



December 7, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Revelation 21:1

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*
Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections)
McLane Stone (Youth), and Sally Swanson (Serve)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship God!

▲ HYMN 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

9:15 a.m. Mary Elisa & Clarence with Charlotte, Clarence and Elena Norment

11 a.m. Dianne & John Tingley

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Regent Square

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son;
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God,

you sent your messengers and prophets to preach repentance,
and to prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their message and to forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye 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!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

JOYFUL NOISEMAKERS

Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new.

Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

Directed by Mandy Brown with Joanna Jones, piano

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. *to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building. (grades K–5)*

11 a.m. *to go to the Worship for Life program in Church Room 106, then return after the sermon*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

9:15 a.m. Elder Paul Martin

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 559

11 a.m. Joan Braitsch

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Vision

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Samanthra

Isaiah the prophet hath written of old how God’s earthly kingdom shall come,

Instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.

The mountains and hills shall break forth into song, the peoples be led forth in peace,

For the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the seas.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Advent Affirmation

9:15 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

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 the same angels who heralded Jesus’ birth
also point 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 one day he will return to rule in righteousness,
to renew the earth, and to claim us as God’s own.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

He Shall Feed His Flock

G.F. Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him all ye that labor, come unto him all ye that are heavy laden,
and he will give you rest.

Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano and Sheri Jackson, soprano

Messiah

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

A Rose There Is

Michael Praetorius

A rose there is a-springing from tender roots on earth;

and Donald Cashmore

As ancient men were singing, from Jesse came its birth.

Es ist ein Ros’

And now this little flow’r appears in coldest winter at this, the midnight hour.

True Man with God's true pow'r, helps us from all our suff'ring, saves us from death's dark hour.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TODAY

MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS BEGINS TODAY!

Today & December 14, Stone Hall

Decide now to make this Christmas different! Did you know that Americans spend \$450 billion dollars on Christmas every year? Get your Christmas shopping done early, and make a difference for people who really need it! Mission Gifts for Christmas offers you an opportunity to give to 39 different charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *You can also shop online through the end of December at: www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

NEW MISSION GIFTS CHILDREN'S MARKET

Make Christmas more about giving than getting for your children! Our new Mission Gifts Children's Market provides children the opportunity to give teachers, friends, or family a gift that helps others. Your child can see samples of four \$1 gifts that will help other children in important ways. Encourage your children to save or earn dollars now!

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

3 p.m.

Washington Bach Consort presents "Christmas for Our Time," a program of new as well as familiar seasonal works performed by the Consort Chorus and organists Todd Fickley and J. Reilly Lewis. *Tickets and information: bachconsort.org*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN**
9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

NPC YOUTH

There will be no Youth Group today as our high school students are on their retreat. But don't miss our annual Christmas party, next Sunday, December 14, at 5 p.m. at the "Yellow House" (4010 Van Ness St NW). There will be a white elephant gift exchange and lots of fun!

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

"Across the Aisle" group for young adults (ages 22-35) gathers for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org*

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE: FINAL DAY

Youth House driveway & lawn

9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 1946 will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands. *They accept cash or checks only.*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thanks to all who have shared their stewardship commitment cards. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in and through NPC in 2015.

Mail your commitment card to the church, submit it online (nationalpres.org/giving), or place it in the offering plate. *Commitment cards can be found on the information table or in the pews.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesdays, Dec. 10 & 17

7-7:55 p.m., Chapel

Advent Vespers are a time of mid-week worship with communion during the busy Christmas season. *Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) is available with RSVP to: childcare@NationalPres.org.*

December 10 *The Span of Time*
Rev. Donna Marsh

December 17 *The Fullness of Time*
Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WEDNESDAY WOMEN & REAL MOMS GROUP

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10:15 a.m.

Church Rooms 110/111 and 105

All women are invited for a special Christmas gathering. We will begin together at 10:15 for fellowship and service projects followed by a Bible study about the Herod family from 11:15-12:15. Join us for this opportunity to get acquainted with other NPC women.

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

Sunday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

The City Choir of Washington presents "The Holly and The Ivy," their traditional holiday concert featuring festive music for chorus, brass and organ. *Tickets and information: www.citychoir.org.*

This concert tends to sell out, so consider ordering tickets early!

DECEMBER'S FOOD DONATION: CANNED TUNA

Please bring donations of canned tuna for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing lead by Pastors, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers. Come experience Jesus' healing touch at this beautiful and powerful chapel service. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

U.S. ARMY CHORUS CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Come and bring a friend to this amazing *free* concert of Christmas favorites (both sacred and secular)! All are invited to the Adult Fellowship Luncheon at noon in Stone Hall before the concert. *For lunch reservations (\$10), call 202.537.0800.*

WELCOME HOME COLLEGE LUNCHEON

Sunday, Dec. 21, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Welcome home, college students! Come catch up with old friends, and new, over a special lunch. Feel free to bring a friend!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Barbara Behr

Larry Kegley

Robert "Bob" Rosette

Krishnaswami Viswanathan

We celebrate the birth of:

Alexander Emmett Horniak on
November 16, 2014 to Heather Fritz
Horniak & David Horniak

Confidential prayer requests:

nationalpres.org/prayer

ONLINE GIVING TO NPC

Help support the mission and ministry of NPC through your year-end giving.

- Set up **recurring gifts** at NPC Online (link at the bottom of the NPC website, www.nationalpres.org)
- **One-time gifts** to NPC can be made on www.nationalpres.org/giving. Your gift will be processed through PayPal, but you do not need to have a PayPal account.
- Did you know you can contribute to NPC by **shopping on Amazon**? Select “The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.” as your designated charity using Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases.

YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The NPC and NPS family collected over **50 bags of winter clothes containing over 700 items, and monetary donations of \$250** for local mission partners.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Because of your donations, we were able to give over **\$1,100** to mission partner Central Union Mission.

CARE PACKAGES FOR STUDENTS

50 care packages with dozens of homemade cookies and other goodies were sent to NPC college students during their final exams thanks to you!

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT NPC

Be part of a great team serving Christ and the church! NPC is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant for Serve Ministries. This is a paid, 35 hour per week position reporting to Rev. Marsh. *The job description and instructions on how to apply can be found at www.nationalpres.org/jobs*

“JANUARY TERM” CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sundays, January 4–25, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

As the new year begins, a four-week “January Term” will be offered in Adult Sunday School. Fall classes and ongoing groups will take a break as we welcome new teachers and a variety of short courses. This is a good opportunity to experiment with participating in a Sunday morning class. Why not make it a New Year’s Resolution? *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Once a month, you can assist in wheeling residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service. This is a great opportunity to volunteer as a family! *Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com*

PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elson Parlor

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

NPC STRATEGIC PLAN

God is calling our community here at NPC to lead people to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God’s world. Learn more about this vision by reading the plan, which is available at the information table and at nationalpres.org/strategic-plan *Questions or comments? strategicplan@nationalpres.org*

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Dec. 7 - 14

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Isaiah 5:1-7
2 Peter 3:11-18
Luke 7:28-35

Monday

Psalms 122; 67
Isaiah 5:8-17
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94
Isaiah 5:18-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Luke 21:29-38

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17
Isaiah 6:1-13
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
John 7:53-8:11

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62
Isaiah 7:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 22:1-13

Friday

Psalms 102; 16
Isaiah 7:10-25
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 22:14-30

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72
Isaiah 8:1-15
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Luke 22:31-38

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Isaiah 13:1-13
Hebrews 12:18-29
John 3:22-30

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- A Living Faith for Hostile Times: Guidance from the Apostle Paul *Church Room 5*
- The Church in the 20th Century *Church Room 110/111*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7–8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8–9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30–10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- GriefShare **Resumes in January, Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th–12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (parents welcome!): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multi Purpose Room*
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Parents drop off children between 9:10–9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2-year olds: Church Room 8
- 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays during Advent, 8 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays during Advent, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** *Sanctuary*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30–10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY **Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

- Culbertson Library (also: M–TH 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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