## 2022 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching, joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

### Sunday School for Adults, Youth and Children resumes January 9

Know and grow in God's Word through weekly Sunday School opportunities for all. In addition, Club 45 (4th and 5th graders) meet each month for a time of fun, faith and friends.

#### Youth

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.

### Vacation Bible School

A week-long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

### Youth Summer Trips

High School students will travel to the Dominican Republic for a week-long mission trip, and middle school students will attend camp together.

### Seasonal Food Drives and Great Day of Service

Year-round opportunities to serve, including a special day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community.

### Care and Support

Those going through a difficult time can find a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of transition or grief.

### **Small Groups**

Our welcoming small groups gather throughout the week in person and online for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

### Large Groups

Our large groups include Men's Breakfast, Women's Dessert Night, Military Ministry, Senior Adults, Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.

You'll find the details about these and more at www.nationalpres.org.



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# Welcome to NATIONAL Presbyterian CHURCH

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE CHRISTMAS STORY 2:00 PM

In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:4-5

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)

# Christmas Eve 2:00 PM

Welcome! Please wear a mask at all times while indoors at NPC, regardless of your vaccination status.

Masks should stay on throughout the entire worship service.

Thank you for loving your neighbor in this way!

## The Savior's Birth Told with Candles

PRELUDE Improvisation on veni emmanuel Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Fox

OPENING SONG O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

# The Light Comes into the World

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is night.

# The Angels, Shepherds and Sheep

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelsohn

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

## The Magi and the Star

The First Nowell

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The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they, lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Dr. Fox

# Rejoicing in the Light of the World

Joy to the World

Antioch

Joy to the world, the Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Margaret Gardner

## The Light Shines in the Darkness

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Dr. Fox

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright,

Round von virgin mother and child!

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

EXTINGUISHING CANDLES AND CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Dr. Fox

POSTLUDE Improvisation on Antioch

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

### Candle Lighters

Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Margaret Gardner, Associate for Small Groups and Adult Discipleship

#### **Pianist**

Joanna Zorack-Greene, Contemporary Music Leader