



November 27, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THANKSGIVING

*We your people, the flock of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation
we will recount your praise.*

Psalm 79:13

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)

WORSHIP

10 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Matthew Daley, guest organist

WELCOME

Dr. Quinn Fox

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING

Elder David Mack

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

One Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

All Give thanks to him and bless God's holy name.

Psalms 100:4

▲ HYMN 559

We Gather Together

Kremser

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

What Gift Can We Bring

Anniversary Song

What gift can we bring, what present or token? What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, rememb'ring, rejoicing, what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Our gifts we now bring, a present, a token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day!

When grateful we come, rememb'ring, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

CONFESSION *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 CONFESSION 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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 95:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▲ HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
God makes the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.
Bring to God's sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, our lives Christ came to save.
Our hearts lay down before him while at his feet we fall;
Together we adore him who gave his life for all.

SERMON

Grace and Gratitude
Colossians 3:12-17

Dr. Quinn Fox

CHORAL RESPONSE

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Rogation

As those of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;
So we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

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 AND 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

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ADVENT 2014

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 a.m. – Chapel

9:15 & 11 a.m. – Sanctuary

November 30

A New Call

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

December 7

A New Vision

Dr. David Renwick

December 14:

Lessons and Carols

*Chancel Choir, Soloists, Bells, Brass,
Woodwinds, Piano, Organ*

A New Promise

Dr. David Renwick

December 22

A Christmas service for children of all ages

A New Leader

Dr. David Renwick

WEDNESDAY VESPERS

Music, Message, and Communion

7 p.m. – Chapel

*Children are welcome in the service
or complimentary childcare is available
(ages 5 and under)*

December 3

The Span of Time

Rev. Donna Marsh

December 10

The Fullness of Time

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

December 17

The Moment in Time

Dr. Quinn Fox

— CHRISTMAS EVE —

Wednesday, December 24

Family Nativity Service (Pageant)

5 p.m.

Candlelight Services

8 & 10 p.m.

“One of the Family”

Dr. David Renwick

Communion will be served.

Invite a friend!
