



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in Abundance, away from the rush and the race,
to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, “May all have enough.”

We gather to live into the work of God’s call.

We gather in Grace, awake to the sin of despair and degradation,
awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

**We gather to grow: to change moment-by-moment,
in grace again-and-again.**

We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal,
one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to live and move and be.

Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy.

We gather to be.

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 62, *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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.**

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;
Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn to My servant David:

⁴ "Your seed I will establish forever,
And build up your throne to all generations.' "

⁵ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

⁶ For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord?

⁷ God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts,
Who *is* mighty like You, O Lord?

Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
When its waves rise, You still them.

¹⁰ You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain;
You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

¹¹ The heavens *are* Yours, the earth also *is* Yours;
The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

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

OFFERING & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, thank you for the many blessings you have given to us.

**We ask that you accept these gifts that we offer back to you
as a symbol of our gratitude. Bless them and multiply them
so that they may be used to do good works in your name.**

May we remember that all that we have is because of you. Amen.

MEDITATION MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8: 1-7

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ² that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

³ For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, ⁴ imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God.

⁶ So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷ But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—*see* that you abound in this grace also.

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SERMON

The Steward's Lifestyle

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 399, *Take My Life and Let It Be*

+ 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.

LIVING EACH DAY AS A STEWARD

The Steward's Lifestyle

Why does Paul hold the Macedonian believers as an example to the congregation at Corinth?

They _____ their ability.

They wanted to _____ of their _____.

They didn't do _____, BUT they gave themselves _____ to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

God's Word and God's sacraments are his _____ of grace through which he empowers us to give of ourselves.

Jesus gives us _____ through our faith Genuine Christians are alive in Christ!

The challenge before us – let's give of _____ to the Lord – fully and _____ - so that the world may know that we are indeed alive in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 by **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 weekly 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

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