

ADVENT

You are invited to join us! To see all of our activities for the Advent season and beyond, please visit our [events page](#) online. Here are just a few:

Advent Family Night

Sunday, November 28, 4:30 pm, Chapel and Stone Hall

The whole family is invited to come 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.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, December 12 & 19 (Shop online December 1-31)

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can gift friends and family by making donations in their honor to missionaries or mission organizations serving those in need. You're also invited to help make Stone Hall beautiful, prepare trays of Christmas goodies, cashier, or host during Mission Gifts in other ways. Please [click here](#) or go to nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to sign up!

Worship Schedule

Nov 28, Sun	8:45 & 11am	Sunday worship
Dec 1, Wed	7:00 pm	Advent Vespers with Communion
Dec 5, Sun	8:45 & 11am	Communion morning
Dec 12, Sun	8:45 & 11am	A service of special music from Handel's Messiah
Dec 19, Sun	8:45 & 11am	The Christmas story told for all ages
Dec 24, Fri	see below	
Dec 26, Sun	11am	One worship service in the Sanctuary
Jan 2, Sun	11am	One worship service in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

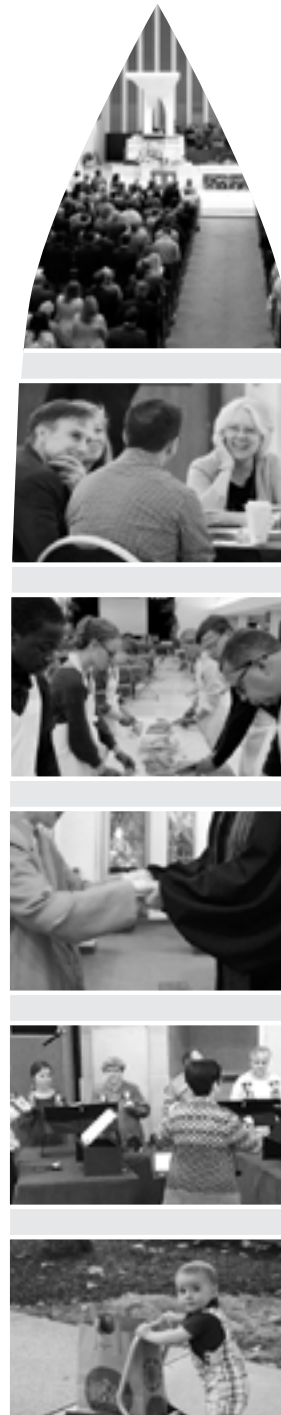
Bring the whole family and join us for a sweet time of re-telling the Christmas story that the kids will love!

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.



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NOVEMBER 25, 2021

THANKSGIVING DAY

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...
and be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15

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 (<i>Director</i>) Todd Fickley (<i>Organist</i>) Joanna Zorack-Greene (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	Kristin Franke (<i>Youth & Families</i>) Terry Kumnick (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>)

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

PRELUDE Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657 J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND WELCOME Rev. Donna Marsh

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING Elder David Mack

CALL TO WORSHIP *in unison* Psalm 100:1-4

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

▲ HYMN 559 We Gather Together *Kremsler*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Nun danket alle Gott*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, our Creator and Sustainer,
your people bring thanksgiving gifts today:
produce of the farm and field, fruits of the garden and orchard.

Guide our worship, Lord,

lest we, who come with full hands, leave with empty hearts.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us.

May your hand that gives us abundance

also guide us in paths of righteousness, to yield a harvest that is eternal.

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 *Nun danket alle Gott*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 Jamie Levinson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Thanksgiving Skills 101 Rev. Marsh

PROCESSION OF THANKSGIVING GIFTS

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Todd Fickley, organ

*God's people bring gifts and offerings of thanksgiving
for Central Union Mission.*

*If you're watching online and would like to give
to Central Union Mission today, please [click here](#).*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand *Duke Street*

O God, beneath thy guiding hand our exiled forebears crossed the sea;

And when they trod the wintry strand, with prayer and psalm they worshiped thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer; thy blessing came, and still its power

Does onward through the ages bear the mem'ry of that holy hour.

Now here thy name, O God of love, their children's children do adore,

Till these majestic hills remove, and spring adorns the earth no more.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Nun danket alle Gott*

O may our bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Marche Triomphale on "Now Thank We All Our God"

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The annual fruit and vegetable arrangements are given by the NPC family and friends in thanksgiving to God for his love and many blessings to us and our nation.