

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 28 at 9:00 AM



Art by He Qi

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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* Standing as you are able | **UMH**: United Methodist Hymnal | **TFWS**: The Faith We Sing

PRELUDE

The Call- Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Angela Pupino

*SONG of THANKSGIVING

Lord Speak To Me

UMH 463

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

CALL to OFFERING

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

You Raise Me Up
(Arr. Bradley Knight)

Larry L. Boggs Jr, Bass
Jacob Barker, Tenor
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

Reverends Janet Craswell and Doug Robinson-Johnson

All young people are encouraged to join leaders at the front of the sanctuary at this time, sitting near the steps. Following the lesson, children may either join Children's Choir (newcomers always welcome) or return to pews or children's chapel.

SCRIPTURE READING

Kerm Towler

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 and Mark 1: 21-28

CONVERSATION ABOUT CALL

Angela Pupino | Kerm Towler | Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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

- Left Chapel**—There are 51 United Methodist approved seminaries and divinity schools across the USA. Please light a candle to reflect on those who have attended or are attending these places of vocational discernment now. What support might they need?
- Right Hallway**—Meet with Pastor Rachel to better understand the United Methodist faith community of American University and how we might participate.

•**Front Altar Kneeler and Pew near cross path**—Receiving individual prayer from pastor.

•**Seated and Online**--- To start to discern your call, consider

- 1) what brings you a sense of joy?
- 2) what talents and gifts do you have?
- 3) how might your joy and talents be used to serve God's world?

LORD'S PRAYER

TFWS back cover

***CLOSING SONG**

Through It All

UMH 507

BLESSING

Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE

Postlude- Bryan Kelly

Todd Beckham, piano



**Charge Conference - Monday, February 5, 2024
ONLINE, 7 pm**

The budget and nominated officers will come before an open session of the Church Council Tuesday, January 30th, 7 pm for final review.

Following revisions requested by Church Council, a **Charge Conference** has been called for Monday, February 5th at 7 pm, online, for final review, adoption, and dedication of our budget and leadership.

Invitation to Church Council and access to budget and roster of leaders will be disseminated through the regular Tuesday E-Blast. Not subscribed? Send an email to chloer@nationalchurch.org to sign up.

Those who wish to receive advance copies of the budget along with Council members are asked to request these from communications@NationalChurch.org. These will be sent on Monday, 1/29.



There is still time to make your financial pledge to National UMC. Use the QR code to get started.

Please remain in prayer for the stewardship of our ministry resources of time, talent, and treasure this week.



**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

1/31: 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.**



Grate Patrol

TODAY join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry after the 9 am worship or the Wesley Fellowship Hall after worship to make sandwiches and pack lunches for the monthly Grate Patrol, a Salvation Army program that serves meals to the homeless of DC every night.



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