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 I November 29, 2026 I 10 AM

Prelude begins at 9:45am

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Sunday Worship Service I Young People's Sunday
November 29, 2026

Liturgist: Alexander "Alex" Agba

Prelude ***Sweet, Sweet Spirit*** **Curtis Richardson**

<u>Lighting Advent Candle</u> **Zibah Agba and Simone Garcia**

Reader One: The prophet Isaiah declares, "From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Is. 64:4). Today, we continue to wait and call out in hope for God's restoration to meet us here, believing that God knows our struggles and works even now for the fulfillment of our salvation.

All: When God feels far away, and our lament feels too heavy to bear, we remember God's steadfast love. May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader Two: We light this candle of hope as a sign of God's promises, that we might persevere in hope, a hope grounded not in wishes and whims but in the trustworthy and persistent love of God already at work among us to save and restore all creation.

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

Introit **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** **Congregation**
Hymn No. 211 (verse 1)

<u>Call to Worship</u> **Liturgist**

Liturgist: Thanking God for one another,
All: we gather to worship and pray.
Liturgist: Richly blessed in everything we need,
All: we gather in trust and hope.
Liturgist: Loved faithfully in Christ Jesus,
All: we gather to sing and rejoice.

Unison Prayer

All: Creator God, create us anew this Advent season. Mold us to more firmly into your image. Wake us to recognize your voice and listen deeply for your guidance. Show us the signs that lead us closer to you, and help us bring your love to everyone we meet. In Advent hope, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn ***Firm Foundation*** **Enam Creighton-Randall**
Thaina Rakotondrainsa

Prayer of Yearning

All: Shepherd of Israel, hear our prayers. Hear the cries of our hearts and the confusion of our mind. Hear the struggles of your creation, yearning to be healed and held by you. Calm the chaos that swirls around us, that we might perceive your presence and guidance. Heal the pain and worries that break us apart, and re-form us into the beautiful people you've created us to be. In faith and hope, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Liturgist**
Liturgist: Christ's light is shining. God's love is true. And the Spirit is making us new.

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Selection **Trading My Sorrows** **Enam Creighton-Randall**
Thaina Rakotondrainsa

Offertory Prayer

All: Gracious God, bless these gifts to shine with the face of your love. Bless our lives to reveal Christ's presence in the world. Bless us to be faithful servants each and every day. In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Announcements and Welcome

Scripture **Luke 10:25-37** **Liturgist**

Hymn of Meditation: **Build My Life** **Enam Creighton-Randall**
Thaina Rakotondrainsa

Morning Message **Loving Your Neighbor** **Vona Onojeta Tsongaina Rakotondranisa**

Intercessory Prayer

Liturgist: As we begin this Advent journey today, we lit the first candle to remember the hope we have in Jesus. We bring to God the prayers of our church, our community, and our world. After each prayer, please respond, “Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.”

Liturgist: God of hope, as we wait for Jesus, help us notice where you are already at work. Open our eyes to the people around us, and show us one thing we can do this week to share your love.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: We pray for children and young people. Be with us when school feels overwhelming, when friendships are hard, and when we wonder where we belong. Give us trusted adults who listen to us, friends who stand with us, and the courage to ask for help when we need it.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: We pray for families worried about how they will pay the rent, keep the heat on, or put food on the table. Help us share what we have, and guide those who make decisions so that more of our neighbors can have a safe place to call home.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: We pray for people who are sick, those caring for them, and those who are missing someone they love. Help us remember them in our prayers and reach out to them, especially on the days when they feel alone.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: We pray for places where war and violence make it hard for children to go to school, play outside, or sleep safely at night. Protect those in danger, comfort those who are afraid, and give leaders the courage to work for peace.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: We pray for our Colesville church family. Help us listen to one another across generations. Give young people room to serve and lead, and teach all of us to use our gifts to care for our neighbors.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: In this quiet moment, we lift to you the people and concerns we carry in our hearts.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, and renew our hope.

Liturgist: Faithful God, thank you for hearing our prayers. As we wait for Jesus, help us keep watch, make room for one another, and live with hope. In Jesus 'name we pray.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Benediction **Liturgist**

Liturgist: Revived and restored by God's love,

All: we will share holy love with the world.

Liturgist: With Christ's light to guide the way,

All: we will brighten the world with love.

Postlude ***How Firm a Foundation*** **Curtis Richardson**