

God
is still
speaking,

“Never place a period where God has put a comma”

—Gracie Allen

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you and your questions are welcome here. The United Church of Christ. We are about faith and justice, exploration, and understanding.



As a community of faith,
**we build on our
church's history while
looking forward.**

Little River United Church of Christ was founded in 1955 as a result of faithful work by people interested in establishing a church where all races could worship together. This work led us to become racially integrated in the segregated Virginia of the 1950s. That same work led us in 2001 to become open to and affirming of LGBTQ folks, including full access to the rites of ordination and marriage. Today, we build on our heritage proclaiming God's radically inclusive love to our congregation, neighborhood, and world by nurturing individual and congregational spirituality, serving our community, and advocating for all God's creatures and creation.

The United Church of Christ traces its roots in America to the Pilgrims and the Congregational Church. Over the past four centuries, churches of the western frontier and German heritage have joined the denomination. Today, the UCC continues to build on its strong traditions of education, social welfare, and commitment to liberty of conscience inherent in the gospel. We'd love to have you join us in these sacred tasks!

Pastor

- The Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Cribbs, Jr.,
Interim Senior Pastor

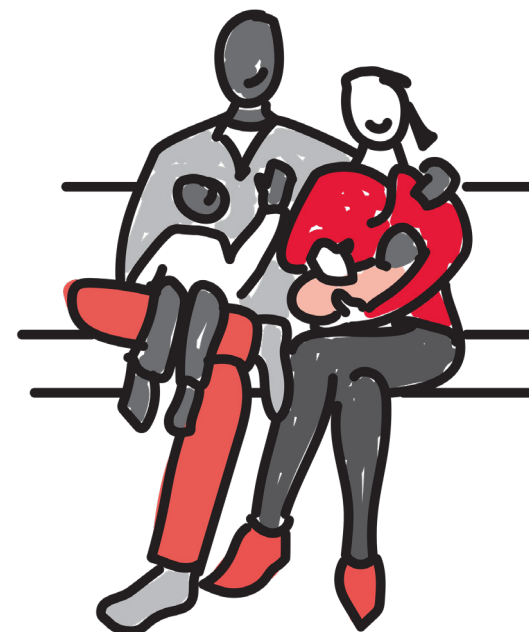
Worship Services & Church School

- Worship at 10 A.M. on Sundays
- Church school for children and youth at 10 A.M. during the academic year
- Informal church school for young children during the summer
- Skilled child care during worship

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*Celebrating diversity, independent thought,
& faithful action*

Little River
United Church
of Christ
experiences &
expresses the
love of God
in Jesus Christ.



**LITTLE
RIVER** 
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

As a community of faith,

we develop our relationship with God.

Through worship, prayer, education, and fellowship we grow in our understanding of God.

Sunday morning worship combines music, scripture, prayer, and thought-provoking sermons to deepen our faith and commitment to the Christian life. Through sacraments like baptism and communion, we are embraced by God and encounter Christ's presence among us. Together we experience the fullness of God's love and are equipped to live more authentic lives.

A varied and energetic music program enhances our worship. Choirs of all ages lead the congregation in song, and a handbell choir and instrumentalists add to the worship experience. Special presentations of music are offered several times a year, and both classical and contemporary music are featured.

Christian education for all ages – offered Sunday mornings and, for adults, during the week – offers opportunities to discover the impact and relevance of our faith and to grow in our understanding of Christianity.

Youth are engaged through Pilgrim Youth Fellowship (PYF) that includes church school, book groups, mission projects, fellowship opportunities, stimulating projects, and confirmation classes.

Fellowship opportunities for adults include informal dinners, small groups with common interests, and focusing on our faith history and practice. Sunday morning coffee hours are a weekly highlight!

As a community of faith,

we care for and nurture each other, both at home and in the wider world.

Little River UCC seeks to further the realm of God – a realm of love and justice, hope and peace – through the support of community programs and wider ministries. Members partner with local organizations such as Fairfax FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), Food for Others, Shaw Community Center, Second Story, and Homestretch.

Through our support of the UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission we advance the church's presence around the world.

Little River's Women's Ministry offers opportunities for prayer, study, reflection, and fellowship.

The 13 acres surrounding Little River offer recreation, solace, and a meditative space for all. The wooded grounds feature a labyrinth, a memorial grove, a scenic trail, and a playground.

As a community of faith,

we recognize, accept, and celebrate the diversity of all of God's people.

Little River is an Open and Affirming congregation that welcomes people of diverse personal and religious backgrounds in our common pursuit of wholeness and unity. We extend God's extravagant welcome to all people even as we commit ourselves to work diligently to end oppression and discrimination wherever they may be found in society.

