

November 24, 2019, 9:00 AM

Bold Print - Congregational Response | † - Please stand as you are able

FWS – Faith We Sing Hymnal | **UMH** – United Methodist Hymnal

Gathering

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Douglas Bell
based on the interpretation
by Mannheim Steamroller

Douglas Bell, *cello*; Nevin Bender, *piano*

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

People, Look East
verses 1 and 2

UMH 202/UMH 242

**People look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People look east and sing today
Love, the guest, is on the way**

**Furrows be glad though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course the flower may flourish
People look east and sing today
Love, the rose, is on the way**

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.**

† Greeting

† Opening Hymn

People, Look East
verses 3 and 4

UMH 202/UMH 242

**Stars keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim
Shining beyond the frosty weather
Bright as the sun and moon together
People look east and sing today
Love, the star, is on the way**

**Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word the Lord is coming
People look east and sing today
Love, the Lord, is on the way**

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

† Advent Candle Lighting

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:20-22)

Something's coming.

We're waiting. We're eager.

It's more than presents.

It's more than lights.

We open the Book of Hope and read the promise.

God will be with us.

Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

God's never-ending love surrounds us.

Today we light the candle of Hope.

The first candle is lit

Our hope is in the Lord.

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
verses 1 and 2

UMH 216

The Word

Time With Young Christians

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
verse 3

UMH 216

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Keep Your Lamps

arr. Victor Johnson

† Advent Doxology:

Tune: UMH 219

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

***This, this is Christ the King
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe the Son of Mary.***

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Scripture Lesson:

JEREMIAH 33:14-18

Sermon

“The Now and the Not Yet”

Our Response

Celebration of Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten-free option is available.

The Lord's Prayer

FWS Back Cover

Communion Music

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
I'll Walk with God*

Austin Vitaliano, soloist

In loving memory of Felix Vitaliano

UMH 204

Nikolaus Brodzsky
and Paul Francis Webster

Prayer of Response

Going Out Into the World

✠ Closing Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

FWS 2091

✠ Benediction

Postlude

Allemande from French Suite no. 2

J.S. Bach

*Please join us after the service for coffee hour in the Great Hall
(out the door on your right, turn left, and at the end of the hall)*

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and **Rev. Janet Craswell**,

clergy leadership

Bob Benn, liturgist;

Nevin Bender, piano;

Dayspring Choir

Melissa Chávez, worship leader

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This Week at National UMC

Saturday, December 7

United Methodist Women Wesley Campus Fellowship Hall
Recognition Luncheon 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Bring in your
Crèche!**



Help make this year's crèche exhibit a success!
Exhibit is Sunday, December 8
from 9 am-1:30pm

Great Hall, 2-4 pm

Sunday, December 8



Messiah
in worship

December 8
9 am and 11 am

Join us in worship as our choirs and DC Strings Messiah Orchestra offer Handel's beloved musical work.



Cozy Christmas

Great Hall, 4-6 pm

A fun, intergenerational event with crafts, carols, cookies, community, and Christmas!



Jazz Vespers

Sanctuary, 6 pm

An evening service for the season, with music provided by the Craig Gildner Trio



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

December 1, 2019, at 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent



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**Extending radical hospitality,
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At the same time, we recognize differences of opinion on issues of sexuality and seek to journey together in faith toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

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ALL are welcome here. All means ALL.