

WORSHIP

Bethesda United Methodist Church
washmorefeet.org

SUNDAYS @ BUMC

(September - December, 2021)

Join us for in-person worship this fall! We also offer livestreaming of our 11:00 am worship service for those who aren't able to attend in-person. If you have any questions about our worship services, please contact our Worship Co-Chairs, *Bill Allman (bilgerall@yahoo.com)* & *Sue O'Hara (rockysmom51@gmail.com)*.



9:00 am: Praise in the Parking Lot (Oct. 2, 16, 31; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5)

Grab a chair or blanket and join us about twice a month for a family-friendly outdoor service from 9:00-9:30 am in the Huntington Pkwy parking lot (weather permitting). Each service will include prayer, scripture, a message for all ages, and of course, singing! Please park in the Old Georgetown Rd lot at the north end of the building for this service.

11:00 am: Blended Worship (in-person & online)

Our faith community joins for blended worship each Sunday at 11:00 am with music from our Praise Band, Sanctuary Choir, and Bethesda Bells, along with occasional presentations by the Youth Praise Band, *Common Ground*, our acoustic group, *Church Folk*, and the Children's Choir. Our service includes congregational singing, a children's message, prayer, scripture, and a message from the pastor. Children in grades 1-3 are invited to participate in *Kids with Purpose* following the Children's Message. Email *Beth Reilly (beth@washmorefeet.org)* for more info.



Want to tune in online? Go to [washmorefeet.org/livestream](https://www.washmorefeet.org/livestream) and be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel (**BethesdaUMCMD**).

7:00 pm: Evensong Worship (during Advent)

During the season of Advent, BUMC will offer a third service on Sundays at 7:00 pm. This service is more contemplative in nature and features acoustic music led by our Church Folk group and other musicians.

A Note About COVID: *Per Montgomery County rules, masks are required indoors regardless of vaccination status. BUMC also requires mask wearing outdoors when children under 12 are present. Our Re-Entry Team continues to closely monitor CDC and local health department recommendations and may institute additional safety measures if indicated. For more info, go to [washmorefeet.org/reentry](https://www.washmorefeet.org/reentry).*

WORSHIP FAQs

What do most people wear to worship? Please feel free to dress in whatever is comfortable for you. You will see people worshipping in jeans and also in dresses and suits.

What do I do if my child cries during worship? You are always welcome to bring your babies, toddlers and young children into worship (even when they cry!). If you (or your child) need a break, feel free to step out into the Narthex (at the rear of the church) or Lonnie's Lobby (exit through the front door on the right of the Sanctuary). We also offer **nursery care** for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers starting at 8:45 am on Sunday morning. Our nursery is staffed by two regular caregivers who are both vaccinated. The nursery is located in **Room 105** (as you exit the front of the Sanctuary through Lonnie's Lobby, it will be the first classroom on the left). Coloring books, crayons and other materials are available in the Narthex for older children to use during worship. An usher will be happy to assist you!



What about Communion? BUMC practices an open table which means that all are welcome to participate in Communion, regardless of whether they belong to our church or are part of the United Methodist Church. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of the month. Congregants remain in their pew and the ushers come through the Sanctuary with individual packages that contain a gluten-free wafer and juice.

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

+ Taize Prayer Service: *Wednesdays at noon*

Join Rev. HiRho and/or Rev. Scott in the Sanctuary for this time of prayer and music with communion.



+ Joint Thanksgiving Service: *Tuesday, November 23rd, 7:30 pm*

Each year, BUMC joins with Congregation Beth El on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. This year's service will take place at BUMC.

+ Christmas Eve: *Worship at 4:00, 7:00 & 11:00 pm*

Christmas Eve is a special time at BUMC with lots of special music and three services offered at 4:00 pm (Family Service), 7:00 pm (Festival Service), and 11:00 pm (Communion Service).

WAYS TO SERVE DURING WORSHIP

All are welcome to participate in our worship services. There are opportunities for children, youth, and adults to usher, read scripture, lead the children's message, serve communion, sing, play an instrument, or even share a witness.

If you'd like to get involved in any of these ways, contact Rev. HiRho (hrpark@washmorefeet.org) or Rev. Scott (scott@washmorefeet.org).