

November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry, and whoever believes in me will
never be thirsty."*

Matthew 6:35

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Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
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Jill Meek (Children)
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10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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

CHIMES AND WELCOME Rev. Lisa Larsen

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING Elder David Mack

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

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 *Kremser*

▲ 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 your 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 6:25-35

Lauren Zelt

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ PRESENTING OUR THANKSGIVING GIFTS

Organ: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

God's people bring gifts and offerings of thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 Marche Triomphale on *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Op. 56, No. 59

Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ADVENT

Christmas is just around the corner! For all the information about the many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior with NPC, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/Christmas.

Advent Devotional

We're excited to offer you an Advent devotional guide entitled *The Promised One*. Please [click here](#) or visit our home page to view online or download the devotional.

Advent Family Night

Sunday, November 27, 5:00 pm

Start the Advent season on a fun, family-friendly, and faith-centered note with worship, crafts and dinner!

Care Packages for Troops

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am-Noon

Our Military Ministry will collect items for Christmas care packages to be sent to troops overseas.

What Child Is This? Welcoming Jesus as Prophet, Priest and King

These three roles help us understand who we worship at the manger. Worship with us at 8:45 and 11:00 am on the Sundays before Christmas, including a service of lessons and carols on December 18.

Navy Sea Chanters Concert

December 5, 1:00 pm, in person & online

After our Adult Fellowship Luncheon, we will move to the Sanctuary to hear a live concert by the US Navy Sea Chanters.

Advent Vespers (Evening Worship)

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 pm

Join us for a prayerful evening Advent worship service in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#).

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, December 11 & 18

Shop online December 1-31

Mission Gifts for Christmas enables you to give meaningful gifts instead of giving another “thing,” by supporting God’s work locally and internationally. It takes many of us to host this special occasion. Sign up to serve [here](#).

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Through Angel Tree, you can give incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and personal message as a tangible representation of love.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir and Orchestra presents *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*: Our Coming Savior in Handel’s Messiah. In the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#) at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, December 11. All are welcome, and no tickets are necessary!

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm: Family Nativity Service

Our children, youth and adults will bring to life the nativity story with song and scripture. This is a family-friendly service that your kids will love!

8:00 & 10:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Services

The message, prayers and beautiful music of these traditional Christmas Eve services will inspire you and fill you with hope.



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