



ADVENT



DECEMBER 22, 2024
9 A.M. AND 11:15 AM

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

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.

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.

Advent Unbound

The Christian year begins not with the trumpets of Easter, or the wonder of Christmas Eve, or the winds of Pentecost—but on the contrary, in Advent, we begin in the shadows of despair, conflict, sorrow, and hate. For it's here that the God of grace will arrive. And so it's here that God's church is called to light candles of heartfelt hope, peace, joy, and love.

This year, poetry will join scripture as our guides through the season, inviting us to let go of things that keep us from entering more fully into the beauty and wonder of the season. We are invited to “unbind” our hearts and minds from anything that holds us hostage from deeper hope, peace, joy, and love.

9 A.M. | WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Invitations to Participation and Announcements

Kealani Willbanks

Welcome

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Advent Candle Lighting

Kate Aaby, John
Loughner, Rosie, and Teddy

One Voice: When we light the candle of Love, we stop in
awe of God's unending love.

Many Voices: **O God, help us receive your gift of love this Advent season.**

+Hymn AAHH #217

*George Elderkin,
arr. Evelyn Simpson Curenton*

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Verses 1, 2 & 4

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Ministry Moment

Chris Shattuck

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call To Prayer

UMH #242

Trad. Irish Melody, harm. David Evans

LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kin-dom,
and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

Scripture Reading

Michael Tyler

MICAH 5:2-5A; LUKE 1:39-55

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

Michael McElroy, Joseph Joubert, Burl Red
YOU OUGHTA KNOW, FROM "GREAT JOY"

Sermon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli
WHERE DOES GOD BREATHE LOVE?

Offertory

Ben Roberts

Music at the Offertory

Nolan Williams, Jr.
MESSIAH NOW HAS COME

+Hymn AAHH #215

Richard Willis
IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR
Verse 1 & 4

+Benediction

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude AAHH #201

Cantique de Noel, Adolphe Adam
O HOLY NIGHT

+Individual Prayer

Members of the Foundry Prayer Ministry Team are available after services at the front of the Sanctuary for one-on-one prayer.

11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Welcome

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Advent Candle Lighting

Gwen Williamson
and Eleanor Mayer

One Voice: When we light the candle of Love, we stop in awe of God's unending love.

Many Voices: **O God, help us receive your gift of love this Advent season.**

+Hymn UMH #211

15th Cent. French

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Ministry Moment

Chris Shattuck

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call To Prayer

UMH #216

Michael Praetorius

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
Verse 1 & 3

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

The Lord's Prayer

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Hallowed be thy name.
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Scripture Reading

Robert Baker

MICAH 5:2-5A

+Gospel Reading

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LUKE 1:39-55

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Anthem*Piers Maxim*

THE LUTE-BOOK LULLABY
from Three Carol Lullabies

Sermon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

WHERE DOES GOD BREATHE LOVE?

Offertory

Ben Roberts

Music at the Offertory*Kenneth Leighton**LULLY, LULLA, THOU LITTLE TINY CHILD*

+Hymn UMH #202*Trad, French, harm. Martin Shaw**PEOPLE, LOOK EAST*

+Benediction

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Postlude

+Individual Prayer

Members of the Foundry Prayer Ministry Team are available after services at the front of the Sanctuary for one-on-one prayer.

JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24TH

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas Eve with you!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 4:30PM

Join us for a joyful and interactive Family Ministries Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 p.m. on December 24! Families with children are especially welcome to this fun and festive celebration. Upon arrival, all children are invited to participate in our Instant Christmas Pageant by choosing a provided costume (shepherd, wise person, angel, or animal) and stepping into the story of Jesus' birth—no preparation or memorization required!

This service is designed for all ages, featuring singing, storytelling, and flame-free candles, with plenty of opportunities to participate as much—or as little—as you like. Bring the whole family, friends, and neighbors, too, and experience the wonder of the Nativity in a way that's meaningful, memorable, and fun for everyone.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT AT 8PM

Join us for carols, readings telling of Jesus' birth, a meditation by Pastor Ginger, and candlelight as we sing "Silent Night."

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

"UPPERCLASSMEN" FOR GRADES 10TH-12TH

The next Upperclassmen is gathering on January 12 for our 10th-12th graders. From 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., students can meet today for a delicious breakfast, time to connect with friends, and a devotional discussion to kick off each month with purpose.

ADULT CLASSES AND PROGRAMMING

COMICS X THEOLOGY: EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH YOUR FAVORITE COMICS DATE CHANGE

Join us for the inaugural session of Comics x Theology in January 2025 at Fantom Comics in Dupont Circle. Dive into the fascinating world where comic book narratives meet theological concepts. Whether you're a comic book enthusiast or interested in exploring faith in contemporary culture, this gathering is for you! Bring a friend and join us for an afternoon of insightful discussion and community fellowship. For more information, please contact jbrown@foundryumc.org

PASTOR'S COFFEE: JANUARY 5, 2025

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!* Rev. Dr. Muñoz may be familiar to most of us as she has served as a Foundry guest preacher during the 2022 Lenten Season. Registration will open in January.

DISCIPLESHIP IDEATION MEETING

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

Are you passionate about building authentic community and guiding others toward deeper discipleship? **We're excited to launch our new Covenant Small Groups in February, and we need dedicated facilitators to help shepherd these gatherings!** If you'd like to learn more about leading or co-leading a Covenant Small Group, please **join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 12:30 p.m. (immediately following the morning service).** We'll discuss the vision and purpose of Covenant Small Groups, share helpful resources, and equip you with the tools you need to lead effectively. Your presence at this meeting doesn't commit you to leading—just come to hear more and see if it's a good fit for you! 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. Whether you're new to Rohr's work or already familiar with it, come discover how life's challenges can transform your spiritual perspective and purpose. You can register at foundryumc.org/falling-upward

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. This ensures that resources are used efficiently and helps achieve the goals of the Homeward DC initiative. Want more info? Check out the PIT Count Overview. A Foundry team will meet at the church at 8:30 p.m. and work in the Dupont neighborhood near the church building. Registration will open soon.

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 are facing at both 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

OPERATIONS

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to fulfill your annual estimate of giving, make contributions online, and support our Advent Appeal. You can easily do all of this by visiting our website foundryumc.org/give or using the ChurchCenter App. Thank you for your faithful generosity—it's because of you that we can finish the year strong!

OFFICE HOURS

Foundry's church offices will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We hope everyone has a peaceful and restorative holiday season.

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.



ADVENT APPEAL



We thank you for all you have contributed to the life and mission of Foundry Church this year. Together, we create community that supports and sustains us in challenging times, serve those who are most in need, organize to make positive change in our city and nation, stretch our minds and hearts through challenging study, and celebrate the good gifts of God through worship, music, and friendship. This kind of community is more important than ever.

As you identify gifts for loved ones during this season of giving, please consider adding Foundry to your list. It is customary here at Foundry to receive an Advent/Christmas offering that supports both our general fund and a mission project. Our goal this year is \$35,000. Our mission focus for this year's appeal is Foundry's ID Ministry. At Foundry, we believe all persons are created in God's image, the Imago Dei. The ID Ministry at Foundry, run by volunteers who serve more than 2,000 clients a year, seeks to restore to neighbors in need the documents (government IDs and birth certificates) necessary to obtain jobs, housing, education, or services in the community.

ID Ministry is going to be even more vital as we move into 2025 as underserved neighbors may find fewer resources are available due to planned cuts to food assistance, affordable early education, and support for veterans with disabilities. Contributing to the ID Ministry is a very tangible way to help—it is sacred resistance in action.

You can give by making a special donation during our regular Sunday offering or online by visiting foundryumc.org/adventappeal



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AT FOUNDRY

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT STEAD PARK

10:30 a.m. December 7

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE WITH ADVENT
SPECIAL MUSIC: "GREAT JOY"

10 a.m. December 15

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

11:15 a.m. - 2 p.m. December 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

from Children's Worship dismissal until 11:30 a.m. December 15

LONGEST NIGHT

7:00 p.m. December 19

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

4:30 p.m. December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT

8 p.m. December 24

WATCH NIGHT AT ASBURY UMC

7:00 p.m. December 31

Check in!



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