

Bear Creek 101

A guide to first-time worship at Bear Creek United Methodist Church

Worship Service - each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

What can you expect when you visit for the first time at BCUMC?

As you come in you will be greeted warmly by someone from the church, who will ask you to fill in a name tag. This is done by regular attendees as well to make it easier for everyone to get acquainted. As you enter the worship space, you will be offered a program with the order of worship, announcements of activities, calendar and contact information. You are welcome to sit where you like. If you arrive early enough, you may hear the worship band or choir warming up. The service is informal in style with a mix of traditional and contemporary music, and changes a little from week to week. With the printed order of worship, you will find it easy to follow the service as it progresses. Of course, any of the people near you will be happy to answer questions you might have during the service. But don't worry – you won't be singled out during the service in any way. The length of the service varies, but usually runs just over an hour. Stop by, relax, and enjoy what could become the most refreshing hour of your week!

Dress

There is no dress code at Bear Creek. Come dressed up or come casual, just come as you are.

Communion

The celebration of communion, an important tradition at Bear Creek, is observed every Sunday. All are welcome to participate in this time of reflection, prayer and song. We serve bread with a wheat- and gluten-free option, and juice instead of wine. You will be given a piece of bread then will dip it in the juice.

Children & Teens

Children and teens are welcome to join in the worship service. We provide activity packets for the younger ones. A child-friendly time is also an option mid-service when kids are dismissed for an age appropriate message and activity.

Nursery

A fully equipped nursery provides quality, supervised care for children preschool age and younger. Crafts, games, and story-time are included, and parents are encouraged to visit any time.

Fellowship Time

Immediately following the worship service, please join us for refreshments and conversation in the lobby.

Opportunities for Study

Following the fellowship time, there is Sunday School for the kids and several offerings for adults. Many of the adult options are designed for newcomers to drop in. Listen for announcements of available groups and classes at the end of the service.

Accessibility

The worship space and all parts of the church campus are handicapped accessible. If you have any questions or require assistance, please see one of the ushers or greeters.

Listening Assistance

Hearing-assistance devices are available to enable hard-of-hearing people to listen to the sermons, prayers, and music. You can find them on the Welcome Table in the middle of the lobby.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any of the church buildings or in the parking lot.

Location

Bear Creek UMC is located at 16530 Avondale Road NE in Woodinville, WA. [Click here](#) to go to a map to the church.

Parking

Parking, including handicapped accessible parking, is available in the parking lot in front of the church. Visitor parking spaces are set aside near the door if you wish.