

NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Metropolitan Memorial Campus 3401 Nebraska Ave NW Wesley Campus 5312 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC

> NOVEMBER 27, 2022 First Sunday of advent

> > METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 9 AM

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

**PRELUDE**The Art of Fugue – Contrapuntus No.9Jung Hoon Park, PianoBach

*Children* are invited to gather at the back to receive bells to ring after the welcome.

#### WELCOME

Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson with Trish Long

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!"" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

**ALL:** We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader Two: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

**ALL:** We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

The First Advent Candle is Illuminated—A Sign of Hope

*CAROL OF HOPE	O Little Town of Bethlehem	UMH 230, Stanza 1
BAPTISM	Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Dr	. Rachel Livingston

Harper Grace Greenfield Born September 14, 2020 Daughter of Sarah and Paul Greenfield

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

<b>ANTHEM</b> 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 CHRISTIANSRev. Janet CraswellYoung peopleare 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				
<b>PRAYER OF THE DAY ar</b> UMH 895	nd THE LORD'S PRAYER	Rev. Janet Craswell				
*CLOSING HYMN	People, Look East	UMH 202				
*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION		Rev. Doug Robinson-Johnson				
POSTLUDE	<i>Epilogue</i> Norman Gilbert	Bruce Caviness, Organ				
METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL 11AM   The * invites participants to stand as we are able.						
PRELUDE	Sleepers, Wake – J.S. Bac	h 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 Bethlehe	m UMH 230, Stanza 1				
<b>TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS</b> Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston Young people are encouraged to gather on the chancel steps.						
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Penny Andrews				
<b>ANTHEM</b> Sleepers, Wake! – Felix Mendelssohn Chancel Choir Tithes, offerings, and "welcome" sheets will be collected by ushers at this time.						

SERMON		Rev. Dr. Ra	chel Livingston
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Behold a Broken World	UMH 426 St	tanzas 1,2,5 & 6
<b>PRAYER OF THE DAY a</b> ı UMH 895	nd THE LORD'S PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Ra	chel Livingston
*CLOSING HYMN	People, Look East		UMH 202
<b>*BENEDICTION and CALL TO ACTION</b>		Rev. Dr. Rachel Livingston	
POSTLUDE	<i>Epilogue</i> Norman Gilbert	Bruce (	Caviness, Organ
	The *		<b>11 AM GLOBAL PRAISE</b> ats to stand as we are able.
PRELUDE	Dona Nobis Pacem		UMH 376
*WELCOME	Rev. Janet Craswell with Rita Guenther		
<b>*OPENING HYMN</b>	O Come, O Come, Emmanue	el UMH 211	Stanzas 1,2 & 6
TIME WITH YOUNG CH	IRISTIANS/ LIGHTING OI	F THE ADVE	NT CANDLES
ANNOUNCEMENTS and	d PASSING OF THE PEACE	E	Paula Pree
PRAYERS OF THE PEO	PLE	Rev. Doug R	Robinson-Johnson
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>I Gotta Believe –</i> Yolanda Ada	ms	Wesley Choir
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 2: 1-5		Rita Guenther
SERMON		Rev. Doug Ro	binson-Johnson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Oh Happy Day –</i> Wa	lter Hawkins	See Insert
WESLEY PRAYER OF COMMITMENT		Rita Guenther	
	and our gifts Lord, so what con forth as flower. It comes to us as flower, goes f		ed, goes
*CAROL	Angels We Have Heard On	High	UMH 238
BENEDICTION		Rev. Doug Ro	obinson-Johnson
<b>POSTLUDE</b> H	People Get Ready – Curtis May	field	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?



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.

