

December 24, 2025

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

*And the Word became flesh
and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14



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Joanna Zorack-Greene
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Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Carol Han (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 Sunday, December 28
10:00 am in the Sanctuary

You are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 4, 2026 with
8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am: Traditional Worship
12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, and Community



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

5:00 PM

Sanctuary and Online

Story of the Birth of Our Savior

PRELUDE

Variations on a French Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin
Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME

Dr. Quinn Fox

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law.

All: Born to redeem those that were under the law so that we might receive adoption as children of God.

Galatians 4:4-5

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Youlee, Kevin, and Olivia Nishimura

▲ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Isaiah Foretells the Coming of Christ

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

THE PROPHECY

Angels Visit Mary and Joseph

ANGEL TO MARY

ANGEL TO JOSEPH

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

SOLO

Away In a Manger

arr. Fehrenbach
Mueller
Tessa Green, violin

The Birth of Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

Please remain seated.

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angel Choir

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

The First Nowell

Shepherd Choir

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Three kings 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.

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.*

If you take good heed to the angel's words: Rise up, shepherd, and follow:
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

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

Please remain seated.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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

Kings: Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds 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 Presbyterian Church.

OFFERTORY

The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol

Percy Grainger

English Traditional

Todd Fickley, piano and Tessa Green, violin

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

*Everyone is invited downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall
for cocoa, cookies, and a holiday photo after worship.*

CAST

Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

Isaiah

Peter Crumley

Holy Family

Addison and Kay Smith
with Katherine

Angel to Mary

Adele Muoio

Angel to Joseph

Margaret Evans

Angel to Shepherds

Grier Swann

King Herod

Carter Sweeney

Priest

Christopher Park

Wise Men

Charlie Pippert
Bram Schestopol
Corin Vest

Innkeeper

Grace Hafemeister

Adult Shepherd

Anna Puryear

Angel Choir

Mitchell Alexandre, Sofia Beyli,
Owen Chanthunya, Eleanor Chapman,
George Duncan, Kate Franke,
Emerson Grinney, Caroline Guido,
Anne Harvey, Amaliya Michaels,
Gabriel Montgomery, Isabel Montgomery,
Catherine Pierson, Lydia Rose,
Elizabeth Schmoll, Townsend Simpson
Lowell Smith, Reed Tamny,
Quincy Vanderbloemen,
Caroline Wheatley, Eleanor Wheatley,
Lillian Wingfield, Mikaela Wu

Shepherd Choir

Charlie Alexandre, Wesley Duncan,
Ben Ela, Lily Flynn, Lizzy Flynn,
Carter Gamse, Clara Gamse,
Mack Gawel, Jag Gerken,
Claire Granville, Giulia Guido,
Vivian Guthrie, Javi Kingsland,
Wylie Mackie, Frances Pierson,
Hannah Pippert, Sofia Pulfrey,
Max Schestopol, Rosalie Simpson,
Vivian Smith, Claire Tamny,
Charlie Wingfield, Campbell Vanderbloemen,
Ellie Wu

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

Director

Jill Meek

Cast and Cue Coordinators

Kristin Franke, Melanie Lenhard

Costumes

Katherine Schmitt, Donna Harman

Shepherd Choir Director

Susan Kozel

Shepherd Choir Assistants

Alyson Flynn, Dana Granville,
Aliscia Gerken, Emily Kingsland

Angel Choir Director

Nyla Beth Gawel

Angel Choir Assistants

Nicole Austin, Natalie Chapman
Jackie Michaels, Sarah Montgomery
Emily Rose, Kara Wheatley

Wreath Lighters

Youlee, Kevin, and Olivia Nishimura

Pianist

Kevin Rose

Organist

Todd Fickley

Violinist

Tessa Green

Technical Director

Bill McNett

Tech Crew

Ben Kamins, Dez McNeil,
Lauren Crenshaw, Henry Stewart

Set Crew

Sarah Crumley, Vanessa Mallon,
and our Able team: Joann, Samuel,
Carlos, and Chris.

Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

2026 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching, enriching 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 4

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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is a week-long half-day Bible camp June 22-26 for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

Youth

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.

Youth Summer Trips

Middle school youth will attend a summer conference to learn more about Christ and grow in faith together. High school youth will serve on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic.

Young Professionals

Each week, young professionals gather for a Bible study that focuses on applying faith to daily life in Washington DC, as well as for periodic social events.

Parents

During the Sunday school hour, parents are invited to drop in to Parent Gathering for coffee, fellowship, and Bible study of the passages being read in children's and youth Sunday school. There are also regular parent small groups open to join.

Great Day of Service and Mission Trips

There are year-round opportunities to serve, including a special day of service with family-friendly, hands-on projects both onsite and in the surrounding community. Additionally, there will be a summer Mission Trip to Romania.

Care and Support

Those going through a difficult time can find a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of illness, 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. We also offer short-term groups during Lent and early autumn.

Large Groups

Our large groups include Men's Breakfasts, Women's Ministry Retreat and Lunches, Military Ministry, Senior Adults, Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.

You'll find the details about these and more at www.nationalpres.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School Schedule

Our children's, youth, and adult Sunday School will not meet on December 28. Classes resume January 4 with a new January-term line-up of adult classes. Please visit our [adults classes page](#) online for the class list.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Merry Christmas! It's not too late to contribute to missionaries and organizations. You can [order online](#) until midnight on December 31.

Single Service Sunday

Sunday, December 28

One service at 10:00 am

We will have only one traditional service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday School.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Sundays, January 4 - 25, in-person

To inquire about membership or learn more about Christian faith, please attend this four-part in-person Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. For more information and to register contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7578.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 4, 12:15 pm Sanctuary

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Dr. Quinn Fox upon his retirement.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being here today!

- Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you, and we have a gift for you!

Newcomers and long-timers:

Let us know you are here!

Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online - we want to know you and care for you:

- Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our Watch webpage.

Ways to Connect:

- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.
- Contact our Connections Ministry to get a conversation started: chan@nationalpres.org

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.

Your Giving Makes a Difference

To make a gift:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
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