



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,
From generation to generation, we praise your holy name.

Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim your greatness to our children,
**For we have seen your deeds of power and witnessed
your goodness in our lives.**

As you have opened your hand to all,
satisfying the desire of every living thing
**Open our hearts so that we might share the gifts
we have received from you.**

Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 302, *Christ the Lord. Is Risen Today*, vs. 1-4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119: 90 & Joshua 21:45

Your faithfulness continues through all generations.

You established the earth, and it endures.

None of the Lord's faithful promises to the family of Israel was unfulfilled.

Each one came to pass.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

OFFERING & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+ A TIME OF COMMITMENT & RESPONSE

+ LITANY

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts – time, talent, energy, money –
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.**

**We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

MEDITATION MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

¹⁶ Always rejoice, ¹⁷ constantly pray, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks. For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not extinguish the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt. ²¹ But examine all things. Hold fast to what is good. ²² Stay away from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself make you completely holy, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept entirely blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ He who calls you is trustworthy, and he will in fact do this.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God Is Always Faithful

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

* universal

+ HYMN

UMH 251, *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Members of the congregation are invited to stand during these portions if they are able.

Please join us for café in the back after today's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hanging of the Greens

We'll be decorating the church for Christmas today immediately after the service, followed by a festive lunch!

Toys for Tots

Since 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed 708 million toys to 314 million children. Let's add a few to their list this Christmas! Toys for all ages should be new, in their original packaging, and unwrapped. Bring your toys to the church no later than **Sunday, December 7**. Greg will saddle up some reindeer and deliver the toys to Cropp Metcalfe that week.

Kids Konnection Stockings

We have Christmas stockings available to fill for Kids Konnection. For some DC children, this will be all they receive for Christmas. All filled stockings—or monetary donations—are due next **Sunday, November 30**.

Rising Hope Collection

In November, we're collecting peanut butter for Rising Hope Mission Church, a local faith community that helps individuals rise above homelessness and poverty. A contributions box is in the church lobby. Learn more at risinghopeumc.org.

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

Mother Teresa

Website

Check out our redesigned website at **www.bruenchapel.org**. Find info on upcoming events, videos of our recent services, Rev. Dawn-Marie's midweek reflections, a prayer request form, and more. Share the link with others!

Coffee with the Pastor

Join Rev. Dawn-Marie on Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

Pastor's Contact Info

You can email Rev. Dawn-Marie at **dawnmariesingleton@vaumc.org**.