

**December 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

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

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

**Prelude**

*Christmas Meditation*

Eric Thiman

## **Gathering**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

† **Opening Hymn**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 6

**UMH 234**

† **Passing the Peace**

† **Hymn**

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

**UMH 224**

† **Call to Worship**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**Light has shined on those who lived in a land of deep darkness.**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. Authority rests upon his shoulders.

**He is named wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Carol**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
verses 1 and 6

**UMH 211**

## **The Word**

### **Time with Young Christians**

**First Lesson:**

***Mary, Joseph, and an angel who tells them “Do not be afraid.”***

LUKE 1:26-38 and MATTHEW 1:18-21

**Carol**

*To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*  
verses 1, 4, 5, and 6

**UMH 215**

**Second Lesson:**

***Jesus is born***

LUKE 2:1-7

**Carol**

*Away in a Manger*

**UMH 217**

**Third Lesson:**

***An angel tells shepherds, “Do not be afraid!”***

LUKE 2:8-14

**Carol**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**UMH 238**

**Fourth Lesson:**

***Shepherds are amazed***

LUKE 2:15-20

**Carol**

*The First Noel*  
verses 1 and 2

**UMH 245**

**Fifth Lesson:**

***Herod is frightened. Wise ones are not.***

MATTHEW 2:1-12

**Carol**

*The First Noel*  
verses 3, 4, and 5

**UMH 245**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

† **Doxology:**

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring him a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

UMH 221, verse 4

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sixth Lesson:**

***Christ the Light of the World***

JOHN 1: 1-14

**Reflection:**

“Do Not Be Afraid”

**Scattered to Serve God in the World**

† **Closing Hymn**

*Joy to the World*

**UMH 246**

† **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Celebration*

Robert Hebble

**Rev. Janet Craswell, clergy leadership**  
**Andrea Levy, Claire Saret, Helene Lilly,**  
**Penny Andrews, Stacy Krogh, Nancy Riker, readers;**  
**Bruce Caviness, organist and music leader**  
*The call to worship is based on Isaiah 9:2b, 6*



## Today: Grate Patrol

Join us after the service in the Vestry downstairs to make sandwiches for our unhoused neighbors.



## Children's Book Drive

Now through January 15

Help the United Methodist Women collect children's books for the expanded children's section of their annual Book and Bake sale (February 28-March 1). Books may be left at the UMW closet in the hallway off of the Vestry.

## Pam Rogers Retirement Celebration

January 5, 12:30 pm  
Wesley Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship on January 5 at the Wesley campus as we celebrate the music ministry of Pam Rogers, and wish her well as she retires!



## UMW Annual Women's Retreat

Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2  
Scholarship Request deadline: January 15  
Registration deadline: January 19

All women are invited to the PriestField Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV, for a weekend of fellowship, learning, and spiritual renewal with leader Dr. Emily Peck-McClain, Visiting Professor of Christian Formation and Young Adult Ministries at Wesley Seminary. For more information, email [MetroUMW@gmail.com](mailto:MetroUMW@gmail.com)



## National United Methodist Church

*A Reconciling Congregation*

### Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

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### **Our Vision:**

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

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*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.**