



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

December 3 at 11:00 AM

Annunciation to Zechariah

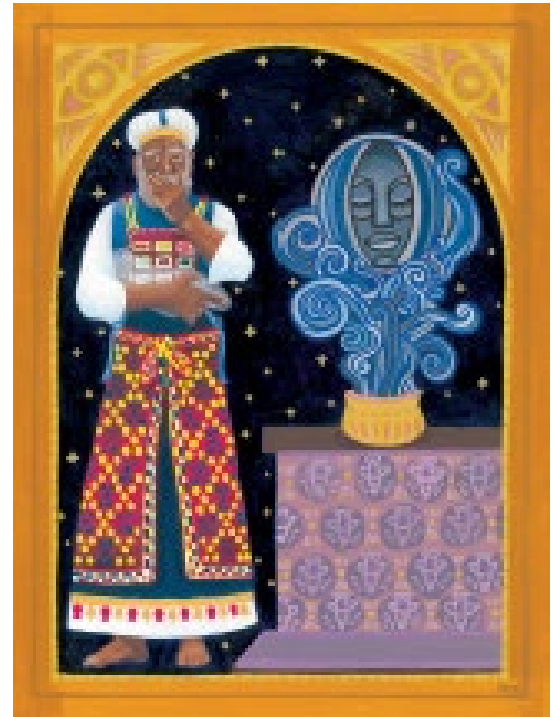
by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Luke 1:1-23

Acrylic and ink on wood panel

Zechariah is dressed in a breast piece, ephod, robe, checkered tunic, turban, and sash, just as the book of Exodus specifies. In my painting, gold, blue, purple, and crimson yarns are woven together and bejeweled with engraved stones which bear the names of the sons of Israel (Exodus 28:4).

Zechariah stands in the Holy Place wearing the most meticulous of garments. Does he expect to encounter the divine? Or is he just going through the motions, lighting the incense as an all-too-familiar scent fills the air?



Making the Love of God Obvious!

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 attendance registry 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!

PRELUDE *Now come, Savior of the Nations- J.S.Bach* Todd Beckham, organ

WORDS of WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ENTRANCE

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* UMH 184

✠ **ADVENT Call to WORSHIP** Rev. Janet Craswell

ONE: How does a weary world hope?

ALL: By telling stories of hope, by lighting candles in the night, and planting seeds in the winter that will bloom in the spring.

ONE: By praying for children as they grow, and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

ALL: By insisting that small acts can make a difference. There are a million ways to practice hope.

ONE: So today we light the candle of hope as a reminder and a charge.

ALL: With God's help, may we bring hope into a weary world. Amen.

WE LIGHT the CANDLE of HOPE

RESPONSE IN SONG **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**
(refrain from UMH 211)

✠ **EXCHANGE SIGNS of HOPE**

We exchange signs of our friendship in Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Janet Craswell

HYMN of HOPE *Canticle of Zachariah / Forest Green* Insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:1-23 Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

RESPONSE IN SONG *Come, Let us with our Lord Arise* (TFWS 2084)
verse 3

SERMON *Lover of God, Believe the Good News* Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is offered to all who are present. As you are able, you are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary to receive a gluten free wafer, dip it into a cup of grape juice, eat, and then pray at the altar, light a votive candle in the side chapel, or simply return to the pew. Those with mobility issues are encouraged to notify a communion steward who will then offer the gifts at the pew.

INVITATION to OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY

Christ the Fair Glory - Todd Beckham

Written for the choirs of St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Dover, MA and St. Michael's Episcopal Church Milton, PA. on the occasion of Michaelmas (St. Michael's Day) 2009. .

DEDICATION

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221
verse 4

✝ BENEDICTION

Rev. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE

Now Come, Savior of the Nations- Johann Pachelbel

Todd Beckham, organ

Announcements



Blood Drive – December 7th

Metropolitan Memorial, Vestry | 9AM to 3PM

Use this QR code to schedule your appointment today



Christmas Caroling

“SPARK!” Chevy Chase Winter Market

December 9th | 2:30PM – 4PM

Song sheets will be provided.

Please contact Jeanie Mah at msjcmu1@gmail.com and meet at the corner of Connecticut Ave. & McKinley St. in front of Little Beast Cafe & Bistro at 2:15pm.



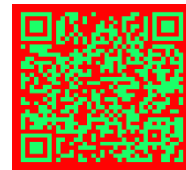
Care Packages for College Students

Help spread Christmas cheer to our college students!

Pastor Rachel and Angela have put together an Amazon Wishlist

Please order by Friday, December 8th.

Use this QR code for the Amazon Wishlist



Evening in Advent

December 17th | 5PM – 7PM

Metropolitan Memorial Campus | Great Hall

Info or volunteer email at

communications@nationalchurch.org

Sunday, December 3

Noel!
A GLORIOUS MYSTERY

5 PM | SANCTUARY
METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL
CAMPUS

PURCHASE TICKETS
AT THE DOOR AND ONLINE

***Canticle of Zachariah* - Forest Green**

Blessed be the God of Is-ra-el,
Who comes to set us free
And rais-es up new hope for us:
A Branch from David's tree.
So have the pro-phets long de-clared
That with a migh-ty arm
God would turn back our en-e-mies
And all who wish us harm.

With pro-mised mer-cy will God still
The co-ve-nant re-call,
The oath once sworn to Ab-ra-ham,
From foes to save us all;
That we might wor-ship with-out fear
And of-fer lives of praise,
In ho-li-ness and right-eous-ness
To serve God all our days.

My child, as pro-phet of the Lord
You will pre-pare the way,
To tell God's peo-ple they are saved
From sin's eter-nal sway.
Then shall God's mer-cy from on high
Shine forth and nev-er cease
To drive away the gloom of death
And lead us in-to peace.