

# WELCOME TO BETHESDA UMC

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## 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 a gray **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 PLAN

BUMC, under the guidance of our Re-Entry Team, has established a number of safety protocols designed to keep our congregants and staff healthy. We want you to feel comfortable knowing that these measures are in place and are being rigorously followed. BUMC's policy requires everyone two years of age and older to wear a mask indoors. Our ushers have masks available if you need one. Check out our website ([washmorefeet.org/reentry](http://washmorefeet.org/reentry)) for more details.

## BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Rev. Dr. HiRho Park:** Lead Pastor  
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**Rev. Scott Bostic:** Associate Pastor  
([Scott@washmorefeet.org](mailto:Scott@washmorefeet.org))



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 + 11:00 am

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*Note: BUMC's services are livestreamed. 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

### PRELUDE

*Chris Warrington*

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"  
(Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling)

J.S. Bach

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **OPENING HYMN**

UMH 202

"People, Look East"

\* **PSALTER**

"Psalm 33"

UMH 767  
Response 2

\* **SHARING THE PEACE**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Francesca Ugolini, John Borchert, Darian & Dominic Tamami,  
Eden & Parker Borchert*

ONE: Something's coming.

**MANY: We're waiting. We're eager.**

ONE: It's more than presents.

**MANY: It's more than lights.**

ONE: We open the Book of Hope and read the promise.

**MANY: God will be with us.**

ONE: Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

**MANY: God's never-ending love surrounds us.**

ONE: Today we light the candle of Hope.

**ALL: Our hope is in the Lord.**

### SUNG RESPONSE

UMH 196, v. 2

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

## LISTENING

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## ANTHEM

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

*Sanctuary Choir*  
Paul Wohlgemuth

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

## MESSAGE

"Mission: Advent"

*Rev. Scott Bostic*

# RESPONDING

## MORNING OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*You can share your gifts online at [www.washmorefeet.org/give](http://www.washmorefeet.org/give) or use our Text-to-Give option (text the amount of your donation to 301-679-7266)*

### OFFERTORY

"Come Now, Prince of Peace"

*Chris Warrington*  
Roberta Rowland-Raybold

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

# SENDING

## \* CLOSING HYMN

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

UMH 206

## \* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go in peace, live in love, and seek to be holy in all that you do.

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### WORSHIP NOTES:

\* Indicates congregation standing, if able.

UMH refers to the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

The liturgy for the lighting of the Advent candle was written by Martha Spong, clergy coach.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

**Pastors:** *Rev. Dr. HiRho Park, Rev. Scott Bostic*

**Music:** *Chris Warrington, Max Nolin*

**Acolyte:** *Kate Ricciardella*

**Tech:** *William vonVorys-Burke (livestream), Horacio Chacon (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](mailto:rockysmom51@gmail.com)) or Bill ([bilgerall@yahoo.com](mailto:bilgerall@yahoo.com)). We'd love to hear from you.

**9:45 - 10:40 am Philosophy, Theology & Religion (PTR)**

Room 209 with Don Ross; *Topic: American Pragmatism*

**10:00 - 10:45 am Advent Workshop (No Sunday School)**

Make an Advent Wreath to take home, learn about the history and meaning of Chrismons, see our display of intricate handmade Chrismons and make one yourself!

**11:00 am Worship** (in-person & online at [washmorefeet.org/livestream](http://washmorefeet.org/livestream))

**12:00 pm Greening of the Church**

Stay after worship to lend a hand as we decorate our Sanctuary for the season!

**4:00 - 5:00 pm Racial Justice Vigil** (outside on the corner)

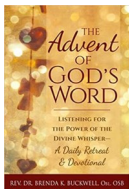
**7:00 pm Evensong Worship**

A reflective service with acoustic music and communion

**No UMYF Tonight**

Questions about our Youth Ministry? Email Kara ([kpeace@washmorefeet.org](mailto:kpeace@washmorefeet.org))

**ADVENT MATERIALS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN** - Be sure and stop by the Advent Table in the Narthex this morning to pick up a copy of the BUMC Advent Devotional with entries from members of our congregation. We also have a variety of materials available for families.



**ADVENT STUDY** - We have a special opportunity available for you this year as we journey through Advent together. Join us starting next **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** (and continuing on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at **10:00 am** for a time of reflection with Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell, author of *The Advent of God's Word: Listening for the Power of the Divine Whisper - A Daily Retreat and Devotion*. Rev. Buckwell will be joining us on Zoom and you're welcome to participate in-person in

Room 207 or online. The book (not required, but recommended) is available on Amazon in both paperback and e-book formats.



**POINSETTIA ORDERS** - Did you know you can order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one and also help beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas Eve? Plants cost \$20 and **orders are due by December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Order envelopes are available in the Narthex. You can also place an order online ([Washmorefeet.org/PoinsettiaOrder](http://Washmorefeet.org/PoinsettiaOrder)). Feel free to take your plant home anytime after the 11:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.



**LIVE NATIVITY** - BUMC's Live Nativity complete with costumed characters, animals, and music, is happening next **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 6:00 pm**. This year's event will allow visitors to walk through several scenes depicting the Christmas story; see donkeys, sheep, and other animals; and also spend time in the Sanctuary enjoying seasonal music presented by many of BUMC's talented musicians. Invite your friends and neighbors to be part of this wonderful event for our community!

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** - Join us this **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm**, for a discussion of *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. We will be holding a hybrid discussion so you can join us in-person in Fellowship Hall or tune in on Zoom. Contact *Dawn Lowrie* ([ddlwrie@icloud.com](mailto:ddlwrie@icloud.com)) for more info or the Zoom link.

**MEN'S GRILLE GATHERING** - The men are getting together for breakfast and conversation this **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 am**, at the *Old Georgetown Grille*. For more info, contact *Rev. Scott*.

**GROWING TOGETHER, BUMC!** It's not too late to make a pledge for 2022! Extra *Pledge Cards* are available in the pew racks and you can also submit your pledge online ([washmorefeet.org/pledge2022](http://washmorefeet.org/pledge2022)). So far, we have received 99 pledges totaling \$580,125. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge.