

ANTHEM *Sleepers, Wake* – Felix Mendelssohn Dayspring Choir
Tithes, offerings, and “welcome” sheets will be collected by ushers at this time.

A voice is calling, it is the watchman on the walls:
Thou City of Jerusalem! For lo! The Bridegroom comes!
Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah! Awake!
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 2:1-5 Nina De Las Alas

LESSON ON HOPE Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Behold a Broken World* UMH 426, Stanzas 1,2,5 & 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Janet Craswell
UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN** *People, Look East* UMH 202

***BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION** Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson

POSTLUDE *Epilogue* Bruce Caviness, Organ
Norman Gilbert

METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM

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

PRELUDE *Sleepers, Wake* – J.S. Bach Bruce Caviness, Organ

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston with Penny Andrews

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (printed on the first page)

***CAROL OF HOPE** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230, Stanza 1

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
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SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2: 1-5 Penny Andrews

ANTHEM *Sleepers, Wake!* – Felix Mendelssohn Chancel Choir
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SERMON		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Behold a Broken World</i>	UMH 426 Stanzas 1,2,5 & 6
PRAYER OF THE DAY and THE LORD'S PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
	UMH 895	
*CLOSING HYMN	<i>People, Look East</i>	UMH 202
*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston
POSTLUDE	<i>Epilogue</i> Norman Gilbert	Bruce Caviness, Organ

WESLEY 11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE

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PRELUDE	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i>	UMH 376
*WELCOME		Rev. Janet Craswell with Rita Guenther
*OPENING HYMN	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	UMH 211 Stanzas 1,2 & 6
TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS/ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES		
ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING OF THE PEACE		Paula Pree
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>I Gotta Believe – Yolanda Adams</i>	Wesley Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Rita Guenther
SERMON		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Oh Happy Day – Walter Hawkins</i>	See Insert
WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT		Rita Guenther
<i>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.</i>		
*CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	UMH 238
BENEDICTION		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson
POSTLUDE	<i>People Get Ready – Curtis Mayfield</i>	See Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY!

Please join us for our coffee and conversation Advent series starting today from 10-11 a.m. on Sundays in the Great Hall at Metropolitan. Today's topic: Embrace the Meaning of the Season. Take a moment to breathe and reflect going into the holidays. Barbara Green and Caralee Adams will provide ideas and resources for staying spiritually centered. Next week: Sunday, Dec. 2 - Sharing and Creating Family Traditions: What's your Christmas story?



SUPPORT OUR SCOUT TROOP!

Trees and wreaths will be for sale at the Metropolitan Memorial Campus Friday evening, December 2, 6 pm to 8:00 pm; Saturday, December 3, 9 am until 8:00 pm; Sunday, December 4, 10 am until sold out. Come early for the best selection.



HONOR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS

Each year, the altars at National UMC's churches are adorned with flowers celebrating the coming of the Christ child. The Christmas flowers in the church are 100% provided by your contributions made in Honor and/or Memory of loved ones. Each flower pot is available for a donation of \$25. Any donation amount is welcome. All donations will be recognized in our Christmas Eve bulletins. All donations received by December 20 will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Order yours here: <https://nationalchurch.org/flowers>



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.



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.

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