

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC

> DECEMBER 25, 2022 CHRISTMAS DAY

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 10 AM

PRELUDE

Still, Still, Still Setting by Paul Manz

Bruce Caviness, Organ

WELCOME

Rev. Janet Craswell

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UMH 224

*CAROL

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

CHRISTMAS PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Living God, on this happy day we gather to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory, to stand with angels, rejoicing in your creative Word, to wait as Joseph waited, trusting in your promise, to sit as Mary sat, cradling your love embodied. May the good news of Christmas inspire us to tell the world of our great joy; for us and for all people a Savior is born. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

 TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS
 Rev. Janet Craswell

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

| FIRST LESSON | Psalm 96: 1-2, 10-13 | Penny Andrews | |
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| CAROL | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | UMH 196 | |
| SECOND LESSON | Isaiah 11: 1-6 | Rev. Janet Craswell | |
| CAROL | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming | UMH 216, Stanzas 1 & 2 | |
| THIRD LESSON | Micah 5: 2-4 | Penny Andrews | |
| CAROL | O Little Town of Bethlehem | UMH 230, Stanzas 1,2,4 | |
| FOURTH LESSON | Luke 1: 26-35, 38 | Rev. Janet Craswell | |
| CAROL | What Child is This | UMH 219, Stanzas 1 & 2 | |
| FIFTH LESSON | Luke 2: 1-7 | Penny Andrews | |

| CAROL | Away in a Manger | UMH 217, Stanzas 1 & 2 | | | |
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| SIXTH LESSON | Luke 2: 8-16 | Rev. Janet Craswell | | | |
| CAROL | Angels We Have Heard on High | UMH 238, Stanzas 1,2,3 | | | |
| SEVENTH LESSON | Matthew 2: 1-11 | Penny Andrews | | | |
| CAROL | The First Noel | UMH 235, Stanzas 3,4,5 | | | |
| OFFERTORY | In The Bleak Midwinter | Bruce Caviness, Organ | | | |
| Tithes, offerings, and "welcome" sheets will be collected by ushers at this time. | | | | | |
| CHRISTMAS PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Janet Craswell | | | | | |
| EIGHTH LESSON | John 1: 1-14 | Penny Andrews | | | |
| CAROL | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing | UMH 240 | | | |
| BENEDICTION | | Rev. Janet Craswell | | | |
| POSTLUDE | God Rest Ye – Traditional English Carol | Bruce Caviness, Organ | | | |

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

Setting by Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. In him was life, and the life was the light of humanity.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

| OPENING HYMN | Christmas Prayer – Aaron Neville | See Inse | ert | | |
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| ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Paula Pre- Tithes, offerings, and "welcome" sheets can be brought to the manger at this time. | | | | | |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYERRev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

SHARING: Where Did You Grow Up?

Volunteers will be invited to share what December was like in the place they grew up.

| CAROL | The Virgin Mary Ha | <i>FAITH WE SING, 2098 Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy</i> | | | | |
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| SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:67-80 | | | 30 | Curtis Pree | | |
| SHARING: Your Favorite Christmas Traditions?CongregationVolunteers will be invited to share favorite traditions.Congregation | | | | | | |
| FIRST SCRI | Curtis Pree | | | | | |
| HYMN OF RESPONSE Joy to The World UM HYMNAL, 246 | | | | | | |
| WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT | | | | | | |
| 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 HY | YMN O Come All | l Ye Faithful | UM HYMNAL, 234 | stanzas 1,3,6 | | |
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POSTLUDE

Feliz Navidad

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

If you do not have a church home and would like more information National United Methodist Church, please complete a "welcome" slip (found in pew hymnal holder) and share it in the offering container as it circulates in today's service.

January 8th is the next opportunity to join the membership of NUMC. Speak with a pastor today!



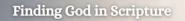
JANUARY 1st WORSHIP

10AM "We Three Kings" Sunday, Metropolitan Memorial (no Sunday School) 11AM Kwanzaa Celebration, Wesley Campus

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New Online Beginners' Bible Study Tuesdays, 6 to 7 pm via Zoom Contact communications@nationalchurch.org for login information. Starting January 10 Facilitated by Dr. Ann Michel



A Tribute to Loved Ones

Christmas 2022

GIVEN BY Eugenia Evans The Vieth Family

Ann Michel Carissa Miller William Schofield Alice Sartain **Terry and Wayne Rusch**

Carolyn & Suzanne Clewell Judy Edstrom **Nancy Riker**

Leslye Wooley Patricia Stolnacker **Stacy and Paul Krogh**

Shirley Fall Richard Tilley The Dankovich-Argentieri Family Laura Powell Linda and John Derrick Jane Schmitz Kerm Towler Jeanie Mah Alexandra McPherron **Lois Weaver**

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IN HONOR OF

My Beloved Kent Weaver

Eugenia Evans Caroline Olago The Dankovich-Argentieri Family Stacy and Paul Krogh Kerm Towler John and Barbara Tate **Jeanie Mah**

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IN MEMORY OF John Evans