

Today's service is live-streamed. Those seated in rear remain off-camera

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 11 at 9:00 AM



The Transfiguration of Christ (Sr. Abraham, Ethiopian community in Jerusalem, 1990)

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 welcome cards 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!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in Memory of
Eagle Scout Merritt J. Green (June 1970 - January 2024)

PRELUDE *Lord Jesus Your Light Shines Within Us* - Jacques Bertier 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.*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

WELCOME Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***SONG of PRAISE** *Steal Away to Jesus* UMH 704

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Celebrating lay leadership at National UMC (See Insert)

CALL to OFFERING Rev. Grayland Sneed Jr.

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



ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Metropolitan Ringers
Arr. Arnold B Sherman

***DEDICATING our GIFTS TO MINISTRY** TFWS 2036

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His son.
And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks..**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

*Young people are encouraged to gather close to the chancel to witness the baptism,
exiting to Children's Choir afterward.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 50:1-6 and Mark 9: 2-9

MESSAGE for TODAY

Pay Attention

Rev. Janet Craswell

***INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP**

In this time of meditation and commitment, participants may move to a prayer station around the sanctuary featuring the following options today:

- Left Chapel**—Remembering Mike Gill, Don Collary, and Merrit Green
- Right Hallway**—Learning about the work of local Scout Troop 666
- Front Altar Kneeler**—Receiving individual prayer from pastors.
- Seated and Online**--- Meditate on the poem "The Wild Rose" by Wendell Berry:

Sometimes hidden from me / in daily custom and in trust / so that I live by you unaware / as by the beating of my heart / suddenly you flare in my sight / a wild rose blooming at the edge of thicket / grace and light / where yesterday was only shade / and once more I am blessed / choosing again what I chose before

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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***CLOSING SONG**

Soon and Very Soon

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BLESSING

Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE

We are Marching in the Light of God

Todd Beckham, Organ

Adapter: Anders Nyberg



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

On **Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm**, NUMC will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at the Vestry in the Metropolitan Memorial Campus. We are inviting people of all ages to help with preparing, cooking, serving, and enjoying this meal!

Sign up to help at National United Methodist Church: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Volunteer Signup 2024 using the QR code.



Everyone is invited to come for pancakes. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

Lenten Study: A Sacred Voice is Calling

Thursdays, 7-8 PM, on Zoom

Meeting ID: 840 6006 3996

Passcode: 086393

This Lent, we will consider the ways God calls us, what God calls us to do, and who God calls us to be. Calling is not just about a job or a mission, it is also about discovering our true selves. Using John Neafsey's book, *A Sacred Voice is Calling: Personal Vocation and Social Conscience* as a starting point, we will look at how God is calling every one of us – each unique, authentic self. The weekly meetings will be a time of prayer, meditation, gentle discussion, and listening for God's voice among us.

Feb. 15 - Authenticity: To Live as Though the Truth were True

Feb. 22 - Passion & Compassion: The Heart's Calling

Feb. 29 - Vision: The Quest for a Worthy Dream

Mar. 7 - Suffering: The Call of the Wounded Healer

Mar. 14 - Conscience: The Morality of the Heart

Mar. 21 - Social Conscience: Awakening from the Sleep of Inhumanity

You are not required to read the book to participate, but you may find it meaningful. Copies of the book are available in the office at the Metropolitan Memorial campus and on the back table at the Wesley campus. If you need a copy of the book mailed to you, please send a note to communications@nationalchurch.org.



Ash Wednesday - February 14th

The Season of Lent begins next week. After enjoying Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner here in Washington DC (or clearing your own home cabinets of fattening foods...by eating them), wake up early the next morning and listen: A Sacred Voice is Calling

IN-PERSON

Drop-In prayer time
between 8:45 and 9:30 AM,
in the Great Hall, Metropolitan Memorial

ONLINE

All Day Ash Wednesday Social Media Devotion
nationalchurch.org/ash-Wednesday
nationalchurch.org/prayerpraise

PHONE

8 am and 8 pm Phone-In Devotional

Participants interact with each other and lift up personal and corporate prayers in the 24-minute call.

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UMW Book Drive and Sale!

Sunday, Feb. 18 | 10 am to 2 pm | Metropolitan Memorial parking lot

We are getting ready for the annual UMW Book & Bake Sale Friday-Sunday, Feb. 23-25, net proceeds to benefit Project Transformation DC, AsylumWorks, FAIR Girls, and Wesley Seminary. Please tell your friends, neighbors, book clubs, and work buddies about the sale. More details at <http://www.nationalchurchumw.org>.