December 5, 2021 Communion Second Sunday in Advent

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The glory of the Lord will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:2-3

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick		
Associate Pastors	Rev. Donna Marsh		
	Dr. Quinn Fox		
	Rev. Katie Francis		
Parish Associates	ciates Dr. Nancy Fox		
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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.

#### Communion

Today, December 5, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please <u>click here</u> to read the guidelines for preparation.

#### 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 <u>click here</u> or contact <u>LSaum@nationalpres.org</u> or call 202.537.7494.

#### Christmas Angel Tree

Bless children of prisoners with an Angel Tree gift! Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides an opportunity for National to extend the hope of the Gospel and enfold Angel Tree families into church life through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents. For more information or to sign up, please <u>click here</u> or visit our events page online. Kindly wrap your gifts with the child's name clearly marked and return them to the Christmas tree in Stone Hall on December 12, the first Sunday of Mission Gifts, or drop them by the church office before Thursday, December 16.

#### 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our events page online.

#### 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 <u>click here</u> or go to nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to shop online now through December 31.

#### **Mission Gifts Volunteer Opportunities**

We need helpers for food preparation, hospitality, cashiers, decorating and take down. Please <u>click here</u> or visit nationalpres. org/mission-gifts to volunteer.

#### Come visit our new Welcome Center!

We have loads of helpful resources in our new Welcome Center (Bible Reading Guides, Care and Joy List, NPC info, etc.) just outside the Sanctuary. There are also friendly folks in the Welcome Center to answer your questions and get you connected here at NPC.

### 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

	Gathering	Improvisations	Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboar	d
	Call to Worship		Dr. David Renwic	k
•	O come, O come, Emmanuel,a that mourns in lonely exile h <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanue</i>	here until the Son of God I shall come to thee, O Isra	l. l appear. <i>ael!</i>	ıl
	O come, thou Dayspring, come Disperse the gloomy clouds o <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanue</i>	of night, and death's dark I shall come to thee, O Isra	k shadows put to flight. <i>uel!</i>	
	O come, Desire of nations, bind Bid envy, strife and discord c <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel</i>	cease; fill the whole world	l with heaven's peace.	
	Lighting of the Second Adv	ent Candle	Chris and Carol Cadou with Lillian and Willian	
•	Congregational Response Good Christian friends, rejoice v now we need not fear the grav Calls us one and calls us all to ga Christ was born to save! Chri	ve: Jesus Christ was born ain the everlasting hall.		0
	PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CO Almighty and everlasting God, y by the brightness of a guiding Those who were wise followed th May we in adoration and con Holy God, forgive our sins and s As the Magi offered their earr so may we offer ourselves t that all may know the g	you revealed the coming o g star. hat light to his presence, a afession also bow before h strengthen us to follow in nest worship,	of your Son our Savior and knelt in humble wonder. im. his ways. rust,	x
	SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSUE Believe the good news of the Gosp In Jesus Christ we are forgiver	el.		
•	Congregational Response Glory be to God the Father, glor Ever Three and ever One; As it was in the beginning, now Alleluia and thanksgiving, now	and evermore shall be;	<i>Nettleto</i> s o the Holy Spirit,	n

▲ Affirmation of Faith An Advent Affirmation 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.

We rejoice in the knowledge that he will one day return to rule in righteousness, to renew the earth, and to claim us as God's own.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel. Younger children may remain with parents (worship bags available) or parents may take to the Nursery.

#### Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Joy Eckert (See text on page 7.) Sermon Kings: The Right to Rule Dr. Renwick

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts		Rev. Donna Marsh
There are offering p	lates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and	gifts.
Offering Song	How Many Kings	Jason Germain
Follow the star to a place	unexpected,	
would you believe, aft	er all we've projected, a child in a manger?	
Lowly and small, the	weakest of all,	
Unlikeliest hero, wrap	ped in his mother's shawl - just a child -	
Is this who we've wait	ed for?	
How many kings ste	p down from their thrones?	
How many lords	have abandoned their homes?	
How many greats ha	ive become the least for me?	
And how many g	ods have poured out their hearts	
to romance a world	that is torn all apart.	
How many fathe	rs gave up their sons for me?	
Bringing our gifts for the	e newborn Savior,	
all that we have, whet	her costly or meek because we believe.	
Gold for his honor an	d frankincense for his pleasure	
and myrrh for the cro	ss he will suffer.	
•	s who we've waited for?	
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Dr. Renwick

	How many kings step down from their thrones? How many lords have abandoned their homes? How many greats have become the least How many kings step down from their thrones? How many lords have abandoned their homes? How many greats have become the least for me? And how many gods have poured out their hearts to romance a world that is torn all apart? How many fathers gave up their sons for me?	
	Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.	
	THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Invitation to the Table Words of Institution and Distribution Solo Meditation Light of The World The world waits for a miracle, the heart longs for a little bit of hope.	Rev. Marsh Lauren Daigle
	O come, O come Emmanuel. A child prays for peace on earth, and she's calling out from a sea of hurt. O come, O come, Emmanuel. And can you hear the angels singing: <i>Chorus</i>	
	<ul> <li>Glory to the Light of the world. Glory the Light of the world is here.</li> <li>The drought breaks with the tears of a mother, a baby's cry is the sound of love Come down, Emmanuel. He is the song for the suffering. He is Messiah. The Prince of peace has come. He has come, Emmanuel. Cheronal who wait, for all who hunger, for all who've prayed, for all who wonde Behold your King, behold Messiah. Emmanuel Emmanuel! Chorus</li> <li>Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer</li> <li>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.</li> <li>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.</li> </ul>	borus
•	CLOSING SONG Advent Hymn Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the everlasting light; Son of righteousness arise and triumph o'er these chains of mine. Come, thou long awaited One, in the fullness of your love. And loose this heart bound up by shame, and I will never be the same. <i>Chorus</i> <i>So, here I've waited hope of you. All my soul's longing through and throw</i> <i>Dayspring from on high be near, and Daystar in my heart appear.</i> Dark and cheerless is the morn, until your love in me is born. And joyless is the evening song, until Emmanuel has come. <i>Chorus</i>	Christy Nockels ugh.
•	Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ	Dr. Renwick
•	Sending	NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

### 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms Todd Fickley, organ

Chimes
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	Call to Worship		Dr. David Renwick
	Let every hill and val Greet One who come <i>O blest is Christ th</i> Christ brings God's rule	Prepare the Way n, your Christ is drawing near! ley a level way appear. es in glory, foretold in sacred story <i>at came in God's most holy name</i> . , O Zion; he comes from heav'n a	above.
	Lift high your praise	freedom, and justice, truth, and l resounding, for grace and joy abo <i>at came in God's most holy name</i> .	
	And tidings of salvati All lands will bow rej	O Zion; your Savior's rule embrac on proclaim in every place. oicing, their adoration voicing. <i>at came in God's most holy name</i> .	æ.
	Lighting of the Seco	nd Advent Candle	Norlie Lin and Vince D'Onofrio with Sabella D'Onofrio
•		ighty gates, behold, the King of glory awing near; the Savior of the world is	
	by the brightness of a Those who were wise fol May we in adoration Holy God, forgive our s As the Magi offered t so may we offer ou	g God, you revealed the coming o a guiding star. llowed that light to his presence, a and confession also bow before h ins and strengthen us to follow in	and knelt in humble wonder. im. his ways. rust,
	Believe the good news of	D Assurance of Pardon the Gospel. <b>forgiven. Thanks be to God.</b>	
•	now we need not fear Calls us one and calls us	ONSE rejoice with heart, and soul, and the grave: Jesus Christ was born all to gain the everlasting hall. ve! Christ was born to save!	

and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.

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#### Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the

rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

<sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Kings: The Right to Rule

Dr. Renwick

Dr. Renwick

Elder Ann May

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Hymn i	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Stuttgart
-	g-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; rs and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.	
Born thy people	e to deliver, born a child and yet a King, n in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.	
	RING OF TITHES AND GIFTS e offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes a Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.	Rev. Donna Marsh and gifts.
Three kings st The serving man Said he, "in al A light the mang Said they, "Th They loosed their	The Three Kings night so late?" the weary porter said. tood at the gate, each with crown on head. bowed down; the inn was full, he knew. Il this town is no fit place for you!" er lit: There lay the mother meek. his place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!" t latchet strings; so stood they all unshod. he in, ye kings! And kiss the feet of God.	Healey Willan Laurence Housman
The Sacrament	OF COMMUNION	Rev. Marsh
Invitation to th	e Table	
Music Meditati Lova I Won	ution and Distribution on Love Came Down at Christmas e came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas, star and angel gave the sign. Star and angel gave the sign. rship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign? Star and angel gave the sign.	Carson Cooman
	e shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine; love to God and to all the world, love for plea and gift and sigr Star and angel gave the sign.	1. Christina Rossetti
Our Father, Thy kingo Give us this and forgiv And lead us	onse and The Lord's Prayer who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. day our daily bread, we us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Am	nen.
Нумn 44 <i>verses 1,</i> O little town of Above thy de Yet in thy da		St. Louis

	O morning stars, together pr	els keep their watch of wondering love.	
	O holy Child of Bethlehem, de	0	
	Cast out our sin and enter in	_ · ·	
		s their great glad tidings tell;	
	O come to us, abide with us	, our Lord Emmanuel!	
•	Benediction		Dr. Renwick
▲	Choral Response		
	Come in, come in, ye kings! And k	iss the feet of God.	Healey Willan
<b></b>	Passing the Peace of Christ		
▲	Postlude	I Saw Three Ships	Richard Elliott
			Mr. Fickley
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# 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 <u>Adult Classes page</u> 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 <u>Children's Ministry</u> page or contact Terry Kumnick at <u>tkumnick@nationalpres.org</u>.

### 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 <u>Christmas webpage</u>. All of our worship services are both in-person and online.

Dec 5, Sunday	8:45 & 11:00 am	Communion Sunday
Dec 12, Sunday	8:45 & 11:00 am	A service of music from Handel's Messiah
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.

To view a complete list of our Christmas Eve events, please visit our events page.

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

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information or to apply for the jobs below, please <u>click here</u> 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!

#### Part Time AV Engineer

Some experience with audio engineering is required. Weekend and evening availability is a must.

#### Serve Ministries Director (Full time)

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 Assistant

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

### SERVING AT NATIONAL

#### 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 <u>tkumnick@</u> <u>nationalpres.org</u>.

#### 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 <u>tkumnick@nationalpres.org</u> for more information or if you'd like to help.

#### 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.

#### **Invite Your Friends!**

With the holidays around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reach out to others and invite them to Christmas wworship with us at National. Another great way to let others know about us is to <u>leave a Google review</u> or share our posts on social media.

#### 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

**For more volunteer opportunities**, please visit our <u>Serve at Church</u> page!

### Your December Giving Makes a Difference - Thank you!

Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship that comforts and inspires, classes and groups for all ages, pastoral care in times of difficulty, and service to those in our city and world.

- Recurring and one-time gifts can be made by <u>clicking here</u>, on our Giving webpage or by using the QR code below.
- Make a gift from your phone by texting the letters NPC to (833) 414-9444.
- Stock donations. Ask your broker to identify you as the donor. Deliver stock information to:
  - Morgan Stanley Smith Barney DTC
  - Clearing Number: 0015
  - Client Account number: 504-041937-387
  - Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc. NPC TIN: 53-0196611
- IRA Distributions: Required IRA minimum distributions made directly from your IRA to NPC are not subject to income taxes, which results in savings from a lower after-tax cost of the gift.

Thank you for your generosity!



# 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:

<u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook. <u>Click here</u> or visit our home page at 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 <u>click here</u> or visit <u>nationalpres.org/return</u>.

#### 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.

#### Need a Bible?

We have free gift Bibles in the narthex for you or anyone who does not have a Bible of their own. Please pick one up today as our gift to you!

#### Prayers

#### We pray for:

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

#### We pray for:

Middle East Missionaries as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

#### How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, <u>lmartin@nationalpres.org</u>, 202.537.7540.

#### **Today's Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Annette Quick and Roger Coy to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Featherston Quick and Howard Roland Quick.

#### Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference - Thank you!

Report through Oct. 31, 2021

Faith Giving	\$ 2, 156,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 861,000
Other Income	\$ 562,000
Total Income	\$ 3,579,000
Total Expenses	\$ 3,924,000
Balance	\$ (345,000)

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