



## METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CAMPUS

5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2024



### Our Commitment

*We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.*

### An Invitation

*As faith awakens in you and you seek to deepen your discipleship of Jesus Christ, we invite you to become a member of National United Methodist Church. Indicate your interest in membership on the welcome cards today and our Minister of Discipleship will extend an invitation to upcoming orientations and then an introduction to the faith community.*

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Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

## 11am Order of Worship

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\* Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS:** The Faith We Sing

**VOLUNTARY**      *Improvisation on Plainsong “Victimae Pascale Laudes”*  
Todd Beckham, organ

**CHORAL INTROIT**      *Chorister’s Prayer - Peter Carter*  
Chancel Choir

**CENTERING SILENCE**

*As chime is sounded, please observe reverent silence  
for a moment in preparation for worship.*

**OPENING HYMN**      *Christ is Risen*      UMH 307

**WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER**      Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

*Before we are seated, all will be invited to share signs of  
hospitality and friendship with others.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**      Angela Pupino  
*Young people will be invited to the front steps for a lesson just for them.*

**PSALTER**      Psalm 133      UMH 850  
Bryanna Toll, Cantor

**EPISTLE**      1 John 1:1-2:2      Dr. Ann Michel

**SUNG RESPONSE**      *I Want to Walk as a Child*      UMH 206

**PRAYER of the DAY with LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Ann Michel

**SERMON**

*Walk in the Light*

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**HOLY COMMUNION**

UMH pg.19

**INVITATION to OFFERING**

Dr. Ann Michel

We support the life of this church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Ushers will receive our welcome cards, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Holy is the True Light* - William Harris  
Chancel Choir

**\*DEDICATION**

UMH 95

**\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Trust and Obey*

UMH 467

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*God Be in My Head* – John Rutter  
Chancel Choir

**VOLUNTARY**

*The Sovereign's Fanfare*- Sir Arthur Bliss  
Todd Beckham, organ



**Rev. Dr. Arlester Brown 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!**  
**TODAY** after the 11am worship service join us in celebrating Rev. Dr. Arlester Brown's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in the Great Hall at Metropolitan Memorial Campus.



**“Both/And” worship study by Greg Denton**  
**April 11, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> | 7-8pm on Zoom**

**What does vital ministry look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**

This study examines different types of hybrid worship and its importance in the modern church. Purchasing the book is not required for the study but a limited number of copies will be available in the church office. All are welcome to attend!



**Community and Connection Classes**  
**Metropolitan Memorial Campus Library**  
**Sunday's @ 10am**

Join us in the library for this informal, guided discussion group. Open to all adults, the Community & Connections Class tackles a range of challenging Biblical topics but does not require any reading or "homework" between Sundays. Simply drop in and chat! We'd love to have you join us following 9 AM worship.

**For more information, contact Ginger and Haisten Willis at [ginger.m.willis@gmail.com](mailto:ginger.m.willis@gmail.com)**



**Game Night and Potluck, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Metropolitan Memorial Campus Great Hall | 5-7pm**

Join us for an intergenerational evening of board games, cards, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite games and dish to share. This will be an informal chance for families with young children, youth, college students, and adults of all ages to have fun together. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors looking for a place to plug in and find connection in our church community.

**Questions, contact [communications@nationalchurch.org](mailto:communications@nationalchurch.org).**

DC Federation of Musicians

**HARRY APPELMAN TRIO**  
 Harry Appelman, Jazz Pianist  
 Tommy Cecil, Bass | Tony Martucci, Drums

**Sunday, April 21**  
**3-4 PM**  
**FREE CONCERT**

Wesley United Methodist Church  
 5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
 Washington, DC 20015

**Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month With Us!**  
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