

November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

Leading people to become  
faithful followers of Jesus Christ  
together in God's world

*The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion  
and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.*

Isaiah 11:6

**Senior Pastor** Dr. David Renwick  
**Associate Pastors** Rev. Donna Marsh

Dr. Quinn Fox  
Rev. Katie Francis

**Parish Associates** Dr. Nancy Fox  
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

**Music** Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*)  
Todd Fickley (*Organist*)  
Joanna Zorack-Greene (*Contemporary Music Leader*)

**Ministry Directors** Kristin Franke (*Youth & Families*)  
Terry Kumnick (*Children*)  
Leslie Saum (*Connections*)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! Please wear a mask** at all times while indoors at NPC, regardless of your vaccination status. This means that masks should stay on throughout the entire worship service. Thank you for loving your neighbor.

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## **Today is our Family Sunday School Social!**

From 9:50 am to 10:45 am volunteers, parents, children and youth have the opportunity to gather together for food, fellowship, and fun. Connect with other families and teachers, and observe the children strengthen friendships through play. Please [click here](#) or visit our events page for more information.

## **Christmas Angel Tree - Today**

Bless children of prisoners with an Angel Tree gift! Angel Tree ornament pick up begins in the Parlor today and all gifts will be due back to NPC by December 12. Shopping lists will be available starting December 1 and more information is coming soon!

## **Tonight at 4:30 pm Advent Family Night**

The whole family is invited to enter into the season of Advent with a Chapel service of song and storytelling followed by fun crafts and dinner. For more information or to register to attend, please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online.

## **Advent Vespers with Communion Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 pm**

Please join us in-person or online on our [Watch page](#) as we celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season together.

## **Mission Gifts for Christmas December 12 & 19, Stone Hall**

Mission Gifts for Christmas enables you to give meaningful gifts instead of giving another “thing,” by supporting God’s work locally and internationally. Each donation you make gives to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. You can support local and global organizations and missionaries that help others in our hurting world. “Shop” with us in Stone Hall on December 12 & 19. You may also [click here](#) or go to [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts) to shop online December 1-31.

## **Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Friday, December 3, 7:00 pm**

4th and 5th graders, come have some fun and fellowship time together outside of Sunday School! [Click here](#) or see our events page online for more information.

## **Men's Breakfast Saturday, December 4, 8:00 am**

You’ll learn the stories behind some of our favorite Christmas music from our December speaker, Todd Fickley, NPC’s organist. Please [click here](#) for more information or to RSVP.

## **Garden of Lights Outing at Brookside Gardens**

### **Saturday, December 11, 7:15 pm**

Let’s take an evening walk together through a wonderland of lights to celebrate the season of Christmas. For more information and tickets, please [click here](#) or visit our events page online.

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

*Sanctuary and Online*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Traditional; Arr. Andrews/Scooter

Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.

From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art.

Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.

Born to reign in us forever. Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.

By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

You draw the hearts of shepherds, you draw the hearts of kings.

Even as a baby, you were changing ev'rything.

You called me to your kingdom before your lips could speak,

and even as a baby you were reaching out for me.

And now we are awaiting the day of your return

when ev'ry eye will see you as heaven comes to earth.

Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds,

the bride is getting ready, the Church is singing out.

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.

From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

Come, thou long expected King.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Alison Kaufman and Robert Adcock  
with Lydia Adcock

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*In dulci jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;

now we need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls us one and calls us all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Katie Francis

As we bow in worship before you, O Lord,

turn the key to my heart's door,

for it has gathered rust.

Forgive me when in sin I turn from you and do not hear you knocking.

Lord Jesus, oil the hinges of my heart's door,

that it may swing gently and easily, to welcome your coming.

Prayer from the Church in New Guinea

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One;  
As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;  
Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Advent Affirmation

Rev. Francis

We believe in one God, whose almighty word brought forth the universe,  
who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created  
and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.  
We believe that at the right moment in time,  
God’s Word became flesh in the life of Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.  
We believe that this good news of great joy which heralded Jesus’ birth  
also points us to the cross on which Jesus died, and to his empty tomb.  
There the angel’s message “He is risen!”  
heralded the glorious good news of Christ’s resurrection.  
We believe that this same Jesus is alive to meet us every day,  
and to offer us new and abundant life.  
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to renew the earth, and to claim us as God’s own.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

Deacon Jeanne Su

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the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

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and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
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and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

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and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

## CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Renwick

*There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.*

## OFFERING SONG

## Great Light of The World

Bebo Norman

O Great Light of the world, fill up my soul.

I'm only half here, so come make me whole.

O Great Light of the world

come to impart the light of your grace to fill up my heart.

*Chorus:**To fill up my heart, to fill up my heart.**Light of the world, fill up my heart. Fill up my heart.*

## ▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY

*Regent Square*

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Renwick

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## ▲ CLOSING SONG

## A Baby Will Come

Bill Wolf

The kings of this world have torn it apart,

but we can take heart, a baby will come.

To the hungry and meek, to those who grieve,

to the broken in need, a baby will come.

We have known pain, we've felt death's sting.

God help us believe, this baby will come.

The angel appeared, said, "Do not fear, for peace is here.

A baby will come."

The advent of life, let hope arise!

We've our King and Christ, the baby will come.

We've waited so long, God, for your mighty arm.

May our doubts ever calm, for the baby will come.

The proud will be low, the humble will know

they're valued and loved, for the baby will come.

Cause the kings of this world won't have the last word.

That, God, is yours, for the baby will come.

## ▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

## ▲ SENDING

NPC Band

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

*Sanctuary and Online*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                    "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us, BWV 645                    J. S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP                    Dr. David Renwick

- ▲ HYMN 9                    O Come, O Come, Emmanuel                    *Veni Emmanuel*
- O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*
- O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*
- O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE                    Laura and Dan Atchison  
with Calvin and Evan

- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE                    J. S. Bach  
Prepare the way, for Christ shall come; rejoice in God our Lord;                    from Cantata 151  
Emmanuel shall come to us; our praise we lift in one accord, our praise in one accord.

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*                    Rev. Katie Francis

As we bow in worship before you, O Lord,  
turn the key to my heart's door,  
for it has gathered rust.  
Forgive me when in sin I turn from you and do not hear you knocking.  
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who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

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also points us to the cross on which Jesus died, and to his empty tomb.

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heralded the glorious good news of Christ's resurrection.

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for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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SERMON

Prophets: Someone Has to Say It

Dr. Fox

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE     Isaiah the Prophet Hath Written of Old *Samanthra*  
Isaiah the prophet hath written of old how God's earthly kingdom shall come:  
    Instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.  
The mountains and hills shall break forth into song, the peoples be led forth in peace,  
    For the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the seas.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Renwick  
*There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.*  
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OFFERTORY A Spotless Rose Ethan McGrath  
A spotless Rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root,  
    Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse's promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
    Amid the cold of winter, and in the dark midnight.  
The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,  
    Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
    The blessed babe she bare us in a cold winter's night. Alleluia! 16th century German carol  
transl. Catherine Winkworth

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY *Regent Square*  
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Es ist ein' Ros'*  
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
    Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung.  
It came a floweret bright,  
    Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
    With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
    She bore for us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.  
This flower, whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air,  
    Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
Enfleshed, yet very God,  
    From sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Fox

▲ CHORAL ALLELUIA Ethan McGrath

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Rhapsody on "Helmsley" Lloyd Webber  
Mr. Fickley



# SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL

## **8:45 am: Contemporary Worship**

- Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.
- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years available throughout the morning.

## **9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School**

- Children's Sunday School for ages 2 years-5th grade
- Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students
- Adult Sunday School in-person or online - To read the full Adult Sunday School class description and for Zoom links, please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online.

## **11:00 am: Traditional Worship**

Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.

## **Children's Check-In and Check-Out**

These protocols help keep our children safe and provide a secure environment. Please visit one of our two check-in stations when you arrive in the main building. If you have question about check-in and check-out procedures, please visit our [Children's Ministry page](#) or contact Terry Kumnick at [tkumnick@nationalpres.org](mailto:tkumnick@nationalpres.org).

# MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **My NPC**

Looking for our online directory? Click "My NPC" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, locate groups, view your giving and more!

## **Resources for Hearing & Sight Impaired**

We have assistive hearing devices with operating instructions as well as large print bulletins available for those who need it. These resources are located in the resources racks in the Narthex on either side of the Sanctuary doors.

## **Invite your friends!**

With the holidays around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reach out to others and invite them to Christmas worship with us at National. Another great way to let others know about us is to [leave a Google review](#) or share our posts on social media.

## **National Presbyterian School**

Join us for a weekly small group visit via Zoom. NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for Nursery (Age 3) through Sixth Grade. For more information visit [www.nps-dc.org](http://www.nps-dc.org) or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, [kh Harvey@nps-dc.org](mailto:kh Harvey@nps-dc.org) or (202) 537-7508.

# SERVING AT NATIONAL

## **Angels and Shepherds needed for our Nativity Pageant!**

Would your K-5th grade child like to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Service Nativity Pageant? The service will take place at 5:00 pm on December 24. Rehearsals will be held:

- starting December 5 at 8:45 am during Children's Chapel
- Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 am.

For more information or to sign up, [click here](#). Please RSVP by December 5.

## **Join NPC's Welcome Team! Pre-holiday Tour, Training and Brunch Saturday, December 11, 9:30 am**

Join a dynamic team of greeters, ushers and Connections folks to show God's love at NPC! On Saturday, December 11 9:30 am -12:00 pm, come for a tour and intro to Welcome Team Ministry, including a nice brunch. To register [click here](#) or contact [LSaum@Nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@Nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7494.

## **Mission Gifts Volunteer Opportunities**

The seasonal emphasis on gratitude reminds us that God has abundantly lavished gifts of every kind upon us. God's people display His likeness by giving generously in return. Mission Gifts for Christmas provides a wonderful channel to give to others in need of God's Word, care, food and services. We need helpers for food preparation, hospitality, cashiers, decorating and take down. Please [click here](#) or visit [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts) to volunteer.

## **Use Your Gifts to Bless our Children!**

Children's Ministry volunteers needed: Become a teacher, room aide, host docent or check-in/out host. For more information contact Terry Kumnick at [tkumnick@nationalpres.org](mailto:tkumnick@nationalpres.org).

## **Do You Love to Sing and Love Children?**

Children's song leader needed: We are looking for a special person to lead our children in songs of praise to the Lord on Sunday mornings! Please contact [tkumnick@nationalpres.org](mailto:tkumnick@nationalpres.org) for more information or if you'd like to help.

## **Call for Contemporary Service Musicians**

Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? Volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at: [jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org](mailto:jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org).

## **Flowers to Share!**

Have you noticed the little flower 'bud vases' at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry team invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

**For more volunteer opportunities**, please visit our [Serve at Church](#) page!

# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**You are invited to join us** for these events and more!

To see a complete list of our activities for the Advent season and beyond, please visit our [events page](#). All of our worship services are both in-person and online.

|                  |                 |   |
|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Dec 1, Wednesday | 7:00 pm         | Advent Vespers with Communion                   |
| Dec 5, Sunday    | 8:45 & 11:00 am | Communion morning                               |
| Dec 12, Sunday   | 8:45 & 11:00 am | A service of music from Handel's <i>Messiah</i> |
| Dec 19 Sunday    | 8:45 & 11:00 am | The Christmas story told for all ages           |

## Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec 24

### **2:00 pm: The Christmas Story in Candles**

This special worship service will engage children and families alike in the story of Jesus' birth.

### **5:00 pm: Family Nativity Service**

Bring the whole family and join us for a sweet time of re-telling the Christmas story that the kids will love!

### **8:00 & 10:00 pm: Candlelight & Carols Worship**

These full, traditional Christmas Eve services with a message, prayers for today, and beautiful music will inspire you and fill you with hope.

|                |          |                                      |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Dec 26, Sunday | 11:00 am | One worship service in the Sanctuary |
| Jan 2, Sunday  | 11:00 am | One worship service in the Sanctuary |

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information or to apply for the jobs below, please [click here](#) or visit our [jobs page](#) online.

## **Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)**

Would you love to be on the front lines of helping our church members to access pastoral care and support? The Care AA plays a pivotal role in pastoral care case management, administrative support for the Care pastor and Care ministries, as well as coordination of funerals and special events. If you have a warm presence with people of all ages, strong administrative skills, the ability to quickly master our church database software (CCB), and can maintain airtight confidentiality, we would love to hear from you!

## **Serve Ministries Director**

Is your passion mobilizing a congregation to participate in what God is doing to redeem the world? We need someone with highly developed organizational skills and relational skills to manage our complex program of grant-making, direct service, and witness. This involves working with our mission committees and councils to implement our vision, and leading them to explore fresh visions of God's call to our congregation.

## **AV Part Time**

**AV Assistant:** This entry level paid contract position is requires weekend availability, a positive attitude, excellent hearing and a willingness to learn.

**AV Engineer:** Some experience with audio engineering is required. Weekend and evening availability is a must.

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

## New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

[Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook.  
[Click here](#) or visit our home page at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter. Follow us on social media!

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

## Join us for in-person worship (and we're always online)!

Ready to come back to church? Please do! Masks are required of all, but there is no pre-registration required, and no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit [nationalpres.org/return](http://nationalpres.org/return).

## Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 202.800.9121 between 12-1 pm. A Stephen Minister or Deacon will be prepared to take your call. If all lines are busy, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and you will receive a return call.

**Trying times take their toll – we are here to support you.** The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that may help on topics like isolation, anxiety, and difficult conversations. Use them on your own or share with a friend. Find these resources on the Care webpage or reach out to Liz at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) in the Care Office if we can help.

## Prayers

### We pray for:

members and friends of National Presbyterian Church who are experiencing hardship during the Advent season.

### We pray for:

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF), committed to Arab Christians in the Holy Land, creating jobs, fostering education, building homes and offering support to Palestinian believers.

### How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to

Liz Martin,

[lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7540.

## Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference

Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving), text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Mr. Carl Joseph Gilbert Anderson  
by his son,  
Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.



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