

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

January 21 at 9:00 AM



<https://jamesbejon.substack.com/p/jonah-as-allegory>

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!



PRELUDE

More Love to Thee- Albert Travis

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. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***SONG of PRAISE**

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398

BAPTISM

Eleanor Mallory Crosland
daughter of Erica and Stewart Crosland
born January 17, 2023

Rev. Janet Craswell

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM SONG

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise UMH 611, verses 1 and 4

CALL to OFFERING

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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

Come Just As You Are - Joseph Sabolick

Dayspring Choir

***DEDICATING our GIFTS TO MINISTRY**

TFWS 2025

As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 and Mark 1: 14-20

Angela Pupino

MESSAGE for TODAY *Your Call is Worth Exploring!* Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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**—This has been a cold week! There are 22 warming shelters in and around Washington DC. Light a candle today for those exposed to extreme elements. And if you encounter a person who may be in need of shelter, call (202) 399-7093 or dial 311.

•**Right Hallway**— Learn more about Friendship Place’s ministry among those in need of shelter.

•**Front Altar Kneeler**—Receiving individual prayer from pastors.

•**Seated and Online**---"God’s call is as diverse as God’s people. YOUR call is worth exploring!" How might you explore your call?

View a sample discernment journal here: <https://www.explorecalling.org/journal/>

LORD’S PRAYER

TFWS back cover

***CLOSING SONG**

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH 352
Dayspring Choir

BLESSING

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Toccata - J.P. Sweelinck

Todd Beckham, piano



Winter Study—*Incompatible: How the Church Cast Out LGBTQ Christians and Where We Go Next*, by Charlie Baber

Wednesdays, 7-8 PM

In the lead-up to General Conference 2024, NUMC will be exploring the origins of the current struggle over LGBTQ inclusion in the United Methodist Church. You are invited to a three-week study of *Incompatible*, a very United Methodist graphic novel (comic book, but serious history) that examines the history of Christian belief and practices around human sexuality.

Facilitated by Rev. Janet Craswell and Angela Pupino

1/24: A Defining Moment

(General Conference 1972)

1/31: The Force of History

(History of Human Sexuality in Christian Teaching)

2/7: An Open Table

(Moving Towards a Methodist Theology of the Whole Body of Christ)



On Zoom at ID: 839 5022 4224,

Passcode: 1inChrist.



UMW Book Sale! - February 23, 24, and 25

Go through your books, CDs, Vinyl Records, and DVDs. Pack them up and drop them off at the Book Drive Sunday February 18. Drive into the Metropolitan parking lot between 10 am to 2 pm and volunteers will unload your donations and give you a receipt.

Remember: no textbooks, no travel guides older than 5 years old, and please recycle books that are stained or damaged.

Thank you for supporting the UMW Book & Bake Sale, benefiting Project Transformation DC, AsylumWorks, FAIR Girls, and Wesley Seminary

Questions? contact Anita Seline amseline@aol.com



VBS Registration is Open!

June 24-28, 2024 | 9 AM to Noon

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

"Seekers and Sneakers" is an interactive Vacation Bible School where children use their investigative skills to discover Jesus! Through worship, drama, Bible stories, music, art, science, and games, children are invited to follow the example and teachings of Jesus in every place and every part of life. This is going to be a great adventure!



Use this QR code to register today



Handbell Ringers Needed!

Have you studied piano or another instrument?

Come practice with us on Sunday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm in the Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary. Join a multi-generational group of joyful ringers.

Please contact Susan Staines at HandbellsatNUMC@gmail.com for more info.

MICHAEL THOMAS
Quintet

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2024
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM

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