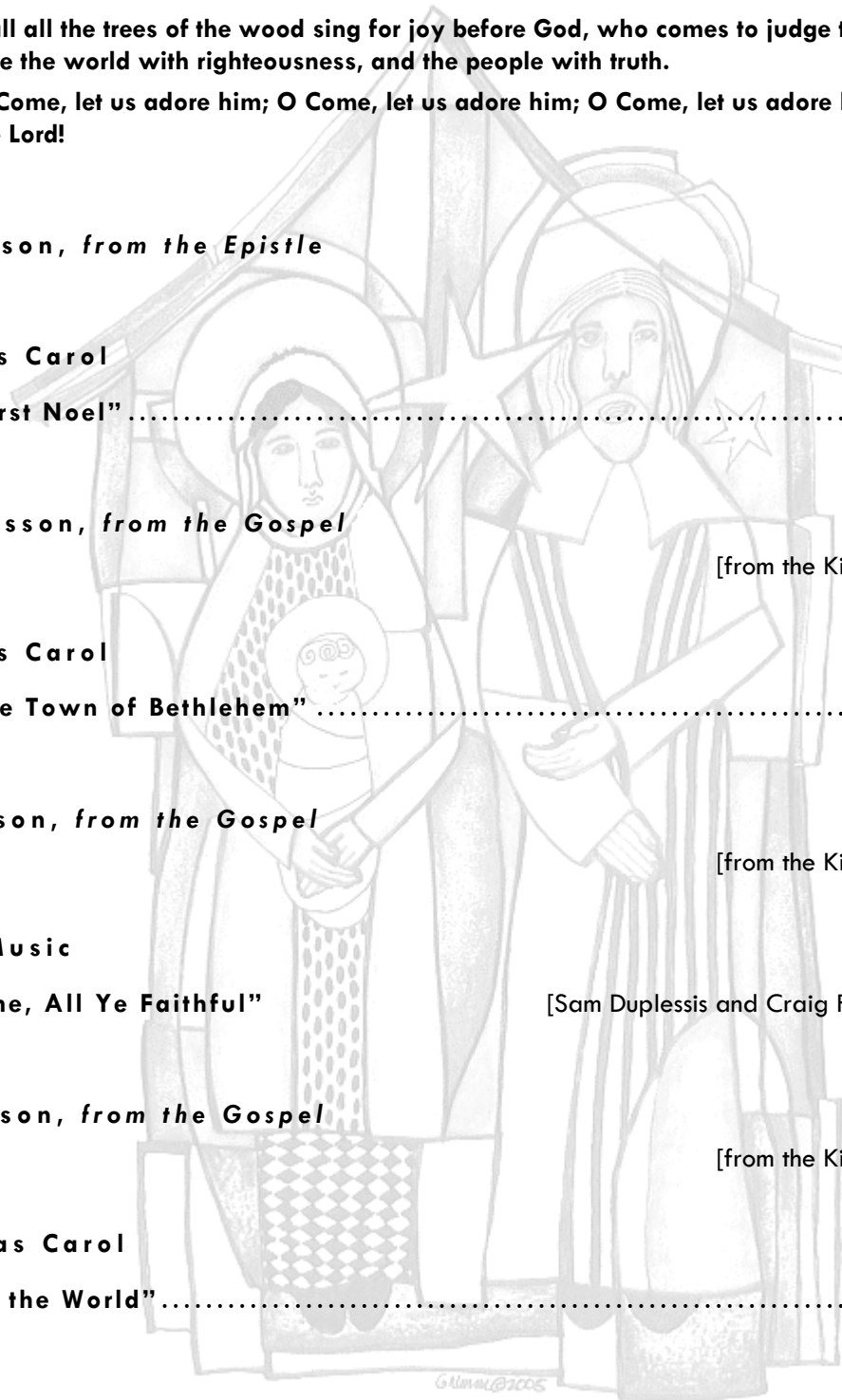
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” [Sam Duplessis and Craig Fitzgerald, duet]

**Sixth Lesson, from the Gospel**

Luke 2:15-20  
[from the King James Bible]

**\*Christmas Carol**

“Joy to the World” ..... # 246 vs. 1, 4



**Seventh Lesson, from the Gospel**

John 1:1-14

**Special Music**

**“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**

Michael Praetorius  
[Tim Barnes, organ]

**Christmas Reflection**

**“Wonder-Full”**

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

**THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN THE STORY**

**Call to present our tithes and offerings to God**

**Special Music**

**“Some Children See Him”**

Alfred Burt  
[Clayton Parr, soloist]

**\*Doxology**

**“Angels from the Realms of Glory”** ..... # 220, vs. 1

**\*Prayer for the World at Christmastime**

*God of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see, amaze us with your power and grace, awaken us to be your thankful children, minds attuned to your eternal mirth expressed through that first cry for life uttered at birth.*

*Great God of mystery, beckon us, and lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith to demonstrate your love. Then, as we strive to serve you here in true humility, fulfill creation's dream of joy in vibrant harmony.*

**Amen.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

[Please share signs of Christ’s peace with those who are seated near you, offering “**The Peace of Christ be with you,**” and responding, “**And also with you**” – or, tonight, “**Merry Christmas!**”]

**THE COMMUNITY KEEPS WRITING THE STORY**

**\*Hymn of Christmas**

“**Silent Night, Holy Night**” ..... # 239

[During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to light a candle as the light is passed from the aisle; please pass the light to the person next to you as we sing.]

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude**

**LITURGICAL RESOURCES ADPATED FROM POETRY**

Call to Worship: “Nativity,” by Joy Cowley, New Zealand

A Prayer for the World at Christmastime: “God of Surprises,” by Moira Rose

**TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** All the People

**Liturgist:** Greg Harris

**Gospel Reader:** Nathan Jacobs

**Pianists:** Samuel-Hilaire Duplessis and Mark Slima

**Organist:** Tim Barnes

**TOMORROW — DECEMBER 25, 2011**

**Sunday, December 25    Christmas Day**

ONE Sunday morning service at 12:00 pm (noon)

Community Feast (including “our” youth) at 1:00 pm

**Merry**   
**Christmas** 

**Coming in January**

**Sunday 1 January**

Kwanzaa Sunday (see page 10)

**Wednesday 4 January and Sunday 8 January**

*Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* (by Anne Lamott) book study begins (see page 11)

**Sunday 8 January**

Epiphany Sunday; normal schedule resumes (Sunday services at 8:45 and 11:00 am)

**Saturday 14 January**

Winter Warming: A congress of Reconciling United Methodists. Saturday, January 14, 2012 at Euclid Avenue UMC (405 S. Euclid Avenue, Oak Park) featuring Worship with Mark Miller.

Please join us for: WORKSHOPS — WORSHIP — DINNER. Registration: 1 pm; Workshop #1: 1:30 pm; Worship: 3 pm; Workshop #2: 4:30 pm; Dinner: 6 pm.

Register at [www.winterwarming.com](http://www.winterwarming.com)

**Monday 16 January**

Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in our Annual CommUNITY Dinner

**[www.broadwaychurchchicago.org](http://www.broadwaychurchchicago.org)**

## 2011 ADVENT Celebrations from the BUMC Family



- In Celebration of ..... Augusta's eight Grandparents, both here and beyond .....  
 Given by Katy Clausen, Laurie Lee Moses & Augusta
- In Celebration of ..... Ellen Grimshaw on her 101st Birthday ..... Given by M J Grimshaw
- In Celebration of ..... Jesus Christ our loving Lord and Savior ..... Given by Robert M. Gorman
- In Celebration of ..... My family ..... Given by Laura Goetz
- In Celebration of ..... My Mother's, Mrs. Nannie Vernice Waddell, 100th Birthday on Jan. 31, 2012 .....  
 Given by Vernice Thorn
- In Celebration of ..... Our church family ..... Given by Helen M. Nagel
- In Celebration of ..... Our Civil Union ..... Given by Chuck Prestidge & Robert Rebigea
- In Celebration of ..... The Birth of Christ and Broadway Church ..... Given by Brian, Tami, Kelsey & Alyssa Marron
- In Celebration of ..... The Gift of Friends at Broadway ..... Given by Charolette Lill
- In Celebration of ..... The Season ..... Given by Lois & Clayton Parr
- In Celebration of ..... Z Williams, YLL Cheerleader ..... Given by Lois McCullen Parr
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- In Honor of ..... Agnes Moorehead ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
- In Honor of ..... Doris Widebeck ..... Given by Don Aubrey & Bill Buckland
- In Honor of ..... Jesus ..... Given by Helen M. Nagel
- In Honor of ..... Joe & Gloria Raab ..... Given by Jerry Raab & Val Gatson
- In Honor of ..... Mitzl Maquet, Friend ..... Given by Mark W. Van Hyning
- In Honor of ..... My Family ..... Given by Lori Ackatz
- In Honor of ..... Our Broadway pastors and others who keep the wheels running ..... Given by Robert M. Gorman
- In Honor of ..... Samuel and Ann Cintron ..... Given by Sam Cintron
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- In Memory of ..... Barbara Buckland ..... Given by Don Aubrey & Bill Buckland
- In Memory of ..... David Young ..... Given by Lori Ackatz
- In Memory of ..... Floretha Reid — Mother and Friend to many ..... Given by Shelia Ashby Schultz
- In Memory of ..... Flossie Smith ..... Given by Richard M. Johnson
- In Memory of ..... Greg F. — Brian W. — Flo ..... Given by Helen M. Nagel
- In Memory of ..... J. Herbert & Viola Williams ..... Given by Matthew Williams
- In Memory of ..... Jim Prestidge ..... Given by Chuck Prestidge
- In Memory of ..... Lacey & Milton Gorman, Aunt Gladys, Aunt Fern, Sisters Bette Gorman & Gerry Stone and  
 Nephew Mickey Stone ..... Given by Robert M. Gorman
- In Memory of ..... My Nephew Brockton ..... Given by Dale West
- In Memory of ..... Paraschiva Navrea ..... Given by Chuck Prestidge
- In Memory of ..... Quintin Vanden Hoek ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek
- In Memory of ..... Reedy & Mavis G. Melton ..... Given by Reed Melton
- In Memory of ..... Rev. John G. P. Sherburne ..... Given by Theo Lambos
- In Memory of ..... Rick Raab ..... Given by Jerry Raab & Val Gatson
- In Memory of ..... Ruth McCullen Carver, Lois' Beloved Aunt ..... Given by Lois McCullen Parr
- In Memory of ..... Those no longer with us ..... Given by Fran Markwardt

# KWANZAA



## **Worship Celebration and Feast Sunday, January 1, 2012 12 noon**

**Kwanzaa is an African-American cultural holiday celebrated from December 26-January 1, with each day focused on Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) This year Broadway's People of Color and Anti-Racist White Caucus dicussion groups invite you to a one day celebration, feast, AND memorial service for Floretha Reid "Mama Flo"**



*We're born broken and we live by mending.  
The grace of God is glue.*

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Maybe you don't think you're a "book study" person...  
...well...  
this class is for YOU!

Come discover how one writer's life journey – in all its raw messiness – opens wide the door of faith. You'll read about Anne's own journey from alcohol & drug addiction as an isolated single Mom to her discovery of the power of a faith community called "church."

Anne Lamott's  
*Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*

Sundays @ 10am      January 8, 15, 22, 29  
Wednesdays @ 7pm      January 4, 11, 18, 25

*When God is going to do something wonderful,  
He or She always starts with a hardship;  
when God is going to do something amazing,  
He or She starts with an impossibility.*



Borrow a copy from the Library.  
Buy a second-hand copy.  
Or just come and add to the conversation with  
your own life journey's insights.

We're hoping Anne shows up...

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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