

November 26, 2015

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THANKSGIVING DAY

*I thank my God every time I remember you...
because of your sharing in the gospel.*

Philippians 1:3, 5a



Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*

Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Donald Wilson

Dr. 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), John Turpin (Serve)

WORSHIP

10 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Diane Bish

Matthew Daley, guest organist

WELCOME

Rev. Donna Marsh

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.**

Psalm 100:4

▲ 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.

To God our gracious Father, who made us "very good,"

To Christ, who, when we wander, restores us by his blood,

And to the Holy Spirit, who doth upon us pour

God's blessings in abundance, be praise forevermore!

John S. B. Monsell (alt.)

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nun danket alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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

Philippians 1:3-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING CHOIR

Lord of All Hopefulness

Healey Willan

Slane

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts at the break of the day.
Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts at the noon of the day.
Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts at the eve of the day.
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts at the end of the day.

SERMON

Unconventional Blessings

Rev. Donna Marsh

HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ADVENT 2015

“A Servant Is Born”

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. – Chapel

9:15 & 11 a.m. – Sanctuary

10:50 a.m. – Jones Hall (School Gym)

November 29

Born to Humility

Rev. Donna Marsh

December 6

Born to Heal

Dr. Quinn Fox

December 13

Born for All

Dr. David Renwick

*Special Music: “Christmas Glory” with the
Chancel Choir, Soloists, Brass, & Organ*

WEDNESDAY VESPERS

7 p.m. – Sanctuary

Music, Message, and Communion

December 2

Born to Change Our Hearts

Dr. Nancy Fox

December 9

Born to Restore

Dr. Don Wilson

December 16

Born for Peace

McLane Stone

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

Family Nativity Service (Pageant)

5 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

8 & 10 p.m.



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