

PIECE US TOGETHER



JANUARY 18, 2026
9 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

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/Last Hymn. Sunday School 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 – 1st & 2nd Grade
- 205 – 3rd & 4th Grade
- 206 – PreK3-Kindergarten
- 207 – 5th & 6th Grade
- 208 – Firewalker Kids

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. Our Nut and Allergy Safety Policy can be found at foundryumc.org/allergies.

PIECE US TOGETHER

In a world fraying at the seams—where division is normalized, identity is polarized, and faith is often reduced to sentimentality or abstraction—the Church is called to witness to another way of being human. Post-Christmas, we proclaim that God has already chosen to dwell with us in Christ, piecing together what is broken and revealing a humanity made whole.

This series explores the “pieces” that make up our common life: our theology, our history, our commitments to justice, our values, and our shared vision for the future. As we examine and reclaim these pieces, we discover that they are not scattered fragments but elements of a Spirit-woven identity. When we live into this shared identity—rooted in the gospel and expressed through our life together—we offer a counter-testimony to a world shaped by thin platitudes, shallow spirituality, and systems that divide.

This is not about manufacturing unity but about acknowledging who we already are in Christ, and allowing the Spirit to piece us together for the healing of the world.

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.

9 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

+Call to Worship

One Voice: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling:
"The ultimate measure of a [person] is not where [they] stand
in moments of comfort and convenience, but where [they]
stand at times of challenge and controversy."¹

Many Voices: **In difficult times, God calls us to join the movement of courageous truth-tellers.**

One Voice: In comfortable times, God calls us to join the movement of silence-breakers.

Many Voices: **In times of struggle, God calls us to join the movement toward freedom.**

One Voice: In times of peace, God calls us to join the movement toward justice.

Many Voices: **In all times, God calls us to join with the movement of the Spirit.**

One Voice: Listen, people of God, for the voice of God is calling:
"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble
struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of
yourself, a greater nation of your country,
and a finer world to live in."²

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¹ Martin Luther King, Jr. Strength to Love, 1963.

² Martin Luther King, Jr. March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959.

+Hymn UMH #101

Isaac Watts, attr. John Hatton

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Ministry Moment

Keira Pierce and Tyler Sweeney

Offertory

Ben Roberts

Music at the Offertory

Emma Lazarus, Irving Berlin,

arr. Roy Ringwald

GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR

Scripture Reading

Zell Murphy

ISAIAH 61:1-8

One Voice: Receive what the Spirit is saying

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Anthem

Gary Kent Walth

DO JUSTICE

Cheryl Gibbs, narrator

Sermon

Wanda Bynum-Duckett

GOOD CHOICES

Response to the Word

One voice: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Allow your Spirit to fill our very being.

Many voices: **We remember our brothers and sisters, who are worshipping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere.**

One voice: Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another. Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge.

Many voices: **In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve, we now must walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world. Amen**

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call to Prayer UMH #521

*Afro-American Spiritual,
adapt. William Smith*

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME
Verse 1

Pastoral Prayer

Jonathan Brown

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.

Invitation to Discipleship

Ed Crump

+Hymn UMH #733

Isaac Watts, Robert Lowry

MARCHING TO ZION
Verses 1 & 4

+Benediction

Wanda Bynum-Duckett

+Postlude UMH #527 Afro-American Spiritual, arr. William Smith

DO, LORD, REMEMBER ME

Individual Prayer

If you are in need of individual prayer, you're invited to pray with a member of our Sunday Prayer Team at the front of the Sanctuary.

11:15 A.M. | WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Florence Price, Black Composers Series
ADORATION

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+Hymn UMH #519

J. Rosamond Johnson

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Children's Message

Natalie Harvey

Ministry Moment

Keira Pierce and Tyler Sweeney

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Jonathan Brown

Call to Prayer UMH #524

Charles Albert Tindley

BEAMS OF HEAVEN AS I GO

Verse 1

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Charlotte Yanik

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Response UMH #120Lars Ake Lundberg,
harm Carlton YoungYOUR LOVE, O GOD
Verse 1**Introduction of Guest Preacher**

Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Anthem

arr. Moses Hogan, Black Composers Series

HIS LIGHT STILL SHINES

Done Made My Vow to the Lord
Hold Out Your Light

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Ben Roberts

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PRAISE THE LORD**Invitation to Discipleship**

Ed Crump

+Hymn UMH #733*Isaac Watts, Robert Lowry***MARCHING TO ZION****+Benediction**

Wanda Bynum-Duckett

+Postlude

Oscar Peterson

HYMN TO FREEDOM**Individual Prayer**

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GUEST PREACHER: REV. WANDA BYNUM DUCKETT



Wanda Bynum Duckett is a native of Baltimore, MD and a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) with a degree in English Literature. Her graduate studies include the Master of Arts in Theology from St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2006), as well as the Master of Divinity (2010) and Doctor of Divinity (2014) from Wesley Theological Seminary. Her dissertation entitled *Sacred Slam: Spoken Word as Sacred Art for Sacred Space* still inspires and informs much of her public ministry and personal devotions.

Rev. Dr. Duckett served in pastoral ministry and conference leadership in the United Methodist Church for 18 years, after having been ordained an Itinerate Elder by the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She praises God for the opportunity to have served for eight years as the Baltimore Metropolitan District Superintendent until her retirement on July 1, 2025. She continues to serve in retirement by coaching, preaching, facilitating workshops, and writing poetry and prose for worship and publication under the banner *Spoken by Duckett*.

Wanda's testimony and life scripture can be found in Romans 8:28 – *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to God's purpose.*



We invite you to Scan this QR Code to view our 2026 Stewardship Booklet.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

ASP 2026 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Foundry's ASP Youth Mission Trip is open! **This year's trip will take place on June 20th-27** and is open to all youth who will have completed 9th grade by June 2025 and will be rising sophomores to those who've completed the 12th grade.

Register TODAY at foundryumc.org/asp

GESHER INTERFAITH SERVICE CAMP | AUGUST 17-21

In partnership with the JCC, Foundry is excited to offer **Gesher** (Hebrew for "bridge"), a week-long interfaith service project day camp for rising 7th-10th grade youth , August 17-21. Youth will visit and serve at local nonprofits, build friendships, and learn how interfaith work is rooted in community and service. Registration opens January 12. Foundry youth should use code "FUMCYouth" when registering.

Register at foundryumc.org/gesher-camp.

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE | MARCH 20-22

We're planning to take a group of youth to Ignite 2026, March 20-22, in Ocean City, MD! Ignite brings together youth from the BWC and Delaware-Peninsula Conferences for a weekend of worship, fun, and connection. Conference registration is \$75. Food and lodging costs will be determined based on total registrations by March 6. Register at foundryumc.org/ignite.

GLOBAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVOCATION | INTEREST MEETING TODAY

Interested in attending the Global Young People's Convocation 2026 in Dublin, Ireland? **Join us for an interest meeting today at 10:10 A.M. in the Youth Room.** GYPC is open to ages 12-35 and takes place every four years around the world. Families, youth, and young adults are all welcome. Learn more at their website and come to the meeting to explore this exciting opportunity!

2026 VALENTINE'S DAY COOKIE BOXES!

It's time for Valentine's Cookie Boxes! Parents and family members! Help us make sure your current Foundry student or service-member gets a Valentine's cookie box. All current names & mailing addresses of your young adults **MUST** be submitted by **February 6th, 2026**. Yes, please resubmit names from last year if eligible. foundryumc.org/cookies.

We need your help! By bringing cookies and treats and bringing them to Community Commons between services on Sunday, February 8th. Also, Candy and postage donations are also appreciated. Questions? Contact Shelley Jessee at valentinecookies@foundryumc.org.

FIND YOUR CIRCLE

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS: A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Are you curious about joining Foundry? Our New Members' Class for those who wish to begin the journey toward official membership begins today. We will be doing the book "A Disciple's Path" (Jan 18 – Mar 8). You can join us virtually or in person today at 10:10 a.m. in room 101.

Register at foundryumc.org/new-members

DEAR WHITE CHRISTIANS

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, facilitated by Pastor Jonathan Brown. Continues today at 10:10 a.m. in Room B2.

Register at foundryumc.org/dear-white-christians

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. To learn more and register, please join the Women's Retreat group in the Church Planning app.

Register at foundryumc.org/womens-retreat

EVENING DISCIPLE FAST TRACK: NEW TESTAMENT

Disciple Fast Track is designed for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement with the Bible. Our Evening Disciple Fast Track: New Testament study kicks off Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 P.M. and runs for 12 weeks. This engaging, manageable class invites you to dive into the New Testament through daily readings and weekly class meetings. The class will meet in person in room B2 and on Zoom.

Register at foundryumc.org/fast-track-new-testament

CHILI COOK-OFF (2026): REGISTRATION OPEN!

It's back—Foundry's Chili Cook-Off is happening Sunday, February 15, right after worship! Bring your best pot of chili to compete (or just come hungry and vote for your favorite). Register at foundryumc.org/chilicookoff

INTERFAITH BOOK CLUB: EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH YOUR FAVORITE COMICS

Embark on a heroic journey at **Fantom Comics located at 2010 P St. NW, Washington D.C. 20036** **January 25 at 6:30 p.m.**, where our Interfaith Book Club will delve into **Daredevil: Born Again** by **Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli**. Together, we'll **explore themes of hope, sacrifice, and unity from various faith perspectives**. Share your insights, learn from others, and celebrate the power of storytelling in a welcoming community.

LBGTQ+ POTLUCK: JANUARY 25

Our next LGBTQ+ Potluck will be held at the home of Tom Mitchell on Sunday, January 25, from 6-8 P.M. Please bring a generous dish or beverage to share. You can email lgbtqpotlucks@foundryumc.org for more information.

2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL UNDERWAY

There's still time to create a reflection on the theme "**Ignite the Light: Radiate Love**" in the form of a 300-word essay, poem, or graphic expression. Yours would be one of the daily devotionals Foundry publishes in print and online beginning Ash Wednesday. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 23, 2026.** Questions or help needed?

Email lentendevotional@foundryumc.org

FOUNDRY'S 2026 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

This year's collection of daily reflections for Lent was written by Foundry family members on the theme, "Ignite the Light: Radiate Love." **Register by February 4 to get a print copy of the devotional or to receive each daily devotional via email.** Each day's devotion will also be posted on the Foundry website, www.foundryumc.org.

There will be a limited number of print copies. To defray the printing costs, a donation of \$5 per copy or \$35 for 10 copies is requested. Print copies may be picked up on Sunday, February 15 in Community Commons.

Register at foundryumc.org/devotionalregister

TEN MINUTES OF LIFE (MONTHLY WRITING GROUP)

This group begins Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 203. Come write with us—no experience necessary and no preparation required. What is written in this group stays in this group. Honesty, honor, and respect are mandatory. Bring a pad of paper, a pen, and your thoughts—anything else is optional. We'll do three rounds of ten-minute writing, with an invitation to share after each round and offer nonjudgmental, positive, supportive feedback. Register at foundryumc.org/ten-minutes

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- REGISTER NOW!

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.

SACRED RESISTANCE – JOIN THE TEAM!

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. **This team is very important in the current climate.** Please join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, February 10 at 7p.m.**

Email sacredresistance@foundryumc.org with questions.

ESL TEACHERS NEEDED

A new ESL session is starting and we could use a few more teachers. No experience necessary! If interested, please email esl@foundryumc.org

**YOUR GENEROSITY
SHAPES FOUNDRY'S
FUTURE**



GIVE HERE

IT COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT

By Wanda Bynum Duckett

It could have been different.

A scholar's pay at Boston U,

Alive today with a penthouse view,

Bernice preaching, Dad on the front pew,

It could have been different.

Coretta singing beautifully in opera halls,

Rubbing elbows with dignitaries,

and curtain calls,

But he didn't live for himself.

He answered for all.

It could have been different.

He was born to fight for freedom,

Gladly laying down his life,

Not a default Plan B but a true sacrifice

So that every child could live a liberated life,

But it could have been different.

He could have grown old sitting

in a rocking chair,

But he would have missed his appointment

with destiny there.

Life could have been more of a crystal stair,

But he chose to be different.

Instead he went south for a December winter,

And led a bus boycott front and center.

I wonder if he knew then

How much history would bend

When he chose to be different.

Now we all have a choice, decisions to make.

Will we live for ourselves

or for freedom's sake?

How many more funerals can grieving

mothers take?

It's time for something different.

From Emmett to Travon so many died young,

From Sandra to Mike Brown,

They are all dead and gone.

From Freddie to Renee as we sing our songs

This needs to be different.

So let freedom ring with a fresh reprise,

Let's celebrate by serving,

let's reclaim the prize,

Because victory over hate may

meet with demise

If we don't do something different.

As we honor the King and the
great Drum Major

May we answer our own call to be
world-changers.

Being silent is really a far greater danger
Than making a difference.

Justice still demands people
like you and me

To stop this nation from relapsing into
its greatest disease,
And stop the flow of blood
in our city streets.
It's got to be different.

Who's to blame for the shame
of today's travesties?

We can't drop the baton here,
And rest on former deeds.

We Have Overcome is the song.
But who's singing lead?
Won't you make a difference?

The King lived and he showed us that
Peace always wins.

Let today be the day,

Let us each begin.

Let love be the covering for our
multitude of sins

And justice roll down before evil wins.

It can be.

It must be

Let us choose to be DIFFERENT.

Check in!



Scan with your
smartphone camera.



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