



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

DECEMBER 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

*The * invites participants to stand as we are able.*

PRELUDE *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* Junghoon Park, Piano
(Now Come, Savior of [All People])
Bach/Busoni

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

WELCOME Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson with Brian Boyle

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader One: “They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Reader Two: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Reader One: “In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” And “bear fruit worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

***CAROL OF PEACE** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218, Stanza 1

ANTHEM *O Lift Your Hearts* Dayspring Choir
Alan Geyer

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

From sorrow and from fear! O world, be glad, for the peace of God is here!
Go, find it in a poor and humble place: this costly love, this wondrous gift of grace.

O sing with children born of every race! Join with the old in a joyous embrace.
Shout with the prisoners! March with the oppressed!
For Christ is come, and we shall all be blessed. O live the life that God now gives to you! For, like
the Babe, you can start life anew. You can be holy, you can walk the Way! The Lord is here! O
lift your hearts today! His kingdom is at hand! Go forth to meet your Lord!

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Janet Craswell

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Brian Boyle

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***HOLY COMMUNION**

Bread and grape juice are offered to all ages. Bread is dipped into juice and eaten. The kneeling rail at the altar is open for any who wish to pray there.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

***BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE

Deo Gratias
Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Bruce Caviness, Organ

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

*The * invites participants to stand as we are able.*

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Veni Emmanuel* Bruce Caviness, Organ
setting by John Carter

WELCOME and ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (See bulletin cover)

***CAROL OF PEACE** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218, Stanza 1

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11: 1-10

ANTHEM

Glory Be to God on High
Richard Dirksen

Larry L. Boggs, Jr, baritone

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

and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Janet Craswell

SERMON

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today: Trimming the Trees @ Wesley Campus!

Join us after worship today for lunch in the fellowship hall followed by a time to decorate our Christmas trees! A group also meets to plan Kwanzaa service scheduled for Sunday, January 1, 2023. All are welcome!



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

Meeting ID: 970 0575 7736 | Passcode: justice

[note: this is the usual Food for Thought time and Zoom link]

December 8 – Matthew

December 15 – Luke

December 22 -- John



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.



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 Thursday

mornings, December 8 and 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



Sunday, Dec. 11 for our 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. For more information or to volunteer, contact Caralee.Adams@verizon.net.

Pastoral Care: (202)-510-8555, congregationalcare@nationalchurch.org

