

January 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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

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

Prelude

Improvisation on "We Three Kings"

David Holden

Extending Christ's Radical Hospitality

Words of Welcome and Centering Silence

† **Call to Worship**

Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
"Where is he who is born king of the Jews?"

**For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him."**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

† **Processional Hymn**

We Three Kings

UMH 254

Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Christmas Carol

The First Noel
verses 2, 3, 4, and 5

UMH 245

Transformed by Faith

Testimony

"Star Giver"

from Ann Weems

Prayers of the People

Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

Offertory

Brightest and Best

Shawn Kirchner

Combined Chancel and Dayspring Choirs
Ariel Byrd, violin
Britney Hansford, bass

† **Dedication of Gifts:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

† Prayer of Dedication

**God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion
to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have
are yours alone.
Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love:
use it to bring peace, justice
and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

Scripture Reading

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Sermon

“Risking Ourselves in Faith, Hope, and Love”

† Hymn:

And Are We Yet Alive

UMH 553

Wesleyan Covenant Service

Invitation

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
others are contrary to both.

In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore,
that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

WORLD METHODIST SOCIAL AFFIRMATION

UMH 886

Holy Communion

After prayers of thanksgiving and consecration, all will be invited to receive bread which is dipped into the cup of juice and eaten. Gluten free elements are available. After partaking of these gifts, participants are encouraged to visit the altar rail, reading the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer written near the altar.

Hymns During Communion

*A Charge to Keep I Have
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

UMH 413

UMH 616

Covenant Prayer

UMH 607

Pursuing Justice

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† Hymn of Dedication:

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

† Sending Forth

Postlude

Go Forth with Purpose

Thomas Chesterton

UMH 438

**Rev. Janet Craswell, Rev. Barbara Green,
and Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson**

clergy leadership

Christopher Simon, liturgist;

Combined Chancel and Dayspring Choirs

Bruce Caviness, organist



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.

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



National United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

January 5, 2020, at 11:00 AM

Epiphany and Covenant Renewal



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.