

December 25, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

CHRISTMAS DAY

*You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth
and lying in a manger.*

Luke 2:12

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox
Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)
Hilda Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Jill Meek (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Turpin (*Serve*)



We are delighted that you have joined us
to celebrate this Christmas morning.

Join us for New Year's Day worship
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

All are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 8:

Sanctuary worship: 9 & 11 a.m.

Jones Hall (contemporary) worship: 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.



WORSHIP

11 A.M.

Please silence all electronics.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Noel in D Major

Louis Claude D'Aquin
William Neil, organ

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing...

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God our loving Father, help us rightly remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the wise men.

May this Christmas morning, make us happy to be your children,
and this Christmas evening, bring us to our beds with grateful hearts,
forgiving and forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Robert Louis Stevenson

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In dulci jubilo

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Quinn Fox

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love.

In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Price Gabriela Burton

Storey Eliana Burton

Daughters of Debra Dixon Burton and Patrick Burton

Prayer of Response

HYMN 51 *verses 1 & 3*

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

Humility

Verse 1: Soloist Verse 3: Congregation

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

Dr. David Renwick

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Best Supporting Actor

Dr. David Renwick

HYMN 49

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Please remain seated. Children come forward during singing of hymn.

A TIME FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS

Hymn 25

Scene I The Wise Men

Away in a Manger *verse 1*

Scene II The Wise Men and Herod

Away in a Manger *verse 2*

Scene III The Shepherds

Away in a Manger *verse 3*

Scene IV The Stable

Away in a Manger *verse 1*

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

How Far Is It to Bethlehem

English Carol

How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far? Can we see the stable room lit by a star?

Can we see the little Child, is he within? If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass, or sheep? May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?

If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

God in his mother's arms, babes in the byre sleep as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

Laud and honor to the Father, laud to God's incarnate Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit: God th' Eternal Three in One;
One in grace and one in glory while unending ages run.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND CHRISTMAS PRAYER

▲ HYMN 29

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go Tell It

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go Tell It

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Noel in G Major

Louis Claude D'Aquin

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers throughout the church this morning are given to the glory and praise of God by the members and friends of the National Presbyterian Church rejoicing in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gifts that Change the World

Our annual Mission Gifts for Christmas program provides the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *Shop online through Dec. 31: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

Christian Parenting Talks

Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 10-10:30 a.m., Parlor

Join us for talks specifically for parents, covering topics such as sports, secular culture, family time, and church community. Find insight into keeping your children rooted in faith as they experience youth and adolescence.

- Jan. 8: Faithfully Rooted on the Field – or at Play
- Jan. 15: Faithfully Rooted in “this City”
- Jan. 22: Faithfully Rooted in the Home
- Jan. 29: Faithfully Rooted “in the Pew”

“January Term” Classes

Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of three week courses will take place in January, with a closing plenary session on Jan. 29 with Dr. Beck Taylor, President of Whitworth University, who will help us to think about the challenges facing Christian higher education. *Full class listings are available at nationalpres.org/adults*

Moldova Lunch & Learn

Sunday, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Hear how God is at work in Moldova! Join church members who visited this fall to support mission partners at a Christian college and a marriage ministry.

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

Sunday, Jan. 8, after worship, Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha’s Table.

Men’s Ministry Habitat Build

Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast will serve together this month, meeting at the church for a light continental breakfast before carpooling together to a Habitat for Humanity build site. Bring a jacket and be ready to work! No construction experience necessary. *Contact: Michael Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Bible Reading for 2017

Several Bible reading guides are available as we begin the new year. *Reading guides and Bibles are available on the information table or on nationalpres.org.*

Refugee Family Project

Save the date: Saturday, Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m.

Want to help with the new refugee family resettling in the DC area next year?

Lutheran Social Services, our agency partner, will be hosting a training seminar.

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Jan. 13 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Prepare for Marriage Course

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. *Contact Holly Novak by Jan. 30 to register: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

Annual Women’s Retreat

April 28-30, Ellicott City, MD

Guest speaker and author Lucinda Secrest McDowell will encourage us to evaluate all the places in our lives where we can make space for God. *Registration begins in January.*

2017 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching and joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. There are many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ.

A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

Sunday Classes for Adults, Youth, and Children

Bible-based opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages and stages.

New Sermon Series: "I Believe"

Beginning January 8, Dr. Renwick will use the Apostles' Creed to explore the essential beliefs of historic Christian faith and their transformative power for our lives today.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city.

Youth Trips

High school students travel to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip and middle school students attend a 5-day middle school conference with speakers and musicians.

Concert Series

Music at National presents many performances featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort and The City Choir of Washington, as well as National's own Chancel and Festival choirs.

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

Great Day of Service

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at NPC and in the surrounding community.

Wholeness and Healing Services

Quarterly worship services of quiet reflection and prayer for those going through difficult times or who are looking for Christ's healing touch.

Vacation Bible School

A week long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

GriefShare

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one meet weekly for support and prayer.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2 December 24 – January 1

Saturday

Psalms 90; 132
Isaiah 35:1-10
Revelation 22:12-17, 21
Luke 1:67-80

Sunday

Psalms 2; 96
Zechariah 2:10-13
1 John 4:7-16
John 3:31-36

Monday

Psalms 116; 27
2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Acts 6:1-7
Acts 7:59-8:8

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 121
Proverbs 8:22-30
1 John 5:1-12
John 13:20-35

Wednesday

Psalms 2; 111
Isaiah 49:13-23
Isaiah 54:1-13
Matthew 18:1-14

Thursday

Psalms 96; 97
Isaiah 12:1-6
Revelation 1:1-8
John 7:37-52

Friday

Psalms 93; 89:19-52
Isaiah 25:1-9
Revelation 1:19-20
John 7:53-8:11

Saturday

Psalms 98; 96
Isaiah 26:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
John 8:12-19

Sunday

Psalms 98; 8
Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 1:18-25



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