

## ADVENT 2014

## THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 a.m. – Chapel

9:15 & 11 a.m. – Sanctuary

*December 7*

#### **A New Vision**

Dr. David Renwick

*December 14*

#### **Lessons and Carols**

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

#### **A New Promise**

Dr. David Renwick

*December 21*

*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



### ADVENT VESPERS COMMUNION

*When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law,  
in order to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive adoption as children.*

Galatians 4:4-5

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### — 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*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

7 P.M.

CHAPEL

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# Vespers in Advent

*Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 1 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

## CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God,  
by your command the order of time runs its course.  
Forgive, we pray, the impatience of our hearts,  
and cleanse us from our sins.  
Strengthen what is lacking in our faith.  
While we await the fulfillment of your promises,  
grant us good hope because of your sure and faithful word.  
Gregory of Nazianzus

## 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 *Mendelssohn*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the' incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 90:1-4; Galatians 4:4-6 Deacon Sarah Crumley  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE The Span of Time Rev. Donna Marsh

ANTHEM Creator of the Stars of Night *Conditor alme siderum*

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.  
When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.  
At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord.  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

9th century Latin hymn  
translated by John Mason Neale

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table Dr. David Renwick

## Eucharistic Prayer

## Words of Institution and Distribution

## Music Meditation

Of the Father's Love Begotten Paul Wohlgemuth  
*Divinum mysterium*  
Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending, he  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!  
O ye heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent; ev'ry voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore!  
Christ to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be;  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!

4th century Latin hymn  
translated by John Mason Neale

## Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 13 Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

▲ BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.*