



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

November 23, 2025

Student Sunday

Prelude

"Plein Jeu" (Michel Corrette)

Simon Charette

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Vera Jennings

In thanksgiving we gather to praise you, O God!

For all of your abundant blessings we thank you, O God.

For the love of Christ, who reveals your presence to us, we praise you.

For your grace and your love, and for the reign of Christ, we thank you, O God.

For your call to serve you, your cry for mercy and justice

that raises us to action, we thank you.

In the power of your Spirit alive in us, shining with your light, we worship you.

*Opening Hymn

"Maker, In Whom We Live"

UMH 88

Word for All Ages

Tsitsi Sithole

Anthem

"Teach Me, O Lord" (Thomas Attwood)

NBUMC Choir

Prayers of the People

Scripture Readings

Genesis 45:1-9

Luke 15:11-20

Vera Jennings

Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS 2152

Message

"How to Save Your Church"

Rev. Eric Doolittle

Offertory

QR Code
for Online
Giving



*Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow"

UMH 95

*Unison Prayer

Merciful God, we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. We bring our offerings as a response to your call, a step in faith to follow you more closely. May our gifts, our skills, and our time be used by you to build meaningful relationships, work for justice, and spread your unconditional love. We especially pray for young people and students today, with gratitude for their leadership and what they teach us about your heart. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"The Summons"

TFWS 2130

*Blessing

Postlude

"Fanfare in Bb Major" (Henry Purcell)

Simon Charette

*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit. The Call to Worship is from Steve Garnass-Holmes and the Unison Prayer is adapted from the United Methodist Church resources for Student Sunday.

Take Note!

- Believe it or not, it's beginning to look a lot like Advent! We invite everyone to stay after worship today to help **decorate our Sanctuary** for the coming season. Many hands make light work! We will also have a hearty Coffee Hour with a few different kinds of chili to refuel afterward!
- Our next book for the Ladies Book Group is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. We will be having the discussion for this book after service on Sunday December 7th. Contact Monica Dean or Linda Hall (monicakmonica@yahoo.com or auntlinda@verizon.net) for more information.
- **Taizé Tuesdays** are returning for Advent this year, and will be paired with a joint **Advent book study** with the other churches in our Hub. We will sing prayers in the style of Taizé in the NBUMC Sanctuary from 7-7:30pm, and then those who wish to stay for the book study will discuss Matt Skinner's *Voices of Advent* in the Parlor from 7:30-8:30pm. We will begin this Tuesday, November 25th, and go for four weeks, concluding on Tuesday, December 16th. We have several copies of the book available; let Rev. Kara know if you are interested!
- We will **celebrate the season of Advent** with an **afternoon of crafts, snacks, and a short worship service**. Join us on Sunday, December 7th! This family-friendly event is intended for people of all ages. You may come any time after 4pm and move to the different craft, story, game, and snack stations at your own pace. We will gather for the worship service to light our Advent Wreath at 5pm. If you have questions or would like to help, email Ms. Tsitsi (tsitsisithole@gmail.com.)

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