



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 19 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

Seek Ye First

Todd Beckham, organ

WORDS of WELCOME

Angela Pupino

ENTRANCE

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

✠ **LITANY of CONFESSION** by Kevin Little

One: In the midst of our thanksgiving,
let us pause in silence
to recall how we so often
lose sight of the gifts of each day
and of their Giver.

(a moment of silence)

Let us pray.

**ALL: O God, we know that we forget about you,
we forget to love you,
we forget to help our neighbors,
we forget to thank you.
Forgive us.**

(a moment of silence for private confession)

Grant us clear minds to know you,
new hearts to love you
strong hands to serve you

**ALL: Help us live this day, this week, and always
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior.

We can trust God's word.
We are a forgiven people.

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

HYMN of HOPE

We Gather Together

UMH 131

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

RESPONSE in SONG

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life!

SERMON

Memory, Gratitude, Compassion

Rev. Janet Craswell

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, Commitment 2024 Pledges, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



OFFERTORY

The Promised Land - Matilda Dunham from Southern Harmony

DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

✠ **BENEDICTION**

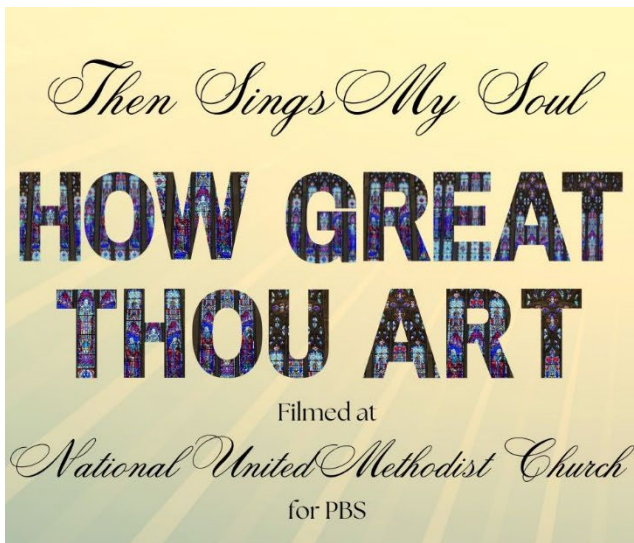
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POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God - George Friedrich Kaufmann

Todd Beckham, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Place your
Commitment 2024
pledge card in today's
offering.

Forms are available at
the entrance.



Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed:

Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Add to the Cornucopia on the Altar

Next Sunday, bring a non-perishable food item to share with our Campus Kitchen pantry.



Advent Devotionals and Advent Calendars

Advent begins Sunday, December 3

This year, NUMC will use the devotional:

How Does a Weary World Rejoice? An Advent Devotional

by A Sanctified Art, a collective of artists in ministry.

With art, poetry, songs, and reflections on scripture, the devotional takes us through Advent and Christmas in the gospel of Luke. A Sanctified Art also has two different Advent calendars: one for families with children, and one for adults or youth. Copies of the devotional and the Advent calendars will be available at the Wesley campus and Metropolitan Memorial campus after Thanksgiving.

If you worship remotely, please email communications@nationalchurch.org with your postal address and we will mail you a copy.



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.

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

Angel Tree Gift Lists here:

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

Thank you so much for your generosity and loving support.