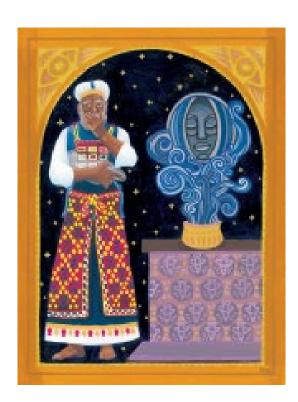
## NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### December 3 at 9:00 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



An Invitation

marginalized and oppressed.

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.

www.nationalchurch.org | (202) 363-4900 | communications@nationalchurch.org

#### Wi-Fi Password: Welcome!

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

**PRELUDE** O Come, O Come Emmanuel- Calvin Hampton Todd Beckham, piano

> Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring. At the sound of the chime, please be seated while the children walk forward.

WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

#### \*LIGHTING the CANDLES of ADVENT

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.

(The candle is lit.)

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

**SONG of ADVENT HOPE** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**UMH 230** verse 1

SONG of THANKSGIVING

People, Look East

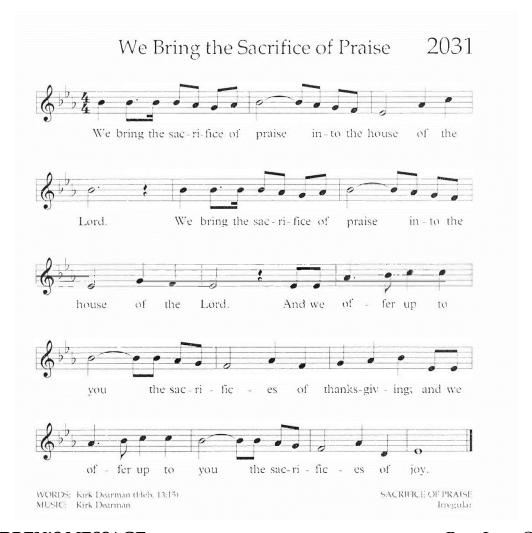
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#### **CALL to OFFERING**

Rev. Janet Craswell 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.



#### \*DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO MINISTRY



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

Rev. Janet Craswell

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1: 1-23

Angela Pupino

MESSAGE for TODAY

Rev. Rachel Livingston

\*HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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.

LORD'S PRAYER TFWS Back cover

\*CLOSING SONG There's Something About That Name UMH 171

**BLESSING** Rev. Rachel Livingston

**POSTLUDE** The Swan - Camille Saint-Saëns Todd Beckham, piano

Charlie Wahl, cello

# **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 msjcmyu1@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 8**<sup>th</sup>.

Use this QR code for the Amazon Wishlist





