
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.

WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: Prélude Modal (from Vingt-quatre Pièces pour harmonium ou orgue, Op. 6 No. 1, 1934-1936)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Jean Langlais, 1907-1991

Welcome Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Call to Worship Ryan Babula, Liturgist

ONE: We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God,

**ALL: we need only to look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

ONE: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

**ALL: we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

ONE: We worship the God who inhabits our world

ALL: and who indwells our lives.

WORD

Anthem: *If Ye Love Me* (c. 1565)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Thomas Tallis, ca. 1505-1585; Text: reference John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments, | and I will pray the
Father, | and he shall give you another Comforter. || That he may
bide with you forever, | Even the spirit of truth.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Ryan Babula

Today's scripture can be found on pages #137-138 of the
New Testament in the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #472: *Near to the Heart of God*

Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell and Stewards

Please refer to the projection screen or the insert for responses.

Invitation and Confession

Great Thanksgiving

Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the
ushers. From the servers on the side you were seated, you will
receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it
immediately. You may then return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer not to receive by dipping bread in a common cup, OR if you need gluten free elements, there are gluten free self-contained communion elements in a basket in the center between the two server teams. Please take one and return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

Prayer after Receiving

Invitation to Offering Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer Ryan Babula

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #573: *O Zion, Haste* Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Prelude: "Little" Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 (1703-1707)
Ann Bartlow, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to scan the QR code—whether you are a guest or a member—so we know that you joined us today!



OFFERING

We are not passing an offering plate currently. 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Middle and high school youth meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. at N. Bethesda UMC at 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

BUILDING ACCESS UPDATE

Over the past several weeks, we have implemented security upgrades throughout the building to help ensure the safety of everyone. One of these updates affects how the building is accessed.

The keypad located outside the main office door will be removed and will no longer be available for entry. **Beginning this Monday, May 4**, anyone needing access to the church during the week is asked to visit during regular office hours, when a staff member will be happy to assist with entry. A reminder that office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as we implement these improvements, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support.

INCLUSIVE BOOKS

When we celebrated Disability Awareness Sunday last week, we offered the opportunity to purchase disability inclusive children's and young adult literature to donate to the church library or for your own family's library. We are extending that opportunity until May 10th in partnership with Child's Play Toys and Books.

Just scan the QR code. Twenty percent (20%) of the proceeds will come directly back to Faith.



YOUNG SINGERS IN FAITH

Sunday following worship

Young Singers of Faith is holding its final rehearsals as we prepare to contribute to worship on Sunday, May 10 at 10 a.m. We will rehearse in the sanctuary following the 10 a.m. service until no later than noon on the following date:

- Sunday, May 3

Children up to and including grade 6 are welcome to participate—no prior musical experience is needed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO #StillInMission!

Thursday, May 7 at noon via Zoom

Belinda Forbes, a global missionary in covenant partnership with Faith UMC serving in Latin America, will present updates from her missionary placement site with AMOS Health and Hope. This one-hour gathering is an opportunity to learn about the different ways Belinda answers God's call. Registration is required and the link can be found in Friday's *What's Working at Faith* or contact the church office.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 12 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Geneva Presbyterian Church and Beth Shalom Congregation are co-sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 12. The drive will be held at Beth Shalom Congregation at 11817 Seven Locks Rd. in Potomac.

Sign up to donate by scanning the QR code and use zip code 20854.



FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Community Garden is a group effort and we are thrilled that this is our fourth year growing and harvesting vegetables for our community. This space was formerly a playground, transformed by the hard work of church members. Last year, Ryan Bloom improved the garden as part of an Eagle Scout project. Please join us on May 16th to plant seedlings.



All ages are welcome; no experience is needed. To join the garden team, get updates, or ask questions, contact Garden Gurus Sara Romeyn at sara.romeyn@gmail.com, Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu, or Celina Schmidt at jakecelina@gmail.com.

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH ANN BARTLOW

Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music on May 16 at 3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church. Ann will bring the sanctuary to life with the piano and organ featuring works by Bach, Boulanger, Giacchino, and Vierne — a blend of classics and charm. A reception will follow.



GRADUATE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17 during worship

Graduation marks an important milestone—a time to celebrate accomplishments and to honor the transition into a new chapter of life. On May 17, we will recognize graduates during the worship service.



If you or someone you love is graduating from high school, college, or a postgraduate program this year, we would be delighted to celebrate with you. Graduates who wish to be recognized are invited to submit the following by Wednesday, May 13 to office@FaithWorksHere.com: a photo of the graduate, the name of the school or program from which they are graduating, and their plans for the next stage.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for May: Marie Day

Audio Visual Volunteers: Debbie Spriggs & Eric Winchenbach

Communion Stewards: Hannah Coppersmith, Aurelia, Cora & Ryan Miller & Emily Sama Miller

Congregational Welcome: Suzanne Smedberg

Fellowship Hosts: Ann, Hannah & Mike Coppersmith

Liturgist: Ryan Babula

Money Counters: Carol Dismukes and Jim Johnston

Nursery Caregivers: Nancy Hart & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Caroline Babula, Ann Coppersmith & Dawn Adair Johnson

Middle School: Dave Cope & Barbara Wege

Welcome Hosts: Carol Henley & Sharon Virts

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, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director