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NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wesley Campus
5312 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, D.C.

December 3 at 11:00 AM

Making the Love of God Obvious

Annunciation to Zechariah

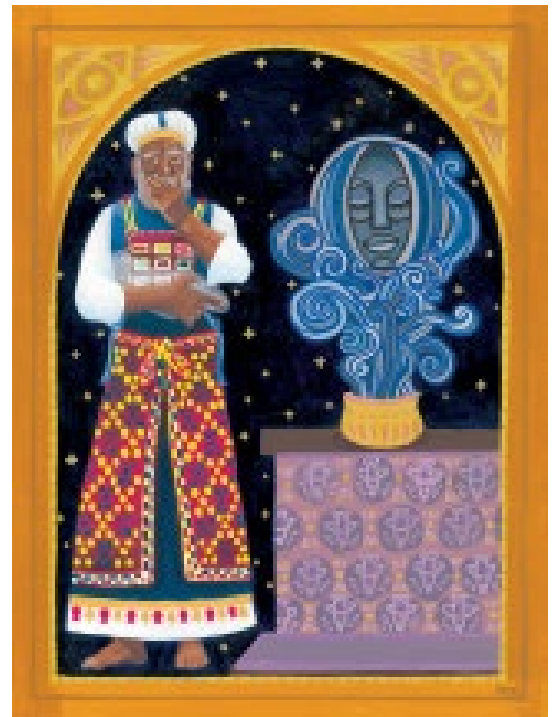
by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Luke 1:1-23

Acrylic and ink on wood panel

Zechariah is dressed in a breast piece, ephod, robe, checkered tunic, turban, and sash, just as the book of Exodus specifies. In my painting, gold, blue, purple, and crimson yarns are woven together and bejeweled with engraved stones which bear the names of the sons of Israel (Exodus 28:4).

Zechariah stands in the Holy Place wearing the most meticulous of garments. Does he expect to encounter the divine? Or is he just going through the motions, lighting the incense as an all-too-familiar scent fills the air?



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 attendance registry 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!

* Standing as you are able

***PRELUDE**

Come, Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196
verses 1-2

WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***SONG of PRAISE**

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162
both verses

***PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Paula Pree

LIGHTNG ADVENT CANDLES

ONE: How does a weary world hope?

**ALL: By telling stories of hope,
by lighting candles in the night,
and planting seeds in the winter that will
bloom in the spring.**

ONE: By praying for children as they grow,
and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

**ALL: By insisting that small acts can make a
difference.**

ONE: There are a million ways to practice hope.
So today we light the candle of hope as a
reminder and a charge.

**ALL: With God's help, may we bring hope into
a weary world. Amen.**

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

***SHARING the PEACE**

A CAROL of CHRISTMAS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211
verses 1 and 3

CALL TO OFFERING

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



***OFFERTORY**

Soon and Very Soon

UMH 706
verses 1-3

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

DEDICATING OUR GIFTS to MINISTRY

We Pray:

**Work through us and our gifts Lord, so what comes to us as seed, goes forth as flower.
And what comes to us as flower, goes forth as fruit.**

BIBLE LESSON

Luke 1:1-23

Laura Harper Powell

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

INVITATION to DISCIPLESHIP

***HOLY COMMUNION**

Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH 618

LORD'S PRAYER

(ENGLISH)

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever.
Amen.*

(PORTUGUESE)

*Pai Nosso, que estais nos Céus,
Santificado seja o Vosso nome.
Venha a nós o Vosso reino,
Seja feita a Vossa vontade
Assim na Terra como no Céu.
O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje.
Perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas
Assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido
E não nos deixeis cair em tentação
Mas livrai-nos do mal.
[Pois Teu é o reino, e o poder, e a glória para sempre.]*

***CLOSING SONG**

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFWS 2214
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BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paula Pree and Rita Guenther

Announcements



Blood Drive – December 7th

Metropolitan Memorial, Vestry | 9AM to 3PM

Use this QR code to schedule your appointment today



Christmas Caroling

“SPARK!” Chevy Chase Winter Market

December 9th | 2:30PM – 4PM

Song sheets will be provided.

Please contact Jeanie Mah at msjcmu1@gmail.com and meet at the corner of Connecticut Ave. & McKinley St. in front of Little Beast Cafe & Bistro at 2:15pm.



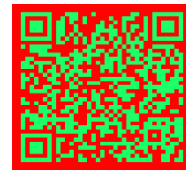
Care Packages for College Students

Help spread Christmas cheer to our college students!

Pastor Rachel and Angela have put together an Amazon Wishlist

Please order by Friday, December 8th.

Use this QR code for the Amazon Wishlist



Evening in Advent

December 17th | 5PM – 7PM

Metropolitan Memorial Campus | Great Hall

Info or volunteer email at

communications@nationalchurch.org

Sunday, December 3

Noel!

A GLORIOUS MYSTERY

5 PM | SANCTUARY
METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL
CAMPUS

PURCHASE TICKETS
AT THE DOOR AND ONLINE



CHRISTMAS SHOW *and Fundraiser*

With Bobby Felder and Friends



DECEMBER 16, 2023

DINNER: 5:00-6:30 PM
CONCERT: 6:30-8:30 PM

Holiday Dinner with All the Trimmings
Then a Jazzy Christmas Concert
Complimentary Cider and Cookies
All proceeds benefit Jazz@Wesley

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| \$35 DINNER & CONCERT Purchase in advance online | \$20 CONCERT ONLY Purchase in advance or at door |
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Lead Me, Guide Me

CHORUS

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

VERSE

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

CHORUS

VERSE

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

CHORUS

VERSE

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

CHORUS

REPEAT CHORUS