

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*And now, our God, we give thanks to you
and praise your glorious name.*

1 Chronicles 29:13

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

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657

J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Larsen

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING

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 163

Lord Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name

Gott sei Dank durch alle Welt

verses 1,3, 4 & 6

▲ 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.

CONFESSON 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 CONFESSON 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

Luke 17:11-19

Dr. Michael Denham

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

SERMON

And Now Our God, We Thank You

Rev. Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

PROCESSION OF 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

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▲ 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 Op. 56, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
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 visit nationalpres.org/Christmas.

Adult Fellowship Service Project

Wednesday, November 29, 10:30 am

Come for warm fellowship, service, and lunch! We'll prepare treat bags and wrap Christmas gifts for residents at La Casa, a permanent supportive home in Columbia Heights. Please invite a friend and come! RSVP for lunch on our [Events page](#).

Advent Family Night

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 pm

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

Advent Vespers (Evening Worship)

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm

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

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, December 10 & 17

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 at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 pm

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir and Orchestra presents *Prepare Him Room: Our Coming Savior* in Handel's *Messiah*. In the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#) at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, December 10. All are welcome, and no tickets are necessary!

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

All services will be offered both in-person and online on our [Watch page](#). Childcare for ages up to 4 years will be provided for the 10:00 am, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm services.

10:00 am: Morning Service*

Worship with a special and spectacular musical celebration including Daniel Pinkham's brilliant *Christmas Cantata* for choir, brass, and organ!

5:00 pm: Family Nativity Service*

Our children, youth and adults will bring the nativity story to life 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.

* A complimentary photographer will be on hand in Stone Fellowship Hall to capture your family memories in front of our beautiful Christmas backdrop and decor before and after these services!



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