



December 24, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

*You are no longer strangers,
but citizens of heaven
and members of the household of God.*

Ephesians 2:19

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

8 & 10 P.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Jesu Bambino

Pietro Yon
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

8 p.m. Sonny & Joe Rimback and Bev & Peter Tam

10 p.m. Members of the Chancel Choir

CHORAL RESPONSE

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On this eve angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King,
Born on earth to save us, peace with God he gave us. *Gloria! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Gracious and merciful God,

We remember how your Son quietly entered human history
on that first Christmas Eve.

We come before you in wonder, adoration, and humble repentance.

We are your children, but in need of your healing touch.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us, we pray.

Capture our hearts and minds with the quiet splendor

That transformed a manger into heaven's throne.

If earth itself were a thousand times more fair,

It still would be too poor a cradle for you, dear Jesus.

Holy Child, make for yourself a place within our hearts,

That in each of us, we may keep for you a quiet, holy chamber.

Martin Luther

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

In dulci jubilo

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

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:1-7, 21-24	8 p.m. Craig Meek
The Word of the Lord.	<i>pew Bible p. 832-833</i>	10 p.m. Betty Conn
Thanks be to God.		

SERMON	One of the Family	Dr. David Renwick
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RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 31	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
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▲ A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION	Rev. Evangeline Taylor
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We believe in one God, whose almighty word brought forth the universe,
who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created
and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.
We believe that at the right moment in time, God’s Word became flesh
in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
We believe that the same angels who heralded Jesus’ birth also point us to the cross
on which Jesus died, and to his empty tomb. There the angel’s message “He is risen!”
heralded the glorious good news of Christ’s resurrection.
We believe that this same Jesus is alive to meet us every day, and to offer us new
and abundant life.
We rejoice in the knowledge that one day he will return to rule in righteousness,
to renew the earth, and to claim us as God’s own.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Thou Who Wast Rich	Molly Ijames
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becamest poor; Throne for a manger did surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor all for love’s sake becamest poor. Thou who art God beyond all praising all for love’s sake becamest man. Stooping so low, but sinners raising heav’nwards by God’s eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising all for love’s sake becamest man. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou would’st have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.	Old French Carol

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
*Minuit, Chrétien, c'est l'heure solennelle où L'Homme-Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous,
Pour effacer la tache originelle et de son Père arrêter le courroux.
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance, à cette nuit qui lui donne Sauveur.
Peuple, à genoux! Attends ta délivrance! Noël! Noël! Voici le Rédempteur!*
Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love, and his gospel is peace.
By his true light are we offered salvation, and in his name all oppressed find release.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising, let all within us praise God's holy name.
Christ is the Lord: Then ever, ever praise him. His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

Sheri Jackson, soprano

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

8 p.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

10 p.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

We invite everyone to join in lighting Christmas candles.

Choir members will assist congregation in lighting.

Please light the candle of the person closest to you, sharing the candlelight along the entire pew.

Holding the lighted candle upright will keep it from dripping.

At the conclusion of the final hymn, upon signal from the minister, please extinguish all candles.

HYMN

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

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, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Swiss Noel

Louis Claude Daquin

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

We are delighted you are able to join in
celebration this Christmas Eve.

This Sunday, December 28
11 a.m. service only

Sermon:
"A New Way Home"
Dr. Quinn Fox

All are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 4:

8:15, 9:15, 11 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

“JANUARY TERM” CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sundays, January 4–25, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

*Why not make it a New Year’s Resolution
to become part of a class in January?*

Classes offered on January 4, 11, & 18:

- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey*
- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life
- Listening for God’s Voice in Scripture
- Your Mind Matters

*Learn more about these classes on
nationalpres.org/adults, or pick up a brochure
on the information table.*

On January 25, all are welcome for a plenary class in Stone Hall with Dr. Curt Thompson, medical doctor and author of a highly acclaimed book on the relationship between brain science and spiritual practice.

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

*Thursdays in January & February,
beginning Jan. 8, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a study of this classic book from the renowned Christian minister, professor, author and martyr who recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship. We will be reading approximately 15-20 pages per week of the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore. *Registrations welcome: HNovak@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD LUNCHEON

*Saturday, Jan. 3, Stone Hall
12 p.m. (lunch), 1 p.m. (program)*

All women are invited for a fascinating presentation from guest speaker Christina Miller-Colton of American Leprosy Missions. She will share her experience as an international aide worker helping women in Nepal. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call Joan Anderson, 202.362.7475.*

MEN’S BREAKFAST

*Saturday, Jan. 10
Stone Hall, 8–9:30 a.m.*

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. David Renwick. *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, Jan. 11, Stone Hall
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

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. Together we can make 800 sandwiches!

TIME TO MAKE NPC YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Sunday, Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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

PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR

*Saturday, Feb. 14
8:45 a.m.–3 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

2015 AT NATIONAL

Each and every Sunday at National is 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. Here's a sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year.

Sunday Classes for Adults, Youth, and Children

Topical, Bible-based classes offer something for everyone on Sunday mornings.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city. Sandwiches are distributed via McKenna's Wagon, the mobile soup kitchen of NPC mission partner, Martha's Table.

Concert Series

Music at National presents a variety of performances throughout the year featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort, The City Choir of Washington, and Washington Master Chorale, as well as National's own Chancel & 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 in the with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at NPC and in the surrounding community.

Wholeness and Healing Services

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

Lenten Vespers

One hour services on Wednesday evenings during Lent feature music, prayer, preaching, and Communion, as a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment.

Vacation Bible School

Kids age 3 through 5th grade gather for a week long half-day Bible camp in the summer. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and snacks.

GriefShare

A weekly support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Learn more about how you can connect with National!

www.nationalpres.org

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CLASSES AND GROUPS

Classes and groups resume January 4

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Dec. 24- 28

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17

Isaiah 35:1-10

Revelation 22:12-17, 21

Luke 1:67-80

Thursday

Psalms 2; 96

Zechariah 2:10-13

1 John 4:7-16

John 3:31-36

Friday

Psalms 116; 27

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

Acts 6:1-7

Acts 7:59-8:8

Saturday

Psalms 34; 121

Proverbs 8:22-30

1 John 5:1-12

John 13:20-35

Sunday

Psalms 2; 111

Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 1:18-25

ADULTS

January Term Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m., beginning January 4

- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness *Church Room 105*
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life *Agencies 101*
- Listening for God's Voice in Scripture *Church Room 5*
- Your Mind Matters *Church Room 110/111*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey* *Chapel*

Groups - Resume in January

- Across the Aisle (ages 22-35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6-7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 - 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30 - 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- GriefShare Resumes Jan. 11, **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m., Resumes January 4

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th - 12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7:30 p.m. Resumes January 4

- Middle School (6th-8th grade): **5-6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45-6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9th-12th grade): **6:30-7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m., Resumes January 4

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2-year olds: Church Room 8
- 4-year olds: School Room 106
- 3-year olds: School Room 104

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Resumes January 4

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.

CHILDCARE 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks - Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K-5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY **Sundays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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