

December 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

Pastorale on "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?"

Austin C. Lovelace

Polish Lullaby Carol

Traditional Polish Folk Song
setting by Edwin Arthur Kraft

We Gather to Praise God

Words of Welcome

† Lighting the Advent Candles

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God. (Psalm 43:3-4)

It's getting closer.

We feel it!

The days are shorter, but the lights burn brighter.

We're listening. We're eager to hear good news.

We've gathered together in the House of Joy.

We're here to praise God with our voices.

We're here to praise God with beautiful music.

We're here to praise God with all we have.

The third candle is lit.

Today we light the candle of Joy.

We worship God with exceeding joy!

† Processional Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

Prayers of the People

We Listen to Hear God's Voice

Anthem

Lullaby

Benjamin D'Angelo

Morningstar Choir

Benjamin D'Angelo, guest conductor

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

Please register your attendance and pass the black book to the side aisle.

Offertory

Praise Ye the Lord

David H. Williams

...praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts. Praise ye the Lord... According to his excellent greatness.... With the sound of the trumpet... with the psaltery and harp... with the timbrel and dance.... with stringed instruments and organ. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: upon the high sounding cymbals....

† Dedication of Gifts:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson:

EZRA 1:1-3, 3:1-4, 10-13

Sermon

What Traditions Have You Settled On?

† Hymn:

How Great Our Joy

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We Respond to God's Great Love

Invitation to Holy Communion and Confession

UMH 12

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the_ high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has_ died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever:

A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Music During Communion

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

† Closing Hymn:

People, Look East

UMH 202

† Sending Forth

Postlude:

Deck the Hall

Jean Pasquet

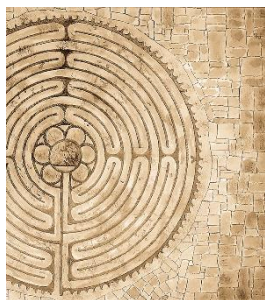
Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson and Rev. Janet Craswell,
clergy leadership
Perry Finney Brody, *liturgist;*
Matthew Mecham and Rebekah Nantz, *communion servers;*
Chancel Choir
Bruce Caviness, *organist and choir director*
The communion responses are written by Benjamin D'Angelo



Messiah in the Community: National UMC Choirs and DC Strings

Today at 5 pm

Lincoln Park UMC
1301 North Caroline Ave NE,
Washington, DC 20002



Contemplative Evening Service

Today and December 22 at 7 pm

Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

Take a deep breath amidst this often-chaotic season in this worship service based on the



Longest Night Service

December 21 at 7 pm

Wesley Sanctuary
5312 Connecticut Ave. NW

For those struggling with grief during the holiday season.



Eve of the Eve Service

December 23 at 6:30 pm

Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

With the Christmas story, carols, and communion.



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

December 15, 2019, at 11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent



Our Vision:

**Extending radical hospitality,
transforming lives, and pursuing justice.**

Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing

Reconciling Statement

National United Methodist Church affirms that all individuals are of sacred worth without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, education, marital circumstances, economic status, physical and mental condition, or criminal history. We declare ourselves in support of the reconciling movement and welcome the full participation in the church of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered persons and their families, as a reflection of God's unconditional love.

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.