

November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble.*

Psalm 107:1-2

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# 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## 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 473 *verses 1-4*

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 473, verse 5

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,

Off'ring up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

Psalm 107:1-9  
*Pew Bible page 487*

Deacon Kathy Arveson

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

SERMON

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

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

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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.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ 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](https://nationalpres.org/Christmas).

## **Advent Family Night** **Sunday, Dec. 1 at 5:00 pm** **Stone Fellowship Hall**

Start the Advent season on a fun, family-friendly, and faith-centered note! We'll begin with a short time of worship, then make crafts you can enjoy all season, and have dinner together. Please let us know if your family is coming, so we can plan for crafts and dinner accordingly. If you have questions or need to RSVP, contact Jill Meek, [jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org).

## **Advent Vespers (Evening Worship)** **Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7:00 pm**

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

## **Mission Gifts for Christmas** **Sundays, December 8 & 15** **Shop online Dec. 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

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- Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](https://nationalpres.org/giving)
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
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### **Your Commitments Help Us Plan** If you haven't made your 2025 commitment:

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## **Handel's Messiah**

**Sunday, December 15, 5:00 pm**

National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir and Orchestra presents  
*To Us a Savior: A Portrait of Christ in Handel's Messiah.*

In the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#) at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, December 15. 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.

*\* 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 the 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm services!*



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