



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW | Washington, DC

November 12 at 11:00 AM



Making the Love of God Obvious!

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!

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art - Swedish Folk Song
Improvisation on "O Store Gud"*

Todd Beckham, organ

WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Janet Craswell

ENTRANCE

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

UMH 662

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION**

Rev. Janet Craswell

✠ **CONFESSION**

God, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in Jesus. Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not. We are often tempted to put other than you first in our lives—when we are faced, often daily, with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people—choices about how we share the gifts you have given us.

ONE: Forgive us when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.

ALL: Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

ONE: Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our own prosperity and wellbeing while ignoring the needs of others.

ALL: Forgive us when the choices we make diminish our awareness of you, O God, in the midst of those who suffer.

Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people, and as sincere and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord - in whose name we pray. Amen.

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✠ **SILENT CONFESSION**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

✠ EXCHANGE SIGNS of RECONCILIATION

And now, since God has forgiven us in Christ let us share Christ's peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all...

RESPONSE IN SONG **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice give thanks and sing! (refrain of UMH 160)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Janet Craswell

HYMN of HOPE

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7

RESPONSE in SONG

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

SERMON

"The Buildings Can Sing Too!"

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

INVITATION 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

Cantate Domino - Giuseppe Ottovia Pitoni

*O sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Rev. Janet Craswell

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE

Fugue in g minor - Johann Adam Reincken

Todd Beckham, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Veterans



Behavioral Threat Assessment Training

Sunday, November 19, 12:30-3 PM

Metropolitan Memorial campus, Great Hall

All houses of worship are vulnerable to violence these days. But we are not helpless. At National UMC, we have already taken additional security measures so we can know who is entering our buildings. An additional safety measure will be Behavioral Threat Assessment training. This training is offered to faith communities by the Department of Homeland Security. It is designed to help all of us be more aware of ways to keep our church buildings safe for all who use them. This in-person training is for everyone and open to the public.

By the end of the course, participants will understand:

- What targeted violence and terrorism are
- The pathway to violence and pre-attack behaviors
- The threat assessment process and who makes up an ideal threat assessment team
- How to take action



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Angel Tree

National United Methodist Church (together with our wonderful Metropolitan Nursery School) is continuing our beloved tradition of providing holiday gifts to children from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. These angels-- children from our metropolitan area—are all from families in need selected by the Salvation Army. We would love your help.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Select a child from the “Direct Ship List”
2. Select a child from the “Bring In Gifts List”

***BRING YOUR GIFTS** to the Metropolitan Campus by Tuesday, Nov. 28 (Nursery School families should bring their gifts to school. National UMC members and friends will be provided instructions for gift drop-off).

Please purchase at least 3 toys and a couple of clothing items, if possible.

Angel Tree Gift Lists here:

<https://nationalchurch.org/angel-tree>

Questions? Please contact Marsha Matthews (marsha.t.matthews@gmail.com or 202-236-2253).

Thank you so much for your generosity and loving support.