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*“A Church whose foundation is built on loving Our Neighbors
and One Another in the same way Christ taught us to love God.”*

Holy Communion:
1st Sunday - 10:00 AM Service
Baptism: as requested
Membership: as requested

Sundays:
10:00 am - Worship Service

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BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On the corner of Smoketown & Minnieville Since 1850
13506 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Rev. Esther N. Agbosu, Pastor

Rooted in Christ



Growing in Love



Sunday Worship Service
December 7, 2025

Love

2nd Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue

Entrance

Prelude Joseph Swetnam

Cross and Flame Enter the Sanctuary

Welcome & Announcements

✠ Call to Worship: Mercedes Olivieri

People of God, Christ has invited us here.

**We gather to praise God, who brings justice
and righteousness to all.**

We gather to give thanks to God for hope and peace.

Blessed be the Lord, who has done marvelous things.

Let us praise God together!

✠ Opening Prayer Mercedes Olivieri

God of hope and peace, as we worship you this day, may we catch a glimpse of your peace; may we open ourselves to receive your grace, may we welcome one another, as you have welcomed us; may we prepare our hearts and our lives, for Christ to be born in us once again. And when our worship is done, may we be renewed in body and spirit, prepared to bring your righteousness and justice to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Jason & Tiffany Hall,
Charlotte & Mackenzie

Mark 1:4

✠ Hymn #2090

Advent Song v2

✠ Opening Hymn #617

I Come with Joy

✠ Gloria Patri #71

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

The congregation is asked to read the bold-faced type.

Proclamation and Response

✠ Scripture Mercedes Olivieri

Isaiah 11:1-10

✠ Children's Moment Tonia Parker

✠ Hymn #196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

✠ Scripture Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

A Call to Change Direction

✠ Hymn #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation Rev. Esther Agbosu

Confession and Pardon UMH #12

Offertory Cindy Boling

Praise His Name

✠ Doxology

Offertory Prayer

December's Communion Offering is for Society of St. Stephen

The Great Thanksgiving UMH #13

The Lord's Prayer #895

Sending Forth

✠ Closing Hymn #569

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

✠ Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

✠ Cross and Flame are Taken Into the World

✠ Postlude #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v1

This Week at Bethel

Sunday 12/07 — 2nd Sunday of Advent - Love

10:00 AM - Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM - Senior Leadership Team Meeting (Room 3)
1:00 PM - Faith, Hope Love, Int. Ministries Service (Room 5,6)
1:00 PM - Harvest Korean Baptist Church (Sanctuary)
3:30 PM - NDC Concert (1st United Presbyt. Church of Dale City)
5:00 PM - Bible Study (Zoom: 841 6291 8995)

Monday 12/08 — UMW Christmas Party

6:00 PM - NDC Practice (Rooms 5,6, Sanctuary)
6:00 PM - UMW Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous (Room 3)
7:00 PM - Emmaus Music Meeting (Rooms 7,8)

Tuesday 12/09 —

10:00 AM - Morning Bible Study (Zoom 921 2378 6173)
6:00 PM - Worship Design Meeting (Zoom)
6:30 PM - Solid Rock Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM - Vision Committee Meeting (Zoom)
6:30 PM - Rollingwood HOA (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM - AA Meeting (Room 5/6)

Wednesday 12/10 —

4:30 PM - ABA Alliance Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM - Solid Rock Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday 12/11 —

6:30 PM - Girl Scout SU Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM - Bible Study, Faith, Hope Love, Int. (Room 5,6)
7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday 12/12 —

6:30 PM - NCA Emmaus Pot Luck Dinner (Old Bridge UMC)
7:30 PM - NCA Emmaus Ultreya Service (Old Bridge UMC)

Saturday 12/13 —

8:00 AM - BUMM Meeting (Room 3)
9:00 AM - Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group (Rooms 5,6)
10:00 AM - Private Event (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM - Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Group (Rooms 5,6)
11:00 AM - Children's Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday 12/14 — 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy

8:30 AM - BUMM Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM - Breakfast & the Bible Sunday School (Library, Zoom)
9:00 AM - Adult Sunday School (Room 5 & Zoom)
10:00 AM - Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM - Finance Committee Meeting (Room 3)
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A service of comfort, light and hope on the longest night of the year.

Cokesbury United Methodist Church
14806 Blackburn Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22191.
Presented by the Woodbridge Collaborative

Barbara Cushman - **Dec 9**
Jane Harris - **Dec 14**



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