

December 24, 2021

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY NATIVITY

5:00 PM

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in a manger.*

Luke 2:11-12

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>)



We are delighted that you have joined us this Christmas Eve
to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us for worship on Sunday, December 26
and Sunday, January 2, 2022

11:00 am in the Sanctuary

You are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 9, 2022:

8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

9:55–10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages



The Birth of Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

O Little Town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Angels Visit the Shepherds

ANGELS TO SHEPHERDS

HEAVENLY HOST

CHOIRS

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angel Choir

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

with Tessa Green, violin

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

Shepherd Choir

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Refrain: *Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*
If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. **Refrain**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"
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.

Three Wise Men Follow the Star

ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN

HEROD QUESTIONS PRIESTS AND WISE MEN

WISE MEN FIND JESUS

HYMN

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

Three Kings: verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;

Alleluia, alleluia sounds the earth and skies.

Congregation: *Join in the final refrain*

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

We Present Our Gifts

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Dr. Fox

Like the magi, we present our own gifts. Your gifts support the ministries and mission of National.

OFFERTORY

The First Noel

arr. Kurt Bestor

Tessa Green, violin

with Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,

and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BLESSING AND INVITATION TO THE MANGER

Dr. Fox

POSTLUDE

Carillon on "Joy to the World"

Mary Beth Bennett

▲ = *Congregation standing as able*

All are invited for Christmas cookies, cocoa and coffee in Stone Hall following the service.

CAST

Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

Isaiah

Peter Crumley

Holy Family

Derek Hoffmann and
Tamara Shaya Hoffmann with Eliana

Angels

Lauren Levinson
Caroline Dickey
Eleanor Schmitt
Meghan Thompson

Wise Men

Shanwai Lin
Weston Muoio
Sasha May

Priest

Miles Green

King Herod

Jamie Levinson

Shepherd Choir

Mackenzie Afnan, Lake Angehr-Sun,
Sabella D'Onofrio, Wren Francis,
Elijah Hafemeister, Caroline Lenhard,
Lucy Marquez, Sofiya Wynnycky,
Luisa Zandamela

Angel Choir

Beatrice Angehr-Sun, Georgia Ballman,
Eleanor Crumpler, Cedar Francis,
Ozette Francis, Carter Gamse, Mack
Gawel, Nyla Ann Gawel, Jag Gerken,
Khalea Ham, Virginia Herndon,
Evelyn Kingsland, Javier Kingsland,
Meg Park, Caroline Toppings,
Boone Vanderbloemen,
Campbell Vanderbloemen, Colin Williams

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Lighting

Walker Borgmann

Spotlight

Kelsey Kumnick

Costumes

Gerri Hall, Joyce Martin

Cast and Cue Coordinators

Kristin Franke, Melanie Lenhard,
Terry Kumnick

Shepherd Choir Director

Susan Kozel

Shepherd Choir Costume Aides

Pam Park, Terry Kumnick

Shepherd Choir Coordinators

Jason Hafemeister, Lalla Marquez

Angel Choir Director

Nyla Beth Gawel

Angel Choir Costume Aides

Karen Ballman, Aliscia Gerken,
Antoinette Forbes, Laura Williams

Angel Choir Coordinators

Lisa Herndon,
Christina Vanderbloemen,
Emily Kingsland, Jane Crumpler

Set Crew

Terry and Brian Kumnick,
Will Muoio

Violinist

Tessa Green

Wreath Lighters

Brian, Christina, Boone,
Campbell and Quincy Vanderbloemen

Ushers

Grace Hafemeister, Adele Muoio,
Suri Skrine, Jamie Velasco

Pianist

Joanna Zorack-Greene

Organist

Todd Fickley

Technical Director

Bill McNett

Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

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 Fellowship Dessert Nights, Military Ministry, Senior Adults, Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.

Prepare for Marriage Workshop

Couples planning to get married in 2022 are invited for a day of preparation, information and reflection. Required for couples whose weddings will be held at NPC or officiated by one of our pastors; engaged couples planning to marry in another setting are welcome to participate on March 12, 2022.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NPC Annual Christmas Ornament

If you cannot attend our Christmas Eve services in person, we still want you to receive our gift to you - a 2021 commemorative ornament. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please [click here](#) or contact Leslie at lsaum@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7494.

Sunday School Schedule

Our children's, youth and adult Sunday School will not meet on December 26 and January 2. Classes resume January 9th with a new January-term line-up of adult classes. Please visit our [adults Classes page](#) online for the class list.

Mission Lunch & Learn, January 9, 12:30 pm

Join us for an update by representatives from McGilvary College of Divinity in Thailand.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Merry Christmas! It's not too late to contribute to missionaries and organizations. To order online until midnight on December 31 [click here](#).

Pathway Membership Class

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or learn more about Christian faith, please attend the two half-day Saturday online Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on January 22 and 29. More information can be found [on our website](#), or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by January 12th at 202.537.7578 or krakiatu@nationalpres.org.

Come Visit our New Welcome Center!

We have lots 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.

Tornado Relief

If you would like to contribute to helping the victims of the December 11th tornadoes in Kentucky, Illinois and beyond, NPC is partnering with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program for this purpose. Please [click here](#) for more information and [click here](#) to give.

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:

Those serving in the military or foreign service.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to
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