



# ADVENT



DECEMBER 1, 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](https://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](https://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/Last Hymn.

Sunday School is available for pre-K through 6th grade Sunday School starts at 10:10 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. (pick up between 10:55 – 11:05 a.m.), in the following classrooms located in the upstairs Education Wing:

- 204 – PreK3-Kindergarten
- 205 – 3rd & 4th Grade
- 206 – 1st & 2nd Grade
- 207 – 5th & 6th Grade

Nursery care is available for infants up to 2 years old from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers near the Community Commons will help you find the Child Care Center or your child's Sunday School class.

## 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](https://foundryumc.org/safe). Our Nut and Allergy Safety Policy can be found at [foundryumc.org/allergies](https://foundryumc.org/allergies).

## A NOTE ON BIBLICAL HEALING NARRATIVES

We believe that it is vital to Beloved Community to celebrate people with disabilities in the life of the church. As with other Scriptures that have been historically used to undergird and justify racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny, at Foundry we acknowledge the harm that has been perpetrated in the misuse of the biblical healing narratives. We are mindful that our disabled siblings may receive them differently, and work to notice our own ableist perspectives about Mental Illness, Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Invisible and Undiagnosed Disabilities, Physical Disability, and Sensory Disabilities.

# 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

Sarah, Brian, Ivy and  
Quinn Gamberini

One Voice: When we light the candle of Hope, we embrace God's  
presence among us, yesterday, today, and always.

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

### +Hymn TFWS #2092

*Daniel Charles Damon*

*LIKE A CHILD*

### Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

### Sharing Joys & Concerns

Jonathan Brown

### Call to Prayer TFWS #2090

*Mary Lu Walker*

*ADVENT SONG*

*Verse 1*

### Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

### Scripture Reading

Mary Small

JEREMIAH 33:14–16; LUKE 21:25–36

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

*arr. Jeremy Radford Trad. Puerto Rican*

*JESUS, OH WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD*

*GLORIA EN LAS ALTURAS*

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**THE FRESH HOPE OF MORNING**

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**Offertory**

Kealani Willbanks

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**Music at the Offertory**

W&S #3047

*Ann Worley, Rowland Prichard*

*GOD ALMIGHTY, WE ARE WAITING*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please see page 7 for Communion Responses*

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**Music During Communion**

TFWS #2089

*David Ashley White*

*WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE*

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

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. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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**+Hymn** TFWS #2085

*Trad. Cameroon*

*HE CAME DOWN*

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**+Benediction**

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

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**+Postlude** W&S #3050

*Dean McIntyre*

*UNTIL JESUS COMES*

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**+Individual Prayer**

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

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The sung communion responses are by Christopher Heckert*

## Invitation

We celebrate an open communion table with bread and grape juice. All are welcome to participate. Gluten-free elements are available on the left side of the center aisle.

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## Prayer of Confession

Jonathan Brown

**We are reluctant, O Author of Love, to set aside our hurt, our anger, our disappointment. Heal us with your tender touch, that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts, all schemes of revenge, all hope of vindictive retribution. Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in Emmanuel, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## Pardon

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

One Voice: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.  
Glory to God!

**Many Voices: Alleluia! Amen.**

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## +Peace

Jonathan Brown

## +Great Thanksgiving

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli  
& Jonathan Brown

One Voice: The Lord be with you

**Many Voices: And also with you.**

**One Voice: Lift up your hearts.**

Many Voices: We lift them up to the Lord.

**One Voice: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Many Voices: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And we raise our voices with all the saints as we proclaim:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na

sing on high. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the One who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na

sing on high. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

..... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na sing on high.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

With all the saints who share your name and our flesh, we raise this song, until we hear in fullness the harmony of heaven. God of the Dawn, Christ of the new Day Coming, Spirit who is Ever Present, we wait for you this day, your day.

## Great Amen

A - men, A - men, A - - men. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na sing on high.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

..... let us pray:

**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**

*Please refer back to the Worship Guide to continue with the service.*



# 11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP CELEBRATION

## Invitations to Participation and Announcements

Kealani Willbanks

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Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

## Advent Candle Lighting

Dan, Julianna and Benjamin Vock

One Voice: When we light the candle of Hope, we embrace God's presence among us, yesterday, today, and always.

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

## +Hymn UMH #196

Rowland Prichard

*COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS*

## Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

## Sharing Joys & Concerns

Jonathan Brown

## Call to Prayer UMH #198

*harm. Charles Webb*

*MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD*

*Verses 1 & 2*

## Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

## Scripture Reading

Kealani Willbanks

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

## +Gospel Reading

Kealani Willbanks

LUKE 21:25-36

One Voice: Receive what the Spirit is saying.

**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

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## Anthem

Paul O. Manz

*EVEN SO, LORD JESUS, QUICKLY COME*

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**THE FRESH HOPE OF MORNING**

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**Offertory**

Kealani Willbanks

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**Music at the Offertory**

*arr. John Ferguson*

*COMFORT, COMFORT*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**Music During Communion**

UMH #197

*David Hurd*

*YE WHO CLAIM THE FAITH OF JESUS*

*Verses 1, 2, 3*

UMH #198

*Charles Webb*

*MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD*

*Verse 3, 4, 5*

UMH #187

*Dale Wood*

*RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE*

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

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.

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**+Hymn UMH #206**

*Kathleen Thomerson*

*I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

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**+Benediction**

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

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**+Postlude**

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**+Individual Prayer**

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# WELCOME GYORGI SZABO-FOUNTAIN

Gyorgyi Szabo-Fontaine will join the Foundry Staff on December 3 as the new Operations Manager. Gyorgyi is a seasoned administrative professional with over 11 years of experience in both the private and federal sectors. Renowned for her analytical skills and office management expertise, she consistently enhances workflow efficiency and supports teams and senior leaders effectively.



As an Administrative Officer with the U.S. Air Force at RAF Lakenheath, Gyorgyi oversaw administrative operations for 20+ personnel, developed tools to improve data accuracy, and directed a Unit Inspection Program for 350 members, achieving 100% compliance. She organized morale events to boost engagement and camaraderie. Known for her strong communication skills, she excels in data entry, document processing, and office operations.

Previously, at the Animal Health Trust in England, Gyorgyi streamlined operations and improved data accuracy. She holds a Bachelor's degree with Honors from Anglia Ruskin University, UK, and certifications in Leadership & Management, Business & Administration, Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, and USAF training.

Originally from Transylvania, Romania, Gyorgyi moved to Hungary, England, and now the U.S. with her husband, Logan. Fluent in English and Hungarian, she is passionate about exploring cultures, outdoor adventures, and photography. She loves connecting with loved ones in England, spending time with her bonus kids, Westyn and Bryson, and looks forward to adding a Vizsla to her family.

## ADVENT SPECIAL MUSIC

Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 10 a.m. for 'Great Joy!' We will all worship together that day at this one service. You will hear many of your favorite Advent and Christmas songs – "Joy to the World," "What Child is This?" "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" – in high-energy, cutting-edge gospel arrangements. These celebrations of joy, peace and love, arranged by Michael McElroy, Joseph Joubert and Burl Red will have toes tapping, hands clapping and spirits soaring.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Save the Date for our Community Christmas Potluck, Sunday, December 15, immediately following the **10 a.m. worship service**, in the Frances and Norman Prince Fellowship Hall! Register to bring a dish [foundryumc.org/christmas-potluck](http://foundryumc.org/christmas-potluck).

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Help us decorate our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season on **Sunday, December 14 starting at noon**.

## FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES "UPPERCLASSMEN" FOR GRADES 10TH-12TH

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

## FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT STEAD PARK!

Mark your calendars! This year, **the Christmas Festival, in partnership with Stead Park, will be held inside Stead Park's brand-new facility!** Join us for a **day of holiday fun, with treats, crafts, games, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and holiday cookie decorating on Saturday, December 7!**

If you'd like to **volunteer with Family Ministries**, show our neighborhood families some needed love, and help facilitate at the cookie decorating table, please contact Ms. Natalie [nharvey@foundryumc.org](mailto:nharvey@foundryumc.org) for more details.

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT: CONFIRMATION INTEREST MEETING!

We're excited to announce a **Confirmation Interest Meeting** on **Sunday, December 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room, right after the 11:15 a.m. service.**

**Confirmation classes are for youth in 7th grade and up who are ready to explore big faith questions and grow in community together.** If you're interested in deepening your faith journey, come by and learn what confirmation is all about! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our Director of Family Ministries, Ms. Natalie.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 15TH!

Family Ministries invites all children, whether they attend Sunday School or not, to a **fun-filled Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15**. The party begins upstairs when children are dismissed during the service for Children's Worship, starting in the fellowship halls and moving to the Education Wing. It will continue into the start of the Christmas Community Potluck. Parents can sign out and pick up their children in the Education Wing, with the party officially ending at 11:30 a.m. Any children not picked up by 11:45 a.m. will be transferred to the Fellowship Hall for pickup.

## ADULT CLASSES AND PROGRAMMING

### ADVENT CLASS: IT'S ADVENT CHARLIE BROWN!

**Join us this Advent season for a four-week class** that explores the themes of Love, Joy, Hope, and Peace through the beloved characters of Charles Schulz's Peanuts. Together, we'll reflect on the meaning of each theme as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. **The class will meet between worship services, beginning December 1.** **Registration coming soon**—don't miss this special opportunity to engage with Advent in a unique and meaningful way!

Register at [foundrymc.org/charlie-brown-advent](https://foundrymc.org/charlie-brown-advent)

### COMICS X THEOLOGY: EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH YOUR FAVORITE COMICS

Join us for the **inaugural session of Comics x Theology on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. 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@foundrymc.org](mailto:jbrown@foundrymc.org)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### WILLIAM ASTOR AND VIVIAN T. KIRK SYMPOSIUM LECTURE WITH DR. ASHANTÉ M. REESE

**Dr. Ashanté M. Reese will join us for Foundry's Kirk Symposium**, offering two days of learning and interacting with the author. The **public lecture will take place on December 12 at 7 p.m.** Register at [foundrymc.org/kirk-lecture](https://foundrymc.org/kirk-lecture)

### EQUAL EXCHANGE

**Fair trade gifts for the holidays are available again this year.** Purchase chocolate, coffee, tea, dried fruit, and olive oil from **Equal Exchange during Foundry's coffee hour on Sundays, today through December 15**. Your purchases support farmers in developing countries, help eliminate child labor, and foster sustainable farming and community development. Equal Exchange is a cooperative partnering with interfaith groups such as the United Methodist Committee on Relief, cash or checks please!

## SACRED RESISTANCE: TIME TO ENGAGE!

Please join the **Sacred Resistance** team this Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at Foundry as we **identify and plan our advocacy priorities for 2025.**

Questions? Email [sacredresistance@foundryumc.org](mailto:sacredresistance@foundryumc.org)

## OPERATIONS

### ADVENT GREENS AND POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Add beauty to our Foundry sanctuary during this holy season by purchasing Advent greenery and poinsettias! Purchases may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. Poinsettias will be available for you to pick up for your homes following our 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Celebration, or following our 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 31. Register at [foundryumc.org/poinsettias](https://foundryumc.org/poinsettias)

### HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER

Decorate your home with these beautiful, fresh wreaths, garlands, door swags, and other seasonal items are hand-crafted with greenery, pine cones, and berries. By purchasing a wreath for your friends, family, corporate partners, and yourself, you're directly supporting Foundry's community outreach, social justice, music, and other ministries. Each item purchased will also fund the planting of an evergreen seedling in one of our National and State Forests. **Order by December 9** at [foundryumc.org/holiday-wreaths](https://foundryumc.org/holiday-wreaths) and use code FOUNDRVA001

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# ADVENT

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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smartphone camera.



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