



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW
Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC

DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM
*The * invites participants to stand as we are able.*

PRELUDE

Air on the G String
Bach/Siloti

Junghoon Park, Piano

Children are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring after the prelude ends.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston with Nina De Las Alas and Junghoon Park

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ONE: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing . . . A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray . . . And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah 35:1-2, 8, 10 NRSV).

ALL: It is pure joy to draw near to God. God's way is the way of freedom, love, and peace.

ONE: The Psalmist says "Happy are these whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord . . . who made heaven and earth . . . who keeps faith . . . who executes justice . . . gives food . . . sets prisoners free . . . opens eyes . . . lifts up . . . watches over . . . upholds . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 146 NRSV)

ALL: We light these candles as a sign of trust in God's promises. With hope, peace, and deep joy, we worship the Lord.

***ADVENT CAROL**

Joy to the World

UMH 246, Stanza 1

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

Young people are encouraged to gather near the chancel steps, exiting to Children's Choir afterward

ANTHEM

Magnificat
George Dyson

Dayspring Choir

Tithes, offerings, and "welcome" sheets will be collected by ushers at this time.

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations. He shewed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away. He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 46b-55 Nina de las Alas

SERMON Rev. Janet Craswell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** My Soul Gives Glory to My God UMH 198

PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER Nina de las Alas

***CLOSING HYMN** *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

***BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION** Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE *Etude in A Flat, Op. 1 No.2* Junghoon Park, Piano
Paul de Schlozer

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

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PRELUDE *Mary's Song* Sarah Heisler, soprano
Andrew Carter

WELCOME Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson with Rev. Barbara Green

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (See bulletin cover)

***ADVENT CAROL OF JOY** *Joy to the World* UMH 246, Stanza 1

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 46b-55 Rev. Barbara Green

ANTHEM *Magnificat* Chancel Choir
George Dyson

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SERMON Kerm Towler

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* UMH 198

PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

***BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION** Kerm Towler

POSTLUDE *Magnificat Primi Toni* Bruce Caviness, Organ
Dietrich Buxtehude

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

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PRELUDE *Somebody Prayed For Me* - Dorothy Norwood See Insert

***WELCOME** Rev. Janet Craswell and Debbie Hines

***OPENING HYMN** *The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy* TFWS 2098

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS/ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Paula Pree

SPECIAL MUSIC *He Came Down* TFWS 2085

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 46b-55 Debbie Hines

SERMON Rev. Janet Craswell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Debbie Hines

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Soon and Very Soon* UMH 706

BENEDICTION Rev. Janet Craswell

POSTLUDE *Cantemos Al Señor* UMH 149

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TONIGHT! Sunday, Dec. 11 Evening in Advent 5-7 p.m. in the Great Hall.
A community gathering with dinner, carols, and crafts for all ages. Bring cookies to share.



Jazzy@Wesley Presents a Jazzy Christmas with Bobby Felder and Friends
Saturday, December 17 6:30-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Wesley Campus.
Join us for our grandest event of the year: The Christmas Show! Robert “Bobby” Felder will perform with one of his renowned bands and bring along two of DC’s top vocalists: Dick Smith and *Tiya!* Celebrate the season with this always lively, fun-filled show. More info: www.nationalchurch.org/jazz



Food for Thought

How might a house look for Christmas based on what each gospel says about it? In **Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes**, we imagine each of the four gospels as a “house,” which the church visits at Christmas. For each week of Advent, we will reflect on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus, or the incarnation offered by each gospel.

The study is based on Cynthia M. Campbell, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes: An Advent Study* (WJK 2019). Copies of the book are available from the church (talk to Rev. Janet) or from the usual on-line booksellers. Thursday evenings, 7 PM-8 PM on Zoom

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December 15 – Luke

December 22 -- John



Advent Bible Study: Isaiah at Christmas. At Advent and Christmas worship services, we often read from the book of Isaiah. The prophets of Isaiah spoke some 500-600 years before Jesus was born. What do their words have to do with the Christmas story? What did they mean to the people who first heard them? What do they mean to us today? Join us this Thursday, December 15, 10:30 to Noon, for an Advent Bible study of Isaiah. This class is hybrid. You can join in-person in the Christie Room at the Metropolitan Memorial campus or on Zoom **Meeting ID: 452 637 297 Passcode: 025452**

Reconciling Statement

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.

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24

- Family-Friendly Worship with pageant 4 pm. Metropolitan Memorial Campus Sanctuary.
- Candlelight Communion Worship 8 pm. Metropolitan Memorial Campus Sanctuary.
- Community Dinner with Carols and Christmas Story 6pm. Wesley Campus Fellowship Hall.



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