



Welcome to Bethesda UMC

Sunday, December 4, 2022



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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.

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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 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.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Band

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CHORAL INTROIT

PRELUDE & BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Chris Warrington

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - Coleman (1888-1965)

"Sleepers, Wake!" - Anderson (b. 1988)

TOLLING OF THE BELL

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GREETING

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him. He came in a stable made of hay instead of in a palace surrounded by gold...but still he was the long-awaited Messiah.

People: We come in faith.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Noeline Kitonsa, Arnold Obara, and Trevor Hasibante

RESPONSE

Congregation & Praise Band

"Prepare a Place"

* OPENING HYMN

UMH 196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Chris Warrington

"Gloria sur les Flutes" - Jordan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer requests can be shared at washmorefeet.org/pray

ADVENT REFLECTION

Dr. Beauty Maenizansie

Dr. Maenizansie is the former dean of the School of Theology at Africa University of the United Methodist Church.

ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

"Every Valley" - John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Janine Gregory

Matthew 3:1-12

MESSAGE

Rev. HiRho

"Jesus The Nurturer - An African Woman's Perspective"

RESPONDING

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

UMH 206

"I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN

UMH 209

"Blest Be the God of Israel"

* CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Leader: Go! Go in faith!

People: We go in faith, faith in a nurturing God who will care for us
and in his Son whose birth we await anew this season.

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Chris Warrington

"The King of Glory Comes" - Miller

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

Tech: Steven Martin & Sam Bohn (livestream), Bob Gillette (slides), David Flumbaum (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) or Bill (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 washmorefeet.org/livestream) Kids with Purpose (Room 104)
5:00 pm	A Night in Bethlehem Christmas Event

ANGEL TREE: Want to spread some Christmas cheer this year? BUMC is partnering with *A Wider Circle* to provide Christmas gifts to families who need a helping hand. Each ornament on our Angel Tree in the narthex is labeled with a recipient's name, age, and gift request. We suggest that you aim to spend about \$50/ornament. Gifts should be wrapped, labeled with the ornament, and returned to the church on Sunday, December 11th, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. There are also ornaments requesting grocery store gift cards and Target gift cards to be distributed to families. Gift cards should be placed in an unsealed envelope marked "Angel Tree" and can be dropped off anytime on or before December 11th in the lock box outside by the church offices. Questions? Email Dennis@washmorefeet.org.

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). 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. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Edmonds at 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) or Bruce (smithbruce@verizon.net). Thank you for helping feed the hungry this holiday season!

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUNDAY EVENING FOR A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM: All youth and youth parents are invited to participate in this walkthrough Christmas event this Sunday from 5-6:30. We need all hands on deck for this event: we will be raising money for your youth summer mission trips. There are two shifts you can volunteer for, 5:00-5:45 or 5:45-6:30. When you are not volunteering, please enjoy the event yourselves! There will be hot chocolate, coffee, and cocoa available for all guests and volunteers.



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