

ADVENT

Advent Family Night

Sunday, December 2, 4:30–6 p.m., Chapel and Stone Hall

Families are invited for an evening of family worship, Christmas crafts, and pizza dinner! \$5/person or \$25/family max. *RSVP to reserve your Advent wreath craft: nationalpres.org/children.*

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, December 9 & 16, Stone Hall

This Christmas, give to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker!

Handel's "Messiah" Concert

Sunday, December 9, 5 p.m., Sanctuary

Bring your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of "Son of David: Our Coming Savior" in Handel's *Messiah*.

No tickets are required; a freewill offering will be received.

December Worship

- **Sunday, December 2** 9 & 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 5** 7 p.m. *Advent Vespers worship with Communion.*
- **Sunday, December 9** 9 & 11 a.m.
- **Sunday, December 16** 9 & 11 a.m. *A service of special music.*
- **Sunday, December 23** 11 a.m. *The Christmas story told for all ages in one worship service in the Sanctuary.*
- **Sunday, December 30** 11 a.m. *One worship service in the Sanctuary.*

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. // Family Nativity Service

Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible's nativity story to life in this music-filled narrated reenactment. Families of all ages are invited!

8:00 p.m. // Candlelight & Communion Worship

Carols will be sung and Communion will be served as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

10:00 p.m. // Candlelight Worship

This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus' birth.



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Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THANKSGIVING DAY

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.*

*Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.*

Psalm 105:1-2

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (<i>Director</i>), Todd Fickley (<i>Organist</i>) Joanna Jones (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Kristin Franke (<i>Youth</i>), Cate McCrory (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>), John Marienau Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)

10 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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 Amb. David Mack

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

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

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

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

***All* We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

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

***All* Give thanks to him and bless God's holy name.** Psalm 100:1-4

▲ HYMN 554 Let All Things Now Living *Ash Grove*

▲ 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 3:15-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Everyday Thanksgiving Rev. Donna 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.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. Donna Marsh

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," Op. 65, No. 59

▲ 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.*