



NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

November 26 at 11:00 AM

Then Sings My Soul

HOW GREAT
THOU ART

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

In Green Pastures - Harold Darke

WORDS of WELCOME

ENTRANCE

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

✠ **CALL to CONFESSION** – Thom Shuman

They are the promises stretching back into the dim recesses of time, yet as new as this very moment. When we lose our way, God searches for us until we are found. When we hurt others, God brings healing to all. When we sin, God forgives us. Let us hold these promises close to our hearts, as we confess those things we try to hide.

CONFESSION

Unison

**We stock the food pantries,
but brush aside those
who hunger for friendship.
We give our hand-me-downs away,
but overlook those whose hopes
have been stripped away.
We glad-hand those just like us,
but turn a deaf ear to
our neighbors who 'talk funny.'**

Pastor: Forgive us, Hope of the ages.

You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God searches for the lost,	and finds us;
God invites the hungry to the table,	and feeds us;
God sends Jesus,	and frees us from death's prison;
God forgives all who sin,	and heals us with mercy and grace.
Thanks be to God!	Amen!

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. Doug Robinson-Johnson

HYMN of HOPE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138
verses 1-3

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

HYMN of HOPE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138
verses 5 and 6

SERMON

“He’s Like My New Son”

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 Commitment 2024 Pledge Forms, attendance sheets, prayer requests, and financial gifts at this time. Online gifts may be shared using this QR code.



OFFERTORY

At the Name of Jesus – Ralph Vaughn Williams

Chancel Choir
See last page for lyrics

DEDICATION

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 155

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ, our Saviour - J.S. Bach

Todd Beckham, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD DONATIONS



Those who have brought food donations for Campus Kitchen may bring items to cornucopia on altar before or after the worship service. Thank you!



BLOOD DRIVE, Metropolitan Memorial Campus
Thursday, December 7 | 9am to 3pm





SPECIAL DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Thursday November 30, 10:30-Noon

Hybrid, In the conference room or on [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 452 637 297

Passcode: 025452

At Christmas, we do not just celebrate the birth of a baby, we celebrate God becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ. Where do we see the Incarnation in scripture? You are invited to a three-week study of scriptures that shaped our understanding of how God became a human being in Jesus Christ. No homework required!



Evening Advent Bible Study

There will be an on-line Advent study on Thursday evenings, 7-8 PM,

November 30, December 7, December 14, and December 21, facilitated by Rev. Janet.

No homework or preparation required!

Each Thursday, we will consider the scriptures that will be used in worship the next Sunday.

Zoom Meeting ID: 821 7234 7630

Passcode: Elizabeth



Grate Patrol

This Sunday after 9am worship

Join us in the Metropolitan Memorial Vestry to make sandwiches and pack lunches for the monthly Grate Patrol, a Salvation Army program that serves meals to the homeless of DC every night.



Monday, November 27th volunteer to load up the Salvation Army's van with meals prepared then ride the van to various locations to distribute food and water to those experiencing hunger across the

District of Columbia. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Young people between the ages of 13-17 must volunteer with their parents.

CHRISTMAS SHOW *and Fundraiser*
With Bobby Felder and Friends

DECEMBER 16, 2023

DINNER: 5:00-6:30 PM
CONCERT: 6:30-8:30 PM

Holiday Dinner with All the Trimmings
 Then a Jazzy Christmas Concert
 Complimentary Cider and Cookies
 All proceeds benefit Jazz@Wesley

\$35 DINNER & CONCERT **\$20 CONCERT ONLY**
 Purchase in advance online Purchase in advance or at door

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At the Name of Jesus
Ralph Vaughn Williams

1 At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
cherubim in heaven,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders
in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed;

4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
thro' all ranks of
creatures
to the central height,
to the throne of
Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

5 In your hearts
enthroned him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your
captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord
Jesus
shall return again
in his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of
empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess
him
King of glory now.