



Colesville United Methodist Church

52 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

A Community of Faith in Action

OUR VISION

We seek to be a captivating beacon of God's Light to the community that draws people to Christ and provides spiritual sustenance and wholistic support to people's lives.

OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Dr. Michael W. Armstrong, Pastor

Mrs. Paulette Wright, Lay Leader

Rev. Dr. Ianther Mills, Tidal Basin District Superintendent

Mrs. Sherrill Cole, District Administrator

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop

Worship Service | November 1, 2026 | 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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Sunday Worship Service | All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026

Prelude	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	Curtis Richardson
Introit	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God	Colesville Choir

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Beryl King Koroma**
Liturgist: We gather in the presence of the God who has carried us through every generation.
All: We give thanks for the saints who taught us to trust God.

Liturgist: They prayed through trouble, served their neighbors, and made room for those who would follow.
All: Their witness strengthens us for the work before us.

Liturgist: God sees our grief, our community, and the places before us that need rebuilding.
All: Open our eyes, O God, and make our hearts courageous.

Liturgist: Jesus Christ is our firm foundation. The Spirit calls us forward together.
All: With grateful hearts and willing hands, we come to worship God!

Unison Prayer
All: Faithful God, your love has sustained your people through generations of struggle and celebration. We thank you for the saints whose prayers surrounded us, whose courage opened doors, and whose love helped us recognize your presence. Meet us today in our remembrance of the saints and worship of you, O God. We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn	For All the Saints <i>UMH No. 711 (verses 1-4)</i>
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Prayer of Confession
All: Merciful God, we give thanks for the faith we have received, yet confess that we have sometimes resisted the work to which you call us. We have overlooked our neighbors' pain, held tightly to familiar ways, and allowed fear to weaken our love. Forgive our failures of courage and compassion. Heal the harm we have caused. Teach us to honor the saints through faithful lives, to seek reconciliation, and to build a community where your children can flourish. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ meets us with mercy and opens the way to new life. In Christ, God forgives our sin and calls us into a renewed life of love.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection	You Can't Beat God's Giving	Colesville Choir
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Offertory Prayer
All: Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives we offer with them. Use them to comfort those who mourn, nourish those who hunger, welcome those seeking community, and prepare a faithful future for generations to come. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture

Nehemiah 2:11–18

Hymn of Meditation

For the Beauty of the Earth
(by John Rutter)

Colesville Choir

Sermon

Standing on the Shoulders of the
Saints, While Building for the Future

Rev. Dr. Michael Armstrong

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Remembrance of the Saints

Pastor: Today we pause to remember the saints: the people of God whose lives bore witness to grace. Some taught us to pray. Some made this church a home. Some stood for justice when the cost was high. Some served quietly, trusting God with work whose fruit they would never see. We bring our gratitude and our grief before God. We need not hurry past our sorrow. In the risen Christ, we entrust those we love to God's keeping and receive strength to continue the work of love.

We now name members of this congregation who have died since our last All Saints observance.

Light a candle and sound a bell after each name. And give the All response after each name is read.

Pastor: We remember:

Pastor: Henrietta Jean Bentz

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Ahovi Fitzjohn Broderick

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Julianne Davis

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Pastor: Bertina D. Herndon

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Harold Navy

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Pastor: Cemora Newsome

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Pastor: Sylvia M Sawyer

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Chuku-Dinka Spencer

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Kimberly Ware

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: Majorie Williams

All: We thank you, O God, for their life and witness.

Pastor: We also remember family members, friends, mentors, and neighbors whose lives have blessed us. You may speak their names aloud where you are or name them in the silence of your heart.

Litany of Remembrance and Commitment

Liturgist: For the saints who first spoke the name of Jesus to us, who taught us to pray and helped us trust God's love:

All: We remember with gratitude. Help us pass on the faith.

Liturgist: For those who built and sustained this congregation, who gave their resources, their labor, and their love:

All: We remember with gratitude. Help us care for what they entrusted to us.

Liturgist: For those who resisted racism, confronted injustice, and worked so their children and their neighbors might live with dignity:

All: We remember with gratitude. Help us continue the work of justice.

Liturgist: For those whose ministry happened at kitchen tables, in hospital rooms, in classrooms, and through quiet acts of care:

All: We remember with gratitude. Help us serve with generous hearts.

Liturgist: For the lives cut short, the stories left unfinished, and the loved ones whose absence still brings tears:

All: Hold us in your mercy, O God. Give us room to grieve and grace to hope.

Liturgist: As Nehemiah looked honestly at Jerusalem, help us see the needs of our church and community.

All: Give us clear eyes and compassionate hearts.

Liturgist: As we receive the witness of the saints, keep us grounded in Jesus Christ.

All: Christ is our foundation; your faithfulness is our hope.

Liturgist: As your people once answered the call to build, summon us to faithful work in our own time.

All: We will pray, serve, and build together, trusting your Spirit to lead us.

Liturgist: God of every generation, receive our thanksgiving for the saints. Comfort all who mourn. Make us faithful in our time, that those who come after us may find a church alive with love, a community strengthened by justice, and a people whose hope is in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of

Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we have named before you today. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: Go with gratitude for the saints who helped bring us this far. Look honestly and compassionately at the needs of people around you. Stand firmly on Jesus Christ, your sure foundation and step forward together in the work of love and justice. And may the God who holds every generation, the risen Christ who leads us into life, and the Holy Spirit who gives us courage sustain you today and always.

All: Amen.

Benediction Response

As You Go Tell the World

Congregation

Postlude

A Song of Jubilant Praise!

Curtis Richardson