

YOU'RE SAFE HERE.

Church In Bethesda is a multi-denominational, multicultural, open & inclusive community, connecting our city through spirituality, education, and service. We seek to serve people of all races, genders, ages, cultures, orientations, family configurations, physical and mental conditions, religions, and all other distinctions which make up the beautiful tapestry of God's creation.

Words

In some traditional prayers, hymns, and scripture passages, God is often portrayed as gender-specific. As we pray, sing, and learn together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of God.

SINGING

I Will Celebrate

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Chorus

I will celebrate
Sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song
I will celebrate
Sing unto the Lord
Sing to the Lord a new song

Verse

With my heart rejoicing within
With my mind focused on Him
With my hands raised to the heavens
All I am worshiping Him

SINGING

Thank You, Lord

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Verse 1

I come before You today
And there's just one thing
that I want to say
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

Pre-Chorus

With a grateful heart with a song of
praise
With an outstretched arm I will bless
Your name

Chorus

Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

Verse 2

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness
and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and
healed all my pain
Thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

WELCOME

Lauren Watts

We're glad you're here! Welcome back if you've been here before, and a very special welcome if you're here for the first time.

CiB Kids

Our program for kids, K through 5th grade happens right now, downstairs. During The Passing Of The Peace, you may take your children there if they would like to join the other kids.

The Passing Of The Peace

This is a time for us to greet other in the spirit of peace. Please be COVID conscious, as some might prefer not to engage in physical touch.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Allison Mckie

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 for ever and ever.

CENTERING

We invite you to sit and listen to a song before we hear from the scriptures.

SONG

Draw Me Close

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Verse

Draw me close to You
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else could
take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way
Bring me back to You

Chorus

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

SERMON

Ryan Phipps

Title: "Who's To Blame?"
Passage: John 9:1-7

REFLECTION

Ryan Phipps

Communion

We take time each Sunday to remember the love of God for us symbolized by bread and wine.

Candles

You are invited to light a candle representing peace, a prayer, or in the memory of a loved one.

Giving

We give as gestures of gratitude and worship. You are invited to place your offerings in the box at the back of the room. You may also give digitally by using the QR code on the offering box.

Table Time

This is a time for us to engage with an object lesson to help us further contemplate our lesson from today.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michael Orevba

This is a time for us to share our celebrations and concerns with the community. All are welcome to share.

NEWS

Michael Orevba

We have plenty for you to be involved with and to keep you engaged throughout the week. Please see the insert include here for more information.

SINGING

Love In Any Language

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Love in any language
Straight from the heart
Pulls us all together
Never apart

And once we learn to speak it
All the world will hear
Love in any language
Fluently spoken here

BENEDICTION

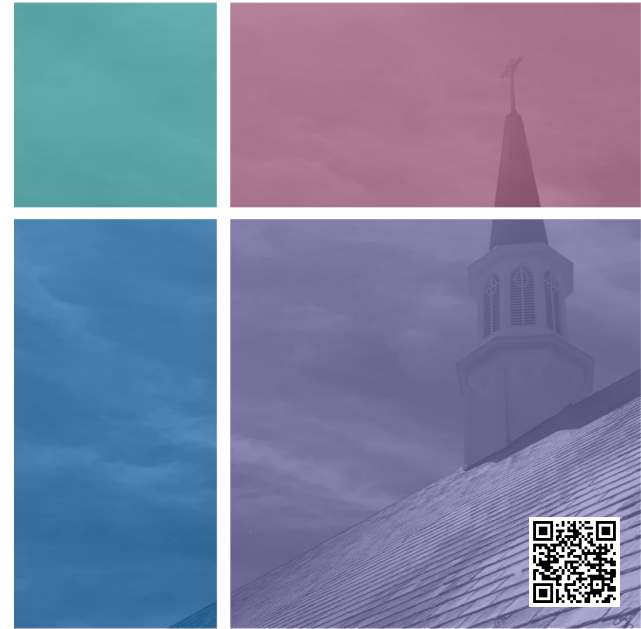
Allison Mckie

AFTER WORSHIP

May we pray for you?

If you have a need, a fear, a hurt, or a triumph to share with God, Tom and Allison would love to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

Anything you share will be held in confidence, no matter your circumstance. You are safe here.



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WELCOME