



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

JANUARY 8, 2023
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

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

PRELUDE

Air on the G String

Junghoon Park, Piano

Bach

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

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

ONE: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.
God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

ALL: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

ONE: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

ALL: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

ONE: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

***OPENING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH 189

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE and RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Prayer of Remembrance Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

The "rain" of God! Rev. Janet Craswell

Reception of Newcomers Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

Lauren Beshore

Raigan Welters

Lynne Welters

Natalie Anderson

John Meade

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water - American Spiritual

Dayspring Choir

Arranged by Roger Emerson

Our Offering is Presented

Ushers move among us, receiving attendance and prayer slips as well as financial offerings.

Thank you for sharing your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the love of God!

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

Matthew 3: 13-17

Junghoon Park

Isaiah 42: 1-9

SERMON

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Janet Craswell

***CLOSING HYMN**

Spirit Song

UMH 347

***BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia in G Minor

Junghoon Park, Piano

Bach

Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation in the Great Hall where we can get better acquainted with newcomers! All guests today will receive a free gift in the Great Hall!

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

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PRELUDE

How Bright Shines Yon Morningstar

Bruce Caviness, Organ

Philipp Nicolai

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***OPENING HYMN**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3: 13-17

Amelia Duroska

ANTHEM

Wade in the Water - American Spiritual

Dayspring Choir

Arranged by Roger Emerson

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH 189

BAPTISM REMEMBRANCE and RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS and LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396

*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston

POSTLUDE *Postlude in D - Healey Willan* Bruce Caviness, Organ

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

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

PRELUDE *Cantemos Al Señor* UMH 149

*WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Janet Craswell

*OPENING HYMN *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* UMH 334

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE Paula Pree

SPECIAL MUSIC *Down to the River* Wesley Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3: 13-17 Laura Harper Powell

SERMON Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

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WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Laura Harper Powell

*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 *Siyahamba* TFWS 2235

BENEDICTION Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE *Sent Out in Jesus' Name* TFWS 2184

ANNOUNCEMENTS



In-Person 2023 NUMC Budget Convocation 1/18 @ 7-9pm
Metropolitan Memorial Sanctuary

All local NUMC participants are encouraged to join with us for a prayerful reflection on the 2023 draft budget which will be presented for information and improvement in the Metropolitan Memorial sanctuary. A final revision will come before Church Council on Tuesday, January 24th and then for adoption in Charge Conference the first week in February (date TBD).

Share an offering with National United Methodist Church through the QR code below or by depositing cash or checks in the plates which circulate in worship. Our donations support hundreds of people who find hope and purpose through NUMC. Thank you for sustaining the ministry. This is the final day to make year-end, tax-deductible gifts.



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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.