back to basics

the stories we receive
the practices we keep
the love we share



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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, November 1, 2026 I 10:00 a.m. All Saints' Day

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *Requiem for All Saints* (2026) *Introit and Kyrie*
Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, organ
Michael Wu, b. 1967

Refer to insert for text, translations and composition notes.

Welcome Ryan Miller

Call to Worship Arvina Dalaya Gadre, Liturgist

One: In every generation, God gathers a people.

All: We come because others came before us.

One: They taught us the songs. They carried us to the font. They saved us a place at the table.

All: Now they rest from their labors, and it is our turn to stand where they stood.

One: Like Solomon, we come to the holy place and confess: we are only children; we do not know how to go out or come in.

All: Give us listening hearts, O God.

One: Hear the Teacher on the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

All: We come with empty hands and full hearts, with grief and with gratitude.

One: God's steadfast love was with them.

All: God's steadfast love is with us. All: Let us worship the God of every generation, the God of all the saints!

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *Requiem: O Domine*
Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, organ
M. Wu

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Children's Message — Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Matthew 5:1-12
Arvina Dalaya Gadre

The reading in 1 King can be found in the Old Testament on page #306 and the reading in Matthew can be found in the New Testament on page #4 of the pew Bible.

Message — Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

WE RESPOND

Offertory — Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Please note that offering plates will not be passed during the service. An offering chest is available in the narthex for your gifts and offerings.

Remembrance of the Saints

A Litany of Thanksgiving

*The congregation will respond "**we give you thanks**" following each petition from Pastor Laura.*

Musical Response: *Requiem: In Paradisum*
Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director; Ann Bartlow, organ
M. Wu

Refer to insert for text, translations and composition notes.

Holy Communion — Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell and Stewards

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Refer to Requiem music insert.

Prayer after Receiving

All: Faithful God, we thank you for this holy mystery, where heaven and earth meet and the living and the dead are one in Christ. Send us out with listening hearts, to remember your faithfulness and to pass it on. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #711: *For All the Saints*
Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Postlude: *For All the Saints* (Sine Nomine, 1906, 2018)
Hymn tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
setting: Phil Lehenbauer, b. 1960

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY (CCM) MEETING
Today following worship

The CCM team will meet following worship in room 110. This Ministry focuses on supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals and families within the church community.

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
Today following worship

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and N. Bethesda UMC will gather at Faith UMC, room 205/206 for a Bible Study and will discuss *What does God say about modesty and dress codes?*

Scan the QR code to access the weekly full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator for any questions at Ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.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.

BACK TO BASICS...STEWARDSHIP



The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign continues. 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.

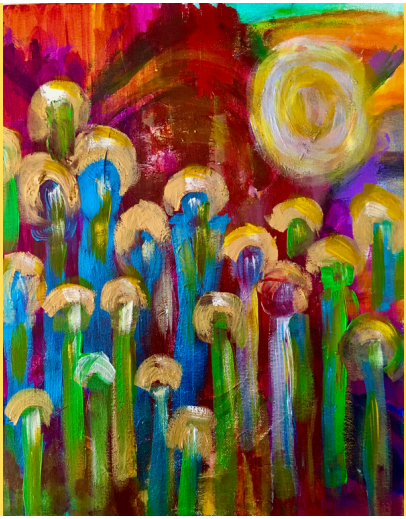
We ask that you prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2027, and

- 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).

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford & Nora Justice
Altar Guild for November: Nancy Kneisly
Audio Visual Volunteers: Andy Basford, Jason Spriggs & Eric Winchenbach
Communion Stewards: Nora Gaviria, Aurelia, Cora & Ryan Miller & Emily Sama-Miller
Congregational Welcome: Ryan Miller
Fellowship Hosts: Chuck & Jan Spencer
Liturgist: Arvina Dalaya Gadre
Money Counters: Gary Clark & Nancy Kuhn
Nursery Caregivers: Tessa Ricketts
Online Host: Carol Henley
Sunday School Teachers
Elementary: Ann Coppersmith, Dawn Adair Johnson & Kristen Wayne
Middle School: Dave Cope & Sara Romeyn
Welcome Hosts: Bill Beisner & Suzi Dennis



ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

~John 16:22

Date of Passing	Name of Deceased	Relationship
Oct 29, 2025	Benjamin "Ben" Mosteller	Friend and colleague of Kristin Justice and Sara Romeyn
Feb 28, 2026	Beverly "Bev" Haass	Faith UMC member and mother of Tami Burt, Lyn Mullinax and Scott Haass
Mar 13	Paul Augenstein	Jennifer Young's stepfather
Mar 28	Joann Rice	Faith UMC member and mother of Karen Dipeppe, Jodi and Scott Rice
May 2	Rosalie Cunningham	Carol Benson's sister-in-law

Date of Passing	Name of Deceased	Relationship
Sep 9	Bernie Sobjak	Friend of Carol Benson
Sep 14	Florence “Flo” Lockman	Faith UMC member and mother of Andy Lockman and Cara Hall
Sep 22	Robert “Bob” Rosenbaum	Sarah Rosenbaum’s husband
Sep 26	William “Billy” Magro	Friend of Celina Schmidt
Sep 28	Anne Meyers Keene	Sister of Smith Keene
Oct 17	William “Bill” Warshauer	Faith UMC member and father of Barbara McIntyre and Ted Warshauer

FAITH UMC STAFF

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

REQUIEM FOR ALL SAINTS

a new composition by Dr. Michael Wu

On All Saints' Day, the Church remembers with gratitude those who have gone before us in faith. This newly composed setting for Faith United Methodist Church brings together texts from the historic Requiem Mass, sacred poetry, and congregational hymnody to create a musical meditation on remembrance, repentance, hope, and eternal life.

Rather than presenting the traditional Latin texts alone, this work places them in dialogue with beloved devotional poetry and hymns. Ancient prayers for the departed are heard alongside texts that give voice to the living Church's longing, faith, and assurance of God's promises.

The Requiem settings of Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986) and Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) have deeply influenced my musical life, both as a singer and teacher. Their influence can be heard in the harmonic language of this work. The Latin texts are shaped by chant-inspired melodies and church modes that predate the modern major and minor system: the Introit and Kyrie draw on D Dorian, the Offertory on F Aeolian, and the In Paradisum on A Lydian.

Like Johannes Brahms (1833-1897), who broadened the tradition with his *German Requiem*, and Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), who combined the Requiem Mass with the poetry of Wilfred Owen (1893-1918) in his *War Requiem*, I sought to connect these ancient texts with language that speaks to contemporary worshippers.

As is our tradition at Faith, I also composed a *Sanctus and Benedictus*, along with a Great Acclamation and Amen, so that choir and congregation can join together in singing the hymns that are an integral part of Holy Communion. These congregational settings serve as a bridge between the Requiem movements and the Sacrament, reminding us that the communion of saints is experienced not only in memory, but also in the shared worship of Christ's Church across time and eternity.

The Kyrie ("Lord, have mercy") is paired with a hymn by John Donne (1572-1631), "Wilt Thou Forgive the Sins Which I Have Done." The Offertory is juxtaposed with "Who Are These Like Stars Appearing," translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897) from a German hymn by Heinrich Theobald Schenk (1656-1727). In the *In Paradisum*, the choir sings the Latin text while the tenor soloist offers Isaac Watts's (1674-1748) hymn "Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise."

My hope is that this music offers what singing requiem settings have offered me: comfort, connection, and a joyful hope in God's promises beyond death.

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

Introit and Kyrie

Translation of the Latin (Introit) and Greek (Kyrie): Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, | and let perpetual light shine upon them. || Lord, have mercy. | Christ, have mercy. | Lord, have mercy.

John Donne (1572-1631), “Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin?” (First Verse) Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun, | Which was my sin, though it were done before? | Wilt Thou forgive those sins through which I run, | And do run still, though still I do deplore? | When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, | For I have more.

Offertory: O Domine

Translation of the Latin: O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, | deliver the souls of all the faithful departed | from the pains of hell and from the deep pit; | deliver them from the lion's mouth, | lest hell swallow them up, | lest they fall into darkness; | but let Saint Michael, the standard-bearer, lead them into the holy light, | which Thou didst promise of old | to Abraham and to his descendants.

Heinrich Theobald Schenk (1656-1727), translated by Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), “Who Are These Like Stars Appearing” (First Verse) Who are these like stars appearing, | These before God's throne who stand? | Each a golden crown is wearing; | Who are all this glorious band? | Alleluia, hark! they sing, | Praising loud their heavenly King.

In Paradisum

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), “Give Us the Wings of Faith” (Verses 1, 2) Give us the wings of faith to rise | within the veil, and see | the saints above, how great their joys, | how bright their glories be. || We ask them whence their victory came; | they, with united breath, | ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, | their triumph to his death.

Sanctus and Benedictus

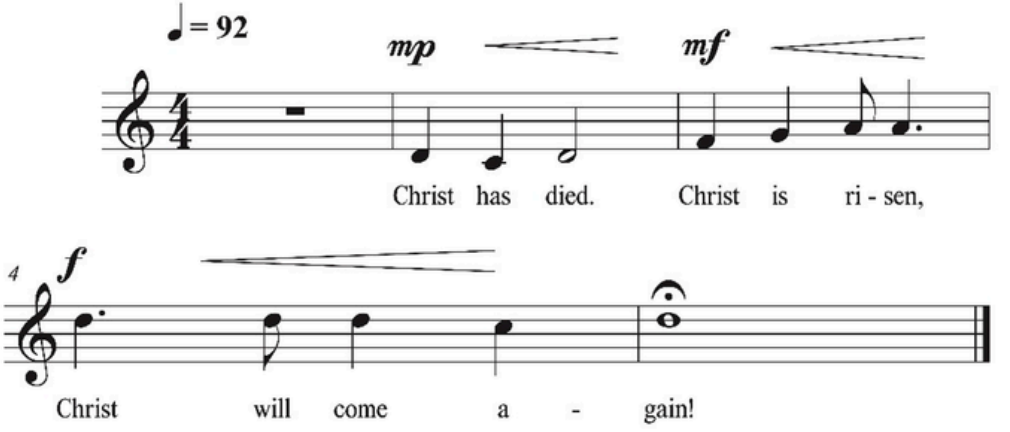
Michael Wu, b. 1967



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Acclamation

M. Wu



Amen

M. Wu





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He has served as full-time faculty at Landon School since 1994, and as Artistic Director for Strathmore Youth Chorus since 2017. He is published by Boosey & Hawkes; holds Artist-Teacher Certification from the Choral Music Experience; has completed OAKE Kodály music education courses, and he is a past president of Maryland/DC chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.



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