

Boulevard United Methodist Church



What 12-year-old from a loving home would calmly detach from his parents, enter the portals of probably the most daunting building in the city, and be found three days later in solemn debate with theologians of note? What Jewish momma, finding her missing child after three days, would simply be "astonished"?

- Peter Storey

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad St.

Greeting

Opening Words

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:

**to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.** – Howard Thurman

Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* 229

Time with Children

Interlude

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Music Crystal Bayles Lennon

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Hymn *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* 1-2 179

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *Precious Name* 536

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

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

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

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.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim and his family, Nancy Tate, and Leslie. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 year olds begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). They rejoin us for Communion. Ms. LaRonda is an experienced childcare provider currently employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

NEXT MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: January 7. Join in prayer and lunch thereafter, if you'd like, at Westminster Canterbury (1600 Westbrook Ave.). We gather at 11:30 in the 6th floor common room.

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}



A CHURCH SUPPER happens here at 1837 W Broad following our service on January 20. Save the date! Chipotle will cater the mains and you are invited to bring something accompaniments. Look for more details, next week.