

Welcome

Foundry United Methodist Church has been serving downtown Washington, D.C. and the wider world since 1814. Foundry is a Reconciling Congregation, affirming the call of the gospel of Jesus Christ to be in ministry with all people of all races, gender identities, sexualities, ages, immigration status, and physical conditions. We are all on a spiritual journey and we want you to feel welcome here. Please visit **foundryumc.org** to find more information about our congregation, submit prayer requests, and let us know you've been with us in worship today.

REFERENCES TO GOD

References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God. You are also invited to sing hymns and speak parts of the services, such as the Lord's Prayer, in your native tongue.

CARE AND PRAYER

Please fill out the Prayer Request online at <u>foundryumc.org/prayer</u>. Our prayer team will follow up with you. You will have the option for your request to be kept confidential, or if you'd prefer for it to be shared.

SINGING WITH US

OUR HYMNALS:

UMH — United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS — The Faith We Sing (Black)

AAHH - African American Heritage Hymnal (on cart as you enter the sanctuary)

THE APPEARANCE OF + INDICATES THAT YOU ARE INVITED TO RISE, AS YOU ARE ABLE.



Hearing assistance devices can be found at the sound desk in the sanctuary.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Foundry offers a variety of childcare and worship options for our youngest congregants every Sunday! Children of all ages are welcome to join their families in the Sanctuary at both the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services. Before the sermon, a servant leader will invite children (pre-K through 5th grade) to attend a special Children's Worship. They will rejoin their families in the Sanctuary during the Offertory.

Sunday School will be in recess starting December 15 and will resume on January 12, 2025. We look forward to welcoming all the children back in the new year. Nursery care is available for infants up to 2 years old from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and volunteers near the Community Commons will help you find the Child Care Center.

ONLINE PARTICIPATION

If you are worshipping with us virtually today, we invite you to gather the following items:

- · A candle and, if needed, a way to light it.
- · A bowl or vessel of water.
- Your preferred Bible or Bible app.

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WE ARE ON NATIVE LAND

When we gather for worship and ministry on the corner of 16th and P, we do so upon the sacred, traditional, and unceded lands of the Anacostan, Massawomack, Susquehanock, Piscataway, and Pomunkey peoples, who were forcibly removed from them to allow for English settlement. As occupiers of their territory, we recognize them as the original and perpetual stewards of this land and gratefully acknowledge our responsibility for a more honest recounting of our history that empowers us to work for the thriving of all people.

STAYING SAFE AT FOUNDRY

Foundry is committed to protecting the safety of all persons at our church. Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy — establishing procedures for the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable persons — can be found at **foundryumc.org/safe**. Our Nut and Allergy Safety Policy can be found at **foundryumc.org/allergies**.

Remember

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

- Jesus

Memory is powerful. What we remember affects how we live our daily lives. Who we remember makes a difference in how we understand our place in the world. The stories we remember shape our sense of identity and belonging. The lessons we remember guide us on our way. At the heart of our Christian faith is a call to remember-to remember God's life-giving, liberating, merciful presence from the beginning of all things, to remember Jesus's love, wisdom, courage, and sacrifice for our sake, to remember Holy Spirit's comfort for the suffering and power to inspire prophets and disciples to proclaim the good news of the Kin-dom. When events in our lives or world pull us off balance, the memory of who we are and whose we are is an anchor in the storm. Throughout this series, we will find strength and guidance as we remember. Join us!

9 A.M. | WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Invitations to Participation and Announcements

Ben Roberts

Welcome

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Hymn AAHH #218

John Hopkins, Jr.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Verse 1, 2, 3

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

Scripture Reading

Tricia Iveson

ISAIAH 60:1-6 MATTHEW 2:1-12

One Voice: Receive what the Spirit is saying.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Children pre-kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to meet servant leaders at the front of the Sanctuary for Children's Worship

Anthem

Spiritual, arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

BEHOLD THE STAR

Sermon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

KINGSHIP OR KIN-SHIP?

Offertory

Kealani Willbanks

Music at the Offertory

arr. McElroy, Joubert, Red

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Music During Communion AAHH #219

John Harding

BRIGHTEST AND BEST

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ben Roberts

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Hymn AAHH #218

John Hopkins, Jr.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Verse 4 & 5

+Benediction

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

+Individual Prayer

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli & Ben Roberts

One Voice: Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

Many Voices: Most holy and loving God, we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and pompous wisdom, our familiar sins and apathy toward change and renewal.

Forgive us any pain we have inflicted on others and our world.

Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus
our Savior. Amen!

... In Christ's name I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Take up your forgiveness with thanksgiving and live as those liberated from shame and self-doubt.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ enables us. Amen!

+The Peace

Ben Roberts

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

+Hymn AAHH #217

George Elderkin

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Hark the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world. Glory to the newborn king. Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

+ The Great Thanksgiving

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli & Ben Roberts

One Voice: The Lord be with you.

Many Voices: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...To light the way through our night, and lead us to justice and peace. And so we sing out in joy together now...

Sung Response: "Jesus, The Light of the World" AAHH #217, vs. 2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.

...Your loving justice and grace. And so we raise our voices once more as we greet his coming among us

Sung Response: "Jesus, The Light of the World" AAHH #217, vs. 4
Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
...And so we sing out our praise for the gift of your light now, singing...

Sung Response: "Jesus, The Light of the World" AAHH#217, chorus We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Invitations to Participation and Announcements

Ben Roberts

Welcome Ginger

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Hymn UMH #254

John Hopkins, Jr.

WE THREE KINGS Verses 1, 4 & 5

Children's Message Natalie Harvey

Sharing Joys and Concerns Jonathan Brown

Pastoral Prayer Jonathan Brown

Scripture Reading Cathy O'Sullivan

ISAIAH 60:1-6

+Response UMH #254 John Hopkins, Jr.

WE THREE KINGS Verses 2 & 3

+Gospel Reading

Cathy O'Sullivan

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

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THE MAGI'S DREAM

Sermon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

KINGSHIP OR KIN-SHIP?

Offertory

Kealani Willbanks

Music at the Offertory

arr. Reginald Jacques, Macoronic texts Engilish & Latin

IN DULCI JUBILO

Latin Translation:

In sweet rejoicing, in a manger, in a mother's lap, Thou art Alpha and Omega.

O little Jesus, O best child, Price of glory, draw me unto thee.

O father so caring, O child so mild, by our sins, heavenly joy.

Where would joy be, new songs, at the King's court. O that we were there!

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Music During Communion

UMH #188

Paris Antiphoner

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT

UMH #187

Dale Wood

RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE

UMH #173

J. G. Werner's Choralbuch

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ben Roberts

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Hymn UMH #679

William Knapp

O SPLENDOR OF GOD'S GLORY BRIGHT Verses 1, 2 & 4

+Benediction

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

+Individual Prayer

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GUEST PREACHER ON JANUARY 19

DR. RODNEY THOMAS SMOTHERS

Rodney Thomas Smothers is a leadership coach and consultant for RTS Coaching Associates, LLC and The Smothers Group. He focuses on creating a leadership pipeline for Next Generation impactors as a coach, mentor, facilitator, teacher, preacher, and leadership strategist.

He has founded new congregations, served as the lead pastor of multicultural, urban, and suburban communities, and as an adjunct seminary professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) and the Howard University School of Divinity. He earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Gammon/ITC.



Dr. Smothers leads online and in-person training for spiritual maturity, leadership productivity, congregational vitality, multi-generational collaboration, and strategic realignment.

Dr. Smothers co-authored the following:

- RESURGENCE: Navigating the Changing Ministry Landscape (with Candace M. Lewis)
- BLANK SLATE: Write Your Own Rules for a 22nd-Century Church Movement (with Lia McIntosh and Jasmine Rose Smothers)
- CRY FROM THE PEW (with Kay Kotan)
- WHAT'S NEXT: Twenty-Two United Methodist Leaders Discuss the Future of The Church (with Kevin Slimp)

He is married to Lynn Thomas Smothers, M.D., and is the father of three young adults.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

"UPPERCLASSMEN" FOR GRADES 10TH-12TH

We're excited to announce that all Sunday School classes for children and youth, from PreK3 to Upperclassmen, will resume next Sunday, January 12, at 10:10 a.m.! Snacks will be provided in each classroom to help everyone start the morning off right.

Parents of children in PreK3-6th grade, please remember to check in at the Family Ministries Desk before class begins and to pick up your children from their classrooms after class. We can't wait to see you there and kick off the new year together!

ADULT CLASSES AND PROGRAMMING

PASTOR'S COFFEE: TODAY

Are you curious about joining Foundry? Pastor's Coffee is an opportunity for those who wish to begin the journey toward official membership to meet with our clergy, learn more about our church, and move on to the next steps in A Disciple's Path: our six-week new member class starting on January 12, 2025.

Register at foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Foundry's Annual Women's Retreat will be held at Pecometh's Riverview Retreat Center, February 21–23, 2025. We're honored to have Rev. Dr. Lydia Muñoz as our keynote speaker and invite the women of Foundry to join as she leads us in her call: An Awakening! The Awareness of God's Presence in Us! Register at **foundryumc.org/womens-retreat**

DISCIPLESHIP IDEATION

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m.** to brainstorm next year's classes and events. Bring your best ideas and help shape our community's discipleship journey. Lunch will be provided, so come hungry and ready to collaborate. Let's work together to create an impactful year of learning and growth!

Register at foundryumc.org/ideation-meeting

COVENANT SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS ORIENTATION

Passionate about building community and guiding others in discipleship? Join us as we launch Covenant Small Groups in February! If you're interested in leading or co-leading, attend our info session on **Sunday, January 26, at 12:30 p.m.** (after the service). Learn about the vision, purpose, and resources to lead effectively. No commitment is required—just come and explore!

Register at foundryumc.org/covenant-smallgroup

FALLING UPWARD

A new 6-week class on Falling Upward by Richard Rohr will be offered from January 12 through February 16, meeting each Sunday at 10:10 a.m. (between morning services). Falling Upward explores the "two halves of life" and offers insights for deepening faith and spiritual maturity. Register at foundryumc.org/falling-upward

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CREATIVE WORKSHOP: JANUARY 12

Come in person or via Zoom to learn how to contribute to this year's Lenten Devotional! Join this workshop from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in Room 203 or online. It will help you incubate ideas for a 300-word essay, poem, or artwork based on this year's theme, "Grounded in Grace". A light lunch will be served for those attending in person. Register at foundryumc.org/workshop

JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED

Discover the transformative message of Howard Thurman's Jesus and the Disinherited in a four-week class led by Joanne Garlow. Together, we will delve into Thurman's thought-provoking exploration of Jesus' call to love and justice, examining how these timeless principles can guide our lives today. Gather with us on Sundays, January 12 through February 2, at 10:10 a.m. in Room B-2. All are welcome! Register at **foundryumc.org/disinherited**

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES 2025 POINT IN TIME COUNT- SAVE THE DATE!

This year's count will occur on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, with the 30th as a rain date. The Point-in-Time count is essential for securing federal funding and provides the District with valuable data to better understand homelessness. A Foundry team will meet at the church at 8:30 p.m. and work in the Dupont neighborhood near the church building. Register at **foundryumc.org/pointintime**

SACRED RESISTANCE: TIME TO ENGAGE!

The Sacred Resistance team educates, organizes, and empowers the Foundry community for advocacy and public witness addressing various social justice issues we face at the local and national levels. Now more than ever, we need your help. Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m.**

Email sacredresistance@foundryumc.org

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE WITH ASBURY UMC AND JOHN WESLEY AME ZION

Embark on a powerful Civil Right's Tour through the American South, June 16 – 2, exploring key sites that shaped the movement for justice and equality. From Atlanta to Selma, visit historic locations such as the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park, the Edmund Pettus Bridge, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. Hear personal stories, walk in the footsteps of icons like Rosa Parks and Dr. King, and reflect on the sacrifices made for freedom. For more information and to register, visit foundryumc.org/civil-rights-pilgrimage

CONGREGATIONAL CARE PRAYING TOGETHER WORKSHOP

Have you ever wanted to have a more robust prayer life? Or would you like to be more comfortable praying with others? If so, this session is for you! Please join us for the **Praying Together Workshop on January 19, 12:30–2 p.m., in room 203,** to deepen your understanding and practice of prayer. This session is sponsored by Foundry's Stephen Ministries.

This event is being photographed and recorded. Please be advised that by entering this worship space, you agree to be filmed and/or photographed, and the resulting assets may be used for Foundry UMC promotional purposes. Should you wish not to be photographed or recorded on video, please notify one of the clergy members.

