











December 4, 2022 Second Sunday in Advent

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

Transitional Senior Pastor

Associate Pastors

Rev. Allan Poole Rev. Donna Marsh Dr. Quinn Fox

Parish Associates

Rev. Lisa Larsen Dr. Nancy Fox

Music

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus Dr. Michael Denham (Director)

Todd Fickley (Organist) Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve) Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Jill Meek (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Devotional: View Online or Download

You're invited to an Advent pilgrimage to the manger! We are excited to offer you an Advent devotional guide entitled *The Promised One*. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our home page to view online or download the devotional. Starting November 27, we'll engage in a visual and spiritual feast that includes daily readings from Scripture, a brief meditation, and a couple of short questions for reflection. Let's pray that when that Birthday arrives, we will find ourselves expectant, eager, and joyful at his coming.

Communion

Today, December 4, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please <u>click here</u> to read the guidelines for preparation.

Thank you to all who participated in Care Packages for Troops!

Please join us in praying that these boxes will find them safe and help them to feel the love of Christ wherever they are in the world.

Navy Sea Chanters Concert & Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, December 5, 11:30 & 1:00 pm

On Monday, December 5, our Adult Fellowship luncheon will take place at 11:30 am in Stone Fellowship Hall. Then at 1:00 pm, we will move to the Sanctuary to hear a live concert by the US Navy Sea Chanters. This dynamic performance will also be broadcast online on our Watch page. To make a lunch reservation, please call 202.537.7584 or email janderson@nationalpres.org.

Young Adult Advent Meet-up Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 pm

Join us at Surfside restaurant for a young adult gathering! All are invited, and welcome to bring friends. For more details, contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org.

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our <u>Events page</u> online.

December 1-31: <u>Mission Gifts for Christmas</u> available online

Today, December 4

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Monday, December 5

- 11:30 am: Adult Fellowship Luncheon
- 1:00 pm: Navy Sea Chanters Adult Fellowship Program

Wednesday, December 7

- 5:00 pm: Young Adult Advent Meet-Up
- 7:00 pm: Advent Vespers Service

Friday, December 9

• 7:00 pm: Festival Choir Piano Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10

• 10:00 am: Festival Choir Orchestra Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11

- Mission Gifts for Christmas in Stone Fellowship Hall
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm: Handel's Messiah Concert
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

8:45 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

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Arr. Meredith Andrews

▲ OPENING SONG Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.

From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art.

Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.

Born to reign in us forever. Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.

By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

You draw the hearts of shepherds, you draw the hearts of kings.

Even as a baby, you were changing ev'rything.

You called me to your kingdom before your lips could speak,

and even as a baby you were reaching out for me.

And now we are awaiting the day of your return

when ev'ry eye will see you as heaven comes to earth.

Until the sky is opened, until the trumpet sounds,

The bride is getting ready, the Church is singing out.

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free. From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in thee.

Come, thou long expected King.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Adelekan Family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, thou long expected King. (2x)

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Our souls long for you, O Lord,

more than watchmen who wait for the morning.

Anticipating your dawn of peace, your people wait in hope.

You alone are grace and truth. You alone are steadfast love.

Savior God, meet us in our need. Prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son, who guides us in the ways of peace.

On his merits and for his sake, forgive our sins.

In him alone we see your glory and our salvation.

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

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One;

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;

Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Advent Affirmation

We believe in one God, whose almighty word brought forth the universe, who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created

and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.

We believe that at the right moment in time,

God's Word became flesh in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

We believe that this good news of great joy which heralded Jesus' birth also points us to the cross on which Jesus died, and to his empty tomb.

There the angel's message "He is risen!"

heralded the glorious good news of Christ's resurrection.

We believe that this same Jesus is alive to meet us every day. and to offer us new and abundant life.

We rejoice in the knowledge that he will one day return to rule in righteousness, to renew the earth, and to claim us as God's own.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A Time for Children of All Ages

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Associate Director for Children's Ministry

Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel. Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.

Welcome, Announcements, and Pathway

Rev. Larsen

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 9:1-15

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Allan Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

OFFERING SONG

Great Light of the World

Bebo Norman

O Great Light of the world, fill up my soul. I'm only half here, so come make me whole. O Great Light of the world come to impart the light of your grace to fill up my heart.

Chorus: To fill up my heart, to fill up my heart, Light of the world, fill up my heart. (2X) Fill up my heart.

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

Prayer of Response 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.

▲ CLOSING SONG What a Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down. My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

Chorus 2: What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (2X)

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

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▲ SENDING NPC Band

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Prelude

What Child Is This

Richard Purvis Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Granville Family

RESPONSE sung first by the choir, then the congregation

Waiting

While we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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more than watchmen who wait for the morning.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now we need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls us one and calls us all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE What Child Is This Greensleeves

Choir: What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Congregation: Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

Rev. Donna Marsh

Molly Ijames

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

OFFERTORY Thou Who Wast Rich

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;

Heav'n's throne and glory did surrender, our true salvation to procure.

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for our sake becamest man;

Stooping so low, but sinners raising heavenwards by God's eternal plan.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for our sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and Lord, we worship thee.

Emmanuel within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.

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Frank Houghton, alt.

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▲ Hymn Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus All Saints

Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names, Reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, pow'rs, and claims;

Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain, Who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain;

Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace.

Sacrifice and suff'ring over, now he sits at God's right hand,

Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, his preeminence long planned;

Such a great high priest we have, strong to help, supreme to save.

Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end,

Pioneer of our salvation, mighty advocate and friend: Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

Christopher M. Idle

▲ Benediction Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and Lord, we worship thee.

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Marsh

Proclamation on "Wachet Auf" ▲ Postlude

Aaron David Miller

Todd Fickley, Organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

CHRISTMAS AT NATIONAL

Celebrate Christmas with National! For more information about your many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior with NPC, please <u>click here</u> or visit nationalpres.org/Christmas. All of our worship services are both in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our Watch page.

Advent Devotional

See page 2 or <u>click here</u> to join us in our Advent devotional!

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.

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts for the children of incarcerated parents. This is how it works: you select a child from our list, buy and wrap a gift or gifts, and bring them to Stone Hall by December 11. Our volunteers will deliver the gifts the week before Christmas. The gifts express the hope of Christmas to families with loved ones in prison.

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 <u>Watch page</u> at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, December 11. All are welcome and no tickets are necessary!

Mission Gifts for Christmas Sundays, December 11 & 18 in Stone Fellowship Hall

Mission Gifts for Christmas enables you to give meaningful gifts by supporting God's work. Please <u>click here</u> to select missionaries/organizations to receive your donations. You can give online now through December 31. Please <u>sign up</u> here to help serve.







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

Advent is the season in the Christian year when we are especially attentive to the meaning of the Incarnation, understood through an encounter with the One who fulfilled the roles first revealed in our Old Testament of prophet, priest, and king. It is also a season in which we attend to our own preparedness to receive him as Lord. 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 at 11:00 am

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.

Sundays, December 25 & January 1

We will have a single worship service at 11:00 am both Sundays. Childcare will be provided for ages up to 4 years. Our regular worship schedule and Sunday School for all ages will resume on January 8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 NPC Christmas Ornaments Available by Mail

If you can't make it to church in person and would still like a 2022 NPC Christmas ornament, please click here or contact Leslie Saum at lsaum@nationalpres.org and we will be happy to mail one to you, as long as supplies last.

Christmas Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one by supporting NPC's Christmas flower displays? You will find Flower Ministry envelopes on the tables outside the sanctuary. You may make a donation of any size to NPC by check, noting Christmas Flowers on the memo line, and submit it in the offering plate or mail it to the NPC Finance office. A list of dedications will appear in the bulletin shortly after Christmas.

Job Opportunities with National Presbyterian Church

- Children's Ministry Summer Intern
- Youth Ministry Summer Intern
- AV Engineer (Part time, contract)
- AV Assistant (Part time, contract)

For more information or to apply, please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Jobs page</u> online.

Living & Giving Generously in God's World: The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving can help!

Are you thinking about philanthropic strategies for planned giving? The NPC Fund is here to help you design or implement a Donor-Advised Fund or Charitable Trust structure to meet your giving goals. Please email NPCFUND@natpres.org or contact Rick Hawthorne at 301.452.8269 or Jonathan Dickey at 443.722.4840 for more information. You may also click here to visit our Giving webpage.

Thank You from the Renwicks

Recently retired senior pastor Dr. Renwick and his wife Currie are doing well, and send their thanks to the NPC family for a wonderful send off. <u>Click here</u> to read a letter from them with their thanks, updates, and some great photos.

Senior Pastor Search Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet with and interview candidates in person. As the PNC seeks to discern God's call to the next senior pastor of NPC, prayer is an important part of the process. The PNC invites you to pray with and for them, and the final candidates, so that, together, they will sense God's will for our church. You can check their webpage by clicking here.

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministers provide one-to one care for those who are experiencing challenging times, such as the death of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce, loneliness, chronic illness, unemployment, spiritual crisis, a new job, and more. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet with you confidentially one hour per week by phone or Zoom. Your identity and your conversations are held in confidence. Please email Lisa Larsen at Llarsen@nationalpres.org or call the Care office at 202-537-7537 for more information.

National Presbyterian School

NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for Pre-K3 through Sixth Grade. Choose from weekly events offered to explore our school. Application deadline is January 13. For more information visit www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.

SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our Watch page.

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Adult Sunday School Classes

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Adults Classes page</u> online to read the full description and for the online link.

| Class Title | Teacher(s)/Facilitator(s) | Location |
|--|--|---|
| Hebrews—Looking to Jesus; Going On To Maturity | R.V. Seep | Chapel, In-person and online available |
| Talking about Race: Gospel Hope for Hard Conversations | Peggy Lewis, Nancy Fox, Lewrene Glaser | Room #209 |
| Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come | Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner and others | Garden Room C |
| Parent Gathering | Kristin Franke and others | Jones Hall in the Education Building |

Youth Sunday School

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Youth page</u> online for more information about Sunday School and other youth events. Youth grades 6-12, please come to the Multipurpose Building for Sunday School. We'll meet there briefly then split to smaller groups by age.

Children's Sunday School

Please click here or visit our Children's page online to read about our Children's Ministry.

- The Nursery rooms are available for all infants to walkers, up to age 4, 8:30 am-noon, including during the Sunday School hour.
- Children ages 2-3 years have their Sunday school program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Classes for age 4 through 5th grade are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Friday, December 16 at 7pm

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact jmeek@nationalpres.org or check our Events page for more information and meeting dates.

Youth Christmas Party Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 pm

All youth are invited to a Christmas party! Please bring a white elephant gift (under \$10, no gift cards please). Wear your best Christmas sweater!

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

- <u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook.
- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
 Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Children's page for kids up to 5th grade.
- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We grieve the death of: Barry Sanders.

We pray for:

John Wagner, as he works with Young Life to spread the Gospel to teens in New York and in cities across the globe.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office, <u>llarsen@nationalpres.org</u> 202.537.7537

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference

Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time.

Let's finish 2022 strong! You can support the general ministry of National:

- Go to <u>national pres.org/giving</u>
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



If you haven't yet made your 2023 commitment, please visit <u>nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023</u> or scan the QR code below to make your commitment online.



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please click <u>here</u>.

For help or questions about giving, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth Featherston Quick and Howard Roland Quick by Annette Quick and Roger Coy.



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