



**Metropolitan Memorial Campus**

3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC 20016

**March 11, 2018, at 11:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



# A Feast of Good News

**Our Vision:**

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

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*Praising Learning Serving Caring Sharing*

*The 1852 General conference established the National Methodist Church with the original sanctuary built near Capitol Hill and relocated in 1932. Each state, the President, the Vice-President, and the Chief Justice of the U.S. have designated pews. All United Methodists are welcome as Honorary Members of this Church.*

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✠ Standing as you are able | **UMH:** United Methodist Hymnal | **FWS:** Faith We Sing

**Prelude:** *Élévation* from *Messe Solennelle*

François Couperin

## We Gather to Praise God

### Words of Welcome

#### State Recognition

*As we come together in worship at the National United Methodist Church, we are mindful that we are part of a larger church family and community across our region and the nation. Let us join together in prayer as we lift up the state of Minnesota.*

**Almighty God, we hold before you on this day the people of the State of Minnesota, their leaders in government and community life, and our brothers and sisters in the Church who dwell therein. Guide, strengthen, and protect them we pray, through Christ, our Lord.**

## We Listen to Hear God's Voice

#### ✠ Call to Worship

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.

**We come on God's invitation, seeking to be fed.**

Feed on the love of God in Jesus Christ

**We come on God's invitation, needing healing.**

Be healed by God's gracious mercy

**We come on God's invitation, longing for forgiveness.**

In Jesus' Name, you are loved, healed and forgiven.

**We come on God's invitation, knowing there is plenty of room for everyone. AMEN.**

Adapted from Nancy C. Townley

✠ **Processional Hymn:** *Christ for the World We Sing*

**UMH 568**

**Baptism:** **Mary Gwendolyn Kettler-Springer**

Daughter of Forest Kettler and Billy Springer

Born October 26, 2017

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole  
heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Response

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
That proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
Glory to God. Amen.**

## First Scripture Reading

Hebrew Scripture: ISAIAH 55: 1-3  
Psalm 36: 5-12

**UMH 771**

## Dedication of Presence and Invitation to Offering

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

**Offertory:** *Plenty Good Room*  
**Elliot Methany**, baritone

African American Spiritual  
arr. by Fredricka R. Young

*There's plenty good room in ma Father's kingdom,  
just choose your seat and sit down.*

*I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why:  
I'm afraid my Lord might call on me, and I wouldn't be ready to die.*

*I would not be a liar . . .*

*I would not be a cheater . . .*

## † Dedication of Gifts:

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**UMH 95**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Second Scripture Reading

New Testament: LUKE 14: 15-24

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon: "A Feast of Good News"

**Rev. Michael Chamberlain**

# We Respond to God's Great Love

**Hymn:** *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*  
(verses 1, 3, and 5)

**UMH 616**

## Service of Holy Communion **UMH 18**

### Sharing the Meal

*This is Christ's Table. All are invited to come and share in this holy meal.  
When you receive the bread, please hold it and dip it in the cup.  
A gluten-free alternative is available as well.  
If you are unable to come forward,  
let an usher know and you will be served in your pew.*

### Music During Communion

*Spirit Song*

**UMH 347**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

**UMH 560**

*Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join*

**UMH 699**

### Prayer of Response

**We thank you for the gifts of this holy communion:  
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,  
forgiveness of enemies,  
the will to serve you every day,  
and life that never ends.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## We Are Scattered to Serve God in Our World

**Announcements**

**Rev. Janet Craswell**

✠ **Closing Hymn:** *Now Let Us from this Table Rise*

**UMH 634**

✠ **Sending Forth**

**Postlude:** *Fanfare on "In Christ There is No East or West"* McKee  
setting by Charles Callahan

Music for this service is provided by the  
**Chancel Choir,**  
**Bruce Caviness,** organist and choirmaster.



Save the Date:

**Spring Great Day of Service**

Saturday, April 14, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wesley Campus Fellowship Hall

*(note changed venue for 2018)*

Rob Scheer, founder of Comfort Cases, a non-profit organization that provides backpacks and duffels containing new personal belongings for kids entering the foster care system, will be our featured speaker.

All helpers – especially children and youth – are invited to join hands in service and spirits in fellowship! This year's activities include: packing "Comfort Cases" for children entering foster care; gussying up teddy bears for the Wendt Center on Loss and Healing for grieving children; sewing re-usable sanitary pads for girls in Longido, Tanzania so that they may attend school without interruption; braiding dog toys from old t-shirts for the DC Shelter; giving the Wesley Campus kitchen a TLC deep clean; painting and decorating cards for the National UMC Birthday card ministry for seniors; beautifying our church grounds and more!

View **Sign-Up Genius** to find out more details and where you can plug into the Great Day of Service!

Contact **Heidi Winn**, Social Action Coordinator, at [hdcwinn@verizon.net](mailto:hdcwinn@verizon.net), for more information.

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### **Prayer Ministry Team**

*If you have a prayer request, contact **Rev. Drema McAllister-Wilson**, Minister of Congregational Care, at [dwilson@nationalchurch.org](mailto:dwilson@nationalchurch.org).*

**Pastoral Emergency Number: (202) 510-8555**



## Sunday, March 11, 2018 NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus

To learn more about us, please visit our web site, at:  
[www.nationalchurch.org](http://www.nationalchurch.org)

### Visitors and Guests, Welcome!

#### Hearing Assistance

Personal hearing assistance units are available at the rear of the Church in the **Narthex**, or from an usher.

#### Parents of Young Children

There is a nursery for children five and under in Room 102.

There is also a baby-friendly area in the **Phillips Chapel**.

There is a diaper changing station in the bathroom in Room 102.

#### Coffee Hour

After today's 9:00 AM service, please join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the **Vestry** (downstairs, directly below the Sanctuary). We look forward to meeting you!

#### Nametags

To order one, please print your name on the list found in the **Library**, where the finished nametags may be picked up.

#### Sermons

Sunday's Sermon Podcast can be found on our web site at [nationalchurch.org](http://nationalchurch.org) the following week.

#### Subscribe

to our newsletter, *The Messenger*, on our web site: [nationalchurch.org](http://nationalchurch.org). If you would like to request a printed copy to be mailed, call 202-363-4900, ext. 113.

### Sunday School

#### Children's Ministry

**Little Wonders** (3-4 year olds): Room 101

**Godly Players** (Kindergarten-First Grade): Room 200

**Joyful Spirits** (Grades 2 & 3): Room 202

**Bible Explorers** (Grade 4): Room 203

*Godly Play encourages children to embrace a sense of wonder in the presence of God through sharing Bible stories.*

**Young Disciples** (Grade 5): Room 201

Contact: **Rev. Janet Craswell**, [jcraswell@nationalchurch.org](mailto:jcraswell@nationalchurch.org)

#### Youth Ministry

**Middle School:** Room 204

Our Middle School youth follow the Bible-in-Life curriculum, walking them through important Biblical stories.

**High School:** Room 206

Our High School youth participate in regular discussions shaped by their lives and current events.

Contact: **Patrick Landau**, [plandau@nationalchurch.org](mailto:plandau@nationalchurch.org)

#### Adult Study

**Inspired Parenting:** at 10:20 AM in the Fireplace Room

Open to parents with kids of all ages, this class offers a safe space to share parenting challenges and joys.

Contact: **Elizabeth Burks**, [elizabeth.burks@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.burks@gmail.com)

**Questions of Faith:** at 10:05 AM, in the Conference Room

Lecture and Discussion group. Join us as we search for a more complete comprehension of Jesus' legacy.

Contact: **Diane Moody**, [billanddianemoody@comcast.net](mailto:billanddianemoody@comcast.net)

**Science & Religion Class:** at 10:05 AM in the Parlor

In March our focus will be "The Science of Human Origins," with the book *The End of Adam and Eve*, by Dr. Ron Cole-Turner.

Contacts: **Maynard Moore**, [emaynard8@yahoo.com](mailto:emaynard8@yahoo.com)

or **Kent Weaver**, [kenthweaver@gmail.com](mailto:kenthweaver@gmail.com)

**In the Biblical Sense:** at 10:05 AM, in the Library

During Lent, our Bible study is based on the book, *Plenty Good Room*, a unique short-term study that combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of several well-known African American spirituals. Led by **Jen Farenthold**.