

December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve

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

*While they were there,
the time came for her to deliver her child.
And she gave birth to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Luke 2:6-7

Transitional Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

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

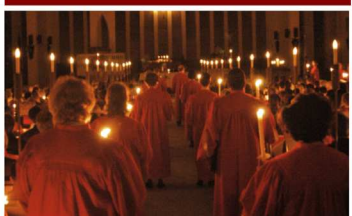
Parish Associates

Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)

Music

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)



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 tomorrow, December 25
and Sunday, January 1, 2023

11:00 am in the Sanctuary

You are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 8, 2023 with
8:45 & 11:00 am: worship in the Sanctuary and online
9:55 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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Angel Choir

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Congregation: Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Once in Royal David's City

Shepherd Choir

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

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.
Follow, follow; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

The First Nowell

St. Louis

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, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the east beyond them far,

And to the earth it gave great light,

And so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Three Wise Men Follow the Star

ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN

HEROD QUESTIONS PRIEST AND WISE MEN

WISE MEN FIND JESUS

HYMN

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

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

Alleluia, alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.

Congregation: 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 SOLO

Messiah

Francesca Battistelli
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
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing as able

CAST

Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

Isaiah

Peter Crumley

Holy Family

Alan Kim and Lauren Favreau Kim
with Adeline

Angels

Izzy Afnan
Price Burton
Eleanor Schmitt
Meghan Thompson

Wise Men

Dashiell May
Sasha May
Adele Muoio

Priest

Evan Atchison

King Herod

Jamie Levinson

Innkeeper

Jane Evans

Shepherd Choir

Beatrice Angehr-Sun, Leah Bailey,
Nyla Ann Gawel, Virginia Herndon,
Alex Horniak, Evelyn Kingsland,
Caroline Lenhard, Lucy Marquez,
Meggie Park, Winnie Pippert,
Celia Schestopol, Boone Vanderbloemen,
John Varcoe, Rebecca Varcoe,
Roya Woods, Ty Wormmeester

Angel Choir

James Angher-Sun, Georgia Ballman,
Eleanor Crumpler, Wesley Duncan,
Carter Gamse, Clara Gamse,
Mack Gawel, Giulia Guido,
Andrew Horniak, Colin Horniak,
Javier Kingsland, Mateo Marquez,
James Perine, Hannah Pippert,
Max Schestopol, Caroline Toppings,
Campbell Vanderbloemen, David Varcoe,
Grace Varcoe, Eleanor Wheatley,
Charlie Wingfield, Leigh Wormmeester

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

Director

Jill Meek

Costumes

Gerri Hall, Joyce Martin,
Katherine Schmitt

Cast and Cue Coordinators

Kristin Franke, Melanie Lenhard,
Kyle Putnam

Shepherd Choir Director

Susan Kozel

Shepherd Choir Assistants

Lisa Herndon, Emily Kingsland,
Pam Park, Katherine Pippert,
Christina Vanderbloemen

Angel Choir Director

Nyla Beth Gawel

Angel Choir Assistants

Karin Ballman, Jane Crumpler,
Barbara Guido, Heather Horniak,
Lalla Marquez, Joon Varcoe,
Kara Wheatley

Set Crew

Samuel Interiano, Jeff Jacobs,
Will Muoio, Roberto Recinos

Wreath Lighters

Stuart, Sarah, Felix, and Asa Naranch

Ushers

Samantha Afnan, Lake Angehr-Sun,
Margaret Evans, Chris Park,
Charlie Pippert, Bram Schestopol

Pianist

Joanna Zorack-Greene

Organists

Todd Fickley, John Varcoe

Technical Director

Bill McNett

Tech Crew

Henry Evans, Dez McNeil, Will Muoio

Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

2023 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 8

Know and grow in God's Word through weekly Sunday School opportunities for all.

Club 45

Club 45 (fourth and fifth graders) meets regularly to grow in faith and friendship through games and devotionals.

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 June 26-30 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 attend Fun in the Sun youth conference in Hilton Head, SC, and middle school students will attend camp together in northeast Maryland.

Young Adults

We have a growing young adults group that meets regularly for fellowship and faith discussions.

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 warm and welcoming small groups gather throughout the week in person and online for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time together.

Large Groups

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

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 2022 commemorative ornament. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please [click here](#) or contact Leslie at lisaum@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7494.

Sunday School Schedule

Our children's, youth and adult Sunday School will not meet on December 25 and January 1. Classes resume January 8th with a new January-term line-up of adult classes. Please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online for the class list.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making January 8 after 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

Prayers

**We praise God for the gift of his son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

This week, we especially pray for:

Those serving in the military or foreign service, and for all those feeling separation or loss during the holiday season.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Wray Muoio in the Care Office,
wmuoio@nationalpres.org
202.537.7540.

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 of Christian Discipleship Class Saturdays, January 21 & 28, online

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the two-day online Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on January 21 & 28. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by January 11th at KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.

Bible Reading Guides for 2023

Why not make 2023 the year you read through the Bible? One way to do this is by using a Bible reading guide. You can pick up a printed version in our Welcome Center or [download your copy here](#) from our Resources page. If you'd like to just read the New Testament, please [click here](#).

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!



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