



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF  
CAROLS, CANDLES, AND  
COMMUNION 8:00 PM

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Metropolitan Memorial Campus  
3401 Nebraska Ave NW Washington, DC

PRELUDE for HANDBELLS and ORGAN

*Angel Gabriel* - setting by Fred Gramann

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* - FOREST GREEN  
*setting by Paul Manz*

*In the Bleak Midwinter* - Gustav Holst  
*arranged by Karen Buckwalter*

*The Holy Boy* - John Ireland

ENTRANCE of LIGHT John 1: 1-5, 14

CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH 234, *stanzas 1, 3, and 6*

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION (song response)

ONE: If I had one gift, and only one gift, to make to the World,  
I would offer the gift of prayer, for everything follows from prayer.

Response: O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

ONE: O God I begin to see that you are coming to me in Christ. He seems to be the  
personal approach from the Unseen to me. I would not block that approach. I  
want you, O God, nothing less than you. Are you, Christ, God coming to me,  
that I may come to you? Then receive me, for I receive you.

## LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

Response: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell!  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

ONE: O God I have come into a new world, for a new world has come into me. Help me to live so that people will seem different to me and I will seem different to them. For I am different, and I am so grateful!

CAROL                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      UMH 238, stanzas 1 and 3

## TIME with YOUNG PEOPLE

Young participants are encouraged to join Rev. Craswell on the steps at the front of the sanctuary for a conversation about Christmas.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CAROL for CHOIR and HANDBELLS

Ushers will circulate among us receiving gifts to support the Compañeros Respite Ministry of National UMC as well as prayer requests written on pads located in pews.

*He Is Born* - Traditional French Carol  
*arranged by Arnold B. Sherman*

THE BIRTH of JESUS                      Luke 2:1-7

RECITATIVES and CHORUS from the MESSIAH                      Luke 2:8-14

THE BIRTH of JESUS                      Luke 2:15-20

CAROL                      *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*                      UMH 240

## CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

CHORAL RESPONSE                      *O Holy Night* - Adolphe Adam

## SACRAMENT of COMMUNION

ONE: In the fullness of time you offered your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,  
and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people

on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen

All participants of all ages may receive communion here. All the bread is gluten free and the cup contains non-alcoholic grape juice. Approach serving stations by center aisle and return by side aisle, please.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Softly the Stars Were Shining* Adolf Torovsky

CANDLE LIGHTING *Silent Night, Holy Night* UMH 239

As candlelight spreads please tilt unlit candle to flame. Candles will be extinguished at the close of *Silent Night*.

CAROL *JOY to the WORLD!* UMH 246

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hallelujah Chorus - G.F. Handel  
*arranged by Robert Gower*

#### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*THE METROPOLITAN RINGERS:* Brian Seemann, Director

*THE METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL CHANCEL and DAYSPRING CHOIRS*

*SOLOISTS:* Sarah Heisler, soprano; Katelyn Neumann, mezzo-soprano; Beth Revell, alto;

Jacob Baker, tenor, and Larry L. Boggs, Jr., baritone

*ORGANIST CHOIRMASTER,* Bruce H. Parker Caviness

*WORSHIP MEDIA DIRECTOR,* Greg Denton

*COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT,* Katherine Sanchez

*READERS,* Mary Rollefson and Chris Brown

*CLERGY* Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston, Rev. Janet Craswell, Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

# A Tribute to Loved Ones

## GIVEN BY

Eugenia Evans  
The Vieth Family

Ann Michel  
Carissa Miller  
William Schofield  
Alice Sartain  
Terry and Wayne Rusch

Carolyn & Suzanne Clewell  
Judy Edstrom  
Nancy Riker

Leslye Wooley  
Patricia Stolnacker  
Stacy and Paul Krogh

Shirley Fall  
Richard Tilley  
The Dankovich-Argentieri Family  
Laura Powell  
Linda and John Derrick  
Jane Schmitz  
Kerm Towler  
Jeanie Mah  
Alexandra McPherron  
Lois Weaver

## Christmas 2022

## IN MEMORY OF

John Evans  
Raymond & Eunice Stokes  
N. Jean Vieth  
James & Phillys Albrecht  
Allen Moffat  
Pat and Elsie Schofield  
Thomas William Parks (Father)  
Tyler Christian Rusch  
Departed Family and Friends  
Marrion & Warren C. Clewell  
My Parents and Brother  
Temp Johnson  
Carol Wissert  
Robert J. Willis  
Jeff Koch  
Dr. Paul H.J Dot Krogh  
Stephen Deaderick Potts  
John Fall  
Russell, Betty & Kim Tilley  
Geoffrey Dankovich  
Susan & Scott Harper  
Parents and Loved ones  
Mary Schmitz  
Arlene Towler  
Kathy Portus  
Barry Spargo  
My Beloved Kent Weaver

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Jeanie Mah

## IN HONOR OF

Children  
Charles Ologi Ouma  
NUMC Church Leadership & Staff  
Kippy Potts  
Robert Towler  
Our Children  
Mary Jo Marchant  
Our Gifted Guiding Musicians - We Love You

