



FEAR NOT:

GOOD NEWS FOR A WEARY WORLD

JANUARY 4, 2026



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 foundryumc.org/prayer. 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 – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

From December 14–January 4, Foundry will hold one worship service at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Family Ministries offerings during this time are as follows:

- **December 14:** *No Children's Worship.* Children in PreK3–6th grade are invited upstairs for the Sunday School Christmas Party during worship.
- **December 21:** Children's Worship offered.
- **December 28:** *No Children's Worship.* Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary with their families for the Christmas Carol Service.
- **January 4:** Children's Worship offered.

Sunday School Winter Break

All Family Ministries Sunday School classes are on Winter Break: December 14–January 4. Classes resume on January 11 at 10:10 a.m.

Childcare Center

Nursery care for infants–age 2 is available every Sunday during the 10 a.m. service.

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.

All music featured on our livestream is used by permission with CCLI License #2668115.

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.

FEAR NOT: GOOD NEWS FOR A WEARY WORLD

The story of Jesus' birth is filled with divine messengers bringing a surprising word: "Do not be afraid." From Zechariah in the temple to Mary in Nazareth, from Joseph in a dream to shepherds in the fields, from Magi following a star to disciples at the river, God's people have always faced uncertainty, danger, and change. In every moment, God speaks courage and hope into fearful hearts. This Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, we'll follow the biblical journey from promise to fulfillment, from darkness into light, discovering how God's presence transforms fear into faith, joy, and bold action for the sake of the world. .

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10 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Flor Peeters

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Welcome

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Hymn UMH #254

John Hopkins, Jr.

WE THREE KINGS

Verse 1-5

Children's Message

Ben Roberts

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Pastoral Prayer

Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Scripture Reading

Paula Blair

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

Gradual

James Whitbourn

CHORAL ANTHEM: "THE MAGI'S DREAM"

Congregation invited to be seated

+Gospel Reading

Paula Blair

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

Appalachian Carol, arr. John Jacob Niles

I WONDER AS I WANDER

Sermon

Jonathan Brown

OVERCOME GREAT FEAR

Offertory

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Music at the Offertory

Kenneth Leighton, Opus 25b

LULLY, LULLA, THOU LITTLE TINY CHILD

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

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.

+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" 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" 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"

refrain

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.

Music During Communion

UMH #197

David Hurd

YE WHO CLAIM THE FAITH OF JESUS

UMH #216

Michael Praetorius

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

UMH #220

Henry Smart

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

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 #251

*Christmas Spiritual, John W. Work, Jr.
arr. William F. Smith*

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

+Benediction

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

Domenico Zippoli

FESTIVE POSTLUDE



We invite you to Scan this QR Code to view our 2026 Stewardship Booklet. Submit your 2025-2026 Estimate of Giving by visiting foundryumc.org/2026-estimate

FAMILY MINISTRIES

SAVE THE DATE: ASP 2026 Mark your calendars for The 2026 ASP Mission Trip will be June 20-27! **The Youth ASP Interest Meeting & Reunion held on Sunday, January 11 at 10:10 a.m. in the Youth Room.** An Adult Volunteer Interest Meeting will also be held on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEER TRAINING: JANUARY 10 & 17

All current and prospective Children's Worship volunteers are invited to training on **Saturday, January 10 and 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Norman and Frances Fellowship Hall.** We'll cover the structure of Children's Worship, volunteer roles, and Safe Sanctuary-approved behavior management skills. A Safe Sanctuary policy review will follow for those who need it. Breakfast and coffee provided!

FIND YOUR CIRCLE

PASTOR'S COFFEE: JANUARY 11, 2026. Are you curious about joining Foundry? Our 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 onto the next steps in our New Members' Class, "A Disciple's Path" (Jan 18 - Mar 1). **You can join us virtually or in person on January 11 at 10:10 a.m. in room 101.** Register at foundryumc.org/pastors-coffee

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT 2026. The annual Foundry Women's Retreat will be held on **February 20-22, 2026 at Pecometh - Riverview Retreat Center, Centreville, MD.** We invite women of Foundry to gather for a weekend of rejuvenation, relaxation and reconnection. Plenary speaker Diana Hagewood Smith will lead us in a discussion of "Charting Our Course: Aligning Our Assurances With Action!" Retreat fee includes transportation, lodging, and meals. Assistance is available to assist with this fee if needed. **Registration opens January 4.** To learn more and register, please join the Women's Retreat group in the Church Planning app.

DEAR WHITE CHRISTIANS: JANUARY 11, 2026. A candid, hopeful exploration of Jennifer Harvey's *Dear White Christians*, calling communities to move from "reconciliation talk" toward reparative action and anti-racist discipleship; expect thoughtful reading, honest conversation, and practical next steps in the way of Jesus, taught by Pastor Jonathan Brown. **Starts Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 10:10 a.m. in Room B2.** Register at foundryumc.org/dear-white-christians

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

LOOKING TO ADD A HEALTHY HABIT IN THE NEW YEAR? JOIN FOUNDRY'S SACRED PAUSE! Do you need more grounding and fewer distractions? More community and less isolation? Join Foundry's Sacred Pause group, which gathers **every weekday** over Zoom from **8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** to practice meditation and contemplative prayer. It is a beautiful and grounding way to start your day. Register here: foundryumc.org/sacred-pause

POINT IN TIME COUNT- SAVE THE DATE! This year's will take place on **Wednesday, January 28** with the 29 as a rain date. A Foundry team will meet at the church at 8:30 p.m. and work in the Dupont neighborhood and near the church building. Register at foundryumc.org/pointintime.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRE-CANA. Pre-Cana is an opportunity for couples planning to marry to receive expertise in the areas of finance, personality, relationship, and counseling. **We will gather on Friday, January 23 at 6 p.m. in person for dinner and conversation and then again on Saturday, January 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. online via Zoom for topic discussions.** Register at foundryumc.org/pre-cana

Check in!



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