

back to basics

the stories we receive

the practices we keep

the love we share



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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VISITORS

If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to complete a guest card available from a welcome host. Please drop it in the offering chest or hand it to one of the welcome hosts following the worship service.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Faith offers a variety of accessibility resources for your use, including large-print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive-listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones. These items are available on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use whatever you need and return the items after the service. If you have any questions, speak with the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance. You may also contact Jennifer Young, Faith's Accessibility Coordinator, at young.jennifer@gmail.com to request additional accommodations.

Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *Be Still My Soul* (1899, 2006)

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director
Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957; arr. Cathy Moglebust, b. 1958

Welcome

Sara Romeyn

Call to Worship

Tim Evans, Liturgist

One: God desires truth in our inward being.

All: Give us courage to see clearly.

One: God hears the cries of those who have been harmed.

All: Give us courage to listen.

One: God calls the powerful to account and sinners to repentance.

All: Give us courage to change.

One: God's mercy does not hide the truth.

All: God's mercy leads us through truth toward new life.

One: Come. Let us worship with honest hearts.

Confession and Pardon

Tim Evans

One: God of truth and mercy,

we confess the ways we protect ourselves from what is true.

All: We minimize harm when acknowledging it would cost us something.

We defend reputations instead of listening to those who have been wounded.

We use power for ourselves rather than for the good of others.

We excuse in ourselves what we condemn in someone else.

We avoid hard conversations.

We hide behind silence.

We prefer being thought good to being made more faithful.

One: Have mercy on us.

Give us courage to name harm honestly,
to receive correction without defensiveness,
to make repair where repair is possible,
and to change the patterns that wound your children.

**All: Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Tim Evans

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *Turn Thy Face from My Sins* (1831)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, organ
Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838

Text (Psalm 51:9-11): Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. | Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. || Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Children's Message

Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

Tim Evans

Psalm 51:1-9

The readings in 2 Samuel can be found in the Old Testament on pages #284-285 and the reading in Psalm can be found on page #520 of the pew Bible.

Message

Suzanne Smedberg

*Hymn #110: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

WE RESPOND

Stewardship Moment: SHARE

Bill Maas, Leadership Board, Chair

Invitation to Offering

Suzanne Smedberg

Offertory Prayer

Tim Evans

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Suzanne Smedberg

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn #382: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Suzanne Smedberg

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557*

Ann Bartlow, organ
(from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*), Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

*Altar flowers are given by Tim Evans and Sara Romeyn as a welcome
to Sara's father and stepmother, Jonathan and Mary Romeyn,
visiting from California.*



ATTENDANCE

We invite all guests and members to scan the QR code so we can acknowledge your attendance today.



Everyone Sign In!

OFFERING

Currently, we are not passing an offering plate. An offering box has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex. You may also scan the QR code to the right to give online.



Give today.

MEETING OF 3RD-5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Today following worship

A meeting facilitated by Caroline Babula and Susan Jones will gather in room 200 following worship today.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Today following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join Faith UMC women following worship in room 110 as they work to influence and impact our community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.



YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Today following worship

Young Singers of Faith will gather today and almost every Sunday after 10 a.m. worship. We learn the fundamentals of singing, pitch matching, and music reading while working on music that we will sing in worship on occasion. The group also participates in the Family Christmas Eve service at Faith the afternoon of December 24. Rehearsals will end by noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry will not meet today.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and N. Bethesda UMC will gather next **Sunday, November 1** following worship for Bible Study at Faith UMC. Scan the QR code to access the weekly full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics.



BACK TO BASICS...STEWARDSHIP

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign is well underway. This week, the stewardship topic is SHARE. As we have seen this month through the testimony of our members, Faith UMC has made a deep and lasting positive impact in many lives.



To name just a few examples, in the past year, Faith UMC has created a new gathering for children in grades 3-5 (Faithful Friends), expanded our youth ministry, offered confirmation and adult discipleship classes, and provided over 50 children and young people with Sunday School instruction.

This year, due to the loss of a key building revenue source and rising costs, we expect to reduce expenses by as much as 10 percent. Before making cuts, the Leadership Board must understand the level of financial commitment the congregation intends to make for the coming year.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2027, and

- Make your commitment online by scanning the QR code, or
- Bring the estimate-of-giving card you received in the mail to Commitment Sunday, November 8.



If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura & Andy Basford (basfordlaura@gmail.com; andy_basford@yahoo.com).

FAITH UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Epworth UMC, Gaithersburg

All members of Faith UMC are invited to attend and join the Leadership Board members at Epworth UMC at 9008 Rosemont Dr., Gaithersburg on Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m.

The Charge Conference is an annual meeting that brings together church leadership and the District Superintendent to review the ministry of the past year, conduct essential church business, and establish goals for the year ahead. The Charge Conference is also responsible for approving leadership nominations and other key matters of church governance.



As an important expression of the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference reflects the shared responsibility of clergy, laity, congregations, and denominational leadership in discerning, planning, and making decisions together for the ministry and mission of the church.

POTOMAC AREA INTERFAITH COMEDY EVENT

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Interfaith Comedy is a clean comedy experience that brings together comedians from a wide range of religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Through humor, the show reaks down barriers, challenges stereotypes, and creates opportunities for greater understanding—all while keeping audiences laughing. One night. Many faiths. Lots of laughs. The event is free and will take place at Congregation Har Shalom (11510 Falls Rd) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Additional information at www.harshalom.org/InterfaithComedy.

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford & Nora Justice

Altar Guild for October: Laura Basford & Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer & Debbie Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Sara Romeyn

Fellowship Hosts: Matt & Suzi Dennis

Liturgist: Tim Evans

Money Counters: Jane Rall & Jan Spencer

Nursery Caregivers: Nancy Hart & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Belinda Tilley

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Caroline Babula, Nancy Kuhn, Dawn Adair Johnson & Jan Spencer

Middle School: Jeff Bryant & Janelle Veazey

High School: Marie Day & Ryan Miller

Welcome Hosts: Bill & Lloydie Zaiser

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor | Ann Bartlow, Organist | André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader | Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager | Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator | Kim Webster, Financial Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director