

# Vespers in Advent

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

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### PRELUDE

Jane Kaye, guest organist

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

### ▲ HYMN 51

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

*Humility*

### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God of the ages and ages to come,  
make us watchful as we await

the coming of your Son our Savior.

When he comes, may he not find us sleeping in sin,

but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.

Bring to light things hidden in darkness,  
even the shadows of our hearts.

Forgive our sins, we pray. Then cleanse and renew us,

that we may walk in your light and glorify your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### 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 th' incarnate Deity,

Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

### SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:1-7

Lewis Saylor

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### MESSAGE

The Moment in Time

Dr. Quinn Fox

### ANTHEM

When God's Time Had Ripened

Alfred V. Fedak  
*Rose of Bethlehem*

When God's time had ripened, Mary's womb bore fruit,

Scion of the Godhead, sprung from Jesse's root:

So the True Vine branches from the lily's stem,

The Rose without blemish blooms in Bethlehem.

More than mind can fathom, limit or untwine,

This mysterious yoking, human and divine,

But what reason fetters faith at length unlocks,

And wise hearts discover truth in paradox.

As the Bread of heaven, that we might be fed,

Chose a manger cradle in the House of Bread,

So has Life Eternal mingled in the womb

With our mortal nature to confound the tomb.

For this swaddled infant in a humble place

Holds our hope of glory and our means of grace;

In the Love enfleshed here dawns the world's rebirth,

Promise of salvation, pledge of peace on earth.

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Donna Marsh

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

Organ Meditation

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

### ▲ HYMN 27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*Tempus adest floridum*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

— 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!*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 21  
"A New Leader"  
Dr. David Renwick  
*A Christmas service for children of all ages*

December 28  
*11 a.m. worship only, Sanctuary*  
"A New Way Home"  
Dr. Quinn Fox

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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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2014  
7 P.M.  
CHAPEL