



# Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, November 27, 2022



Reconciling  
Ministries  
Network

## OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

*We are a congregation that welcomes all with open hearts, open minds and open doors.*

*Our faith is deeply rooted in the Methodist tradition of social justice  
and we support the inclusion of all in every aspect of the life of the church.*

*We are more than the sum of our parts.*

*We are a community of believers, doubters and seekers of all ages, from all corners of the earth.*

*Our church family is made up of people of differing sexual orientations and gender identities  
and we affirm and celebrate all of them.*

*We are socially, politically and theologically diverse, yet we are one in the body of Christ.*

*We welcome everyone who wishes to join us as we strive to order our lives  
in the way of the footwasher, Jesus Christ, to love our God, to love our neighbors  
and to bring peace, kindness and justice to a world in need.*

## We're Glad You Are Here Today!

Please fill out an **Attendance Card** (located in the pew rack) to let us know you've been here in worship (just leave the card on the pew at the end of the service). You can use this card to share prayer requests, send a message to the pastors, or update your contact information. Thanks!

## New Here?

We warmly welcome all who are visiting our church this morning. We hope to have the chance to personally greet you and answer any questions about our congregation that you may have. Want to learn more about BUMC? We invite you to text your name and email address to us at **301-246-0866** and we'll be in touch soon!

## BUMC's COVID Re-Entry Update

Wearing masks is not required during our services and activities but is recommended. Hand hygiene is important – feel free to use the sanitizing stations in the narthex and Lonnie's Lobby. And most of all, if you at all feel not well, even if it is just a little bit, the most loving thing you can do is to join us virtually instead of in person until you are sure you are well.

*BUMC only requires a mask for those working in the nursery.*

## Bethesda United Methodist Church

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# First Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, November 27, 2022 11 a.m.**

*BUMC's services are livestreamed. Please be aware mics are live and conversations may be heard over the air. If you prefer not to be visible on the video, which is broadcast on YouTube, we invite you to be seated towards the rear of the Sanctuary. Thank you.*

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## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Chris Warrington*

"Lo How a Rose"

### CHORAL INTROIT

### PRELUDE/BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Chris Warrington*

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come - *Manz*

### TOLLING OF THE BELL

*Ringing church bells reminds the world God holds the future of humanity.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* GREETING

**Leader:** We come from a world of darkness

**People:** Into Christ's world of light.

**Leader:** We come from a world of weariness

**People:** Into God's strength and hope.

**Leader:** We come from a slumbering world.

**People:** Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls  
and watch for the coming of Christ.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### RESPONSE

*Praise Band*

"Come, O Redeemer Come"

#### \* OPENING HYMN

*UMH 211 w 1,2,6,7*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

#### \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

*UMH 209 v 3*

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

## LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

*Praise Band*

*"Advent Hymn - Watching, Waiting, Longing"*

ADVENT REFLECTION

*Grace and Florence Yanagawa*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayer requests can be shared at [washmorefeet.org/pray](http://washmorefeet.org/pray)*

ANTHEM

*Sanctuary Choir*

*"Comfort Ye" - Wilson/Knox*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Nico Murray*

Matthew 24:36-44

MESSAGE

*Rev. HiRho*

*"Jesus from the Margin - A Latin American Perspective"*

## RESPONDING

OFFERTORY INVITATION

*Lisa Nevans-Locke*

*"Niño Lindo"*

\* DOXOLOGY

*UMH 221, V 4*

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN

*UMH 202*

*"People, Look East"*

\* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

**Leader:** Go in hope!

**People:** We go out of this place with the  
hope of the long-awaited Messiah!

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\* POSTLUDE

*Chris Warrington*

*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" - Swedish Folk Tune*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. HiRho Park

**Minister of Worship & Justice:** Dr. Shaw Brewer

**Director of Music:** Chris Warrington

**Sanctuary Choir Conductor:** Max Nolin

**Director, Bethesda Bells:** Gail Williams

**Acolyte:** Alex Murray

**Tech:** Steven Martin (livestream), Holly Pannulo (slides), Carl Eichenwald (sound)

**Worship Co-Chairs:** Sue O'Hara & Bill Allman

*If you have any questions or wish to provide input about our worship services, please contact  
Sue ([rockysmom51@gmail.com](mailto:rockysmom51@gmail.com)) or Bill ([bilgerall@yahoo.com](mailto:bilgerall@yahoo.com)). We'd love to hear from you.*

## Today at BUMC

9:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45 am	PTR Class
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship (in-person & online at <a href="http://washmorefeet.org/livestream">washmorefeet.org/livestream</a> ) Kids with Purpose (Room 104)
12:00 pm	Greening of the Church
5:00 pm	Racial Justice Witness
7:00 pm	Evensong Worship

**COME CELEBRATE ADVENT WITH US!** "Jesus and Advent: A Global Perspective" is our Advent theme, and it will be full of beautiful ways to celebrate the season as we await Jesus' birth. First, we will launch a new text ministry that will replace our traditional devotional. Be sure to sign up today (see below)! Then, on Tuesday nights, you can join us for Bible study as we examine how Jesus is celebrated in various cultures around the world. Finally, set apart some time for prayer. During the week, you are welcome to join us for our prayer services.

Join us in person for a Taizé service on Wednesdays and online at noon on Thursdays as we prepare our hearts through the practice of visio divina, a spiritual practice of focusing ourselves through art.

**EVENSONG, A BUMC TRADITION DURING ADVENT**, is back this season! A quiet, reflective service of scripture, prayer and song, Evensong is intended as a kind of emotional refuge during the busy Christmas time. Some of the church's talented acoustic and vocal musicians perform a variety of old and new. The service also includes Communion. This year the dates are November 27 (tonight) and December 11 and 18. Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution, will be a speaker at tonight's Evensong. Please mark your calendars and join us.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS VIA TEXT MESSAGE:** This year, we will be sending out a daily Bible verse and a short prayer via text message as a way of welcoming the Christ Child in our lives. To join, simply text "advent" to 1-301-654-5160 using your smartphone or portable device. You can stop receiving these at any time by texting "STOP." We're excited about this new way of deepening our faith during this Advent season.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS:** Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one and help us decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. Plants cost \$20 and orders are due by December 11th. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can also place an order online ([Washmorefeet.org/PoinsettiaOrder](http://Washmorefeet.org/PoinsettiaOrder)). Feel free to take your plant home any time after the 11:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

**COAT AND SWEATER DRIVE FOR MIGRANTS:** BUMC is participating in the Coat and Sweater Drive for Migrants organized by the Baltimore Washington Conference's Immigration Ministry. Winter coats and sweaters in adult sizes (small, medium, and large) for migrants new to the US are needed. Place donations in the large plastic bin in the Narthex just outside our BUMC sanctuary, near the education wing. All items must be new or gently used. Please do not drop off old clothing! December 11 is the last day of collection. You will find a collecting bin in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Edmonds at [j.edmonds@erols.com](mailto:j.edmonds@erols.com).

**MISSION MONDAY:** Our final Mission Monday for 2022 will be December 5. Please bring meat and cheese sandwiches and trail mix for Martha's Table, and non-perishable foods for Bethesda Help. We will be collecting in the Huntington Parkway parking lot from 8:30-10:00 a.m. If you have extra individually-wrapped candy, we would appreciate having it to make candy bags for the children on our Angel Tree. If you have questions, please contact Nancy ([Smithnancy@verizon.net](mailto:Smithnancy@verizon.net)) or Bruce ([smithbruce@verizon.net](mailto:smithbruce@verizon.net)). Thank you for helping feed the hungry this holiday season!