

November 29, 2015

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Christ Jesus...emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.*
Philippians 2:7

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)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Advent Workshop

Sunday, Nov. 29, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary and Stone Hall

At this favorite annual family event we'll make Christmas crafts, celebrate Jesus together (children's choirs will sing!), and enjoy a pizza dinner (bring \$5 per person). Come and and invite a friend!

Winter Warmth Drive: Last Day!

Today is the last day to drop off the following new or gently-used winter (only) clothing items for NPC local mission partners serving the homeless:

- Men's (especially L & XL), women's, and children's coats, jackets, gloves and sweaters
- New, heavyweight socks
- Men's new XL and XXL thermal underwear

Monetary donations may be made by check to NPC with the memo line "Clothing Drive."

November Food Donations: 1 lb. Bags of Rice

Please bring 1 lb. bags of brown or white rice for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *Beginning next Sunday, we will be collecting cereal.*

Share Your Thoughts About Our Facilities

Your thoughts are vital in helping NPC's Facilities Master Planning Team (FMPT) work to achieve our Strategic Plan objective of updating our 50-year-old facilities to support our ministry well into the 21st century. *Please respond to this (very short!) survey by Nov. 30: www.bit.ly/npcfacilitysurvey*

Say "Yes" to Living Generously *Make your 2016 commitment today!*

Our goal for the coming year is to increase our faith giving by 8%. Let's watch God work through us as together we say "yes" to expanding our reach in mission, and to equipping our own staff and facilities for a thriving ministry.

You may make your commitment by:

- Placing your commitment card (available in the Friendship Registers) in the offering plate or
- Filling out your commitment securely online at www.nationalpres.org/giving

Your commitment enables our elders to plan wisely for the year ahead. Made your commitment already? Thank you! Haven't yet made your commitment? Please make yours today!

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. Each class is self-contained, so attend whenever you are able. *To register, please contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at church entrances.

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg, Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg, Rm 101*
- 9th –12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Behold, A Rose Breaks Into Bloom Johannes Brahms
William Neil, organ

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

9:15 a.m. Dan Huthwaite, Connie Huthwaite, and Tricia Wetmore

11 a.m. Linda Botsford, Kim Keriakos, May Yamate

▲ HYMN 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O come, now, Servant-Lord appear, in mercy now thy people hear;
on those in need bestow God's grace, made manifest here in thy face.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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 AND 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!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. (grades K-5) to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (grades K-2) to go to the children's church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4-10

9:15 a.m. Ed Blanton

The Word of the Lord.

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11 a.m. Elder Lora Tredway

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Genevan Psalter

Choir

Hear the herald's voice now calling in the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance since God's kingdom now is here.
O that cry and call obey! Now prepare for God a way.
Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

Congregation

Now make straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let our hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Advent Affirmation Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

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;
Thrones for a manger did surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
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 love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou would'st have us be.

Frank Houghton

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

▲ HYMN O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer nobis nascitur*

O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal giving light;
 thou light of life, light's living spring, true day, all days illumining.

Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit thou art still
 the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to us displayed.

In humble birth thou cam'st to save, thus God the Father rightly gave
 to thee in high exalted fame a Lordly name above all names.

O Christ, with each returning morn thine image to our hearts is born;
 O may we ever clearly see our Savior and our God in thee.

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE *Es ist ein' Ros'*
 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, King of glory, who does our weakness know:
 bring us at length, we pray,
 to the bright courts of heaven, and light of endless day.

▲ POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach
▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving in memory of Stephen S. Johnson by his devoted family, his wife Margaret, and their children Stephanie, Rebekah, and Courtney.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in celebration of Connie Marshall's birthday on November 28th with best wishes and love from her family.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound, pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to bring some cheer!

Advent flower dedications beautify our church while honoring a loved one. Donations by check may be made payable to “NPC Flower Fund.” Envelopes for donations and dedication wording are at the information table.

Chapel prayers after worship. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be available in the chapel to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

Need assistance hearing during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary. *Please remember to return the receivers after the service.*

Please pray for:

Rev. S. David Chambers
June Dickinson
Elizabeth Hurlow-Hannah

Rosita Payne
Schestopol family
Carol Weihrer

We mourn the death of:

Mary Perman on Friday, November 20.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ HYMN 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Isaiah 50:4-10; Philippians 2:3-11
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born to Humility* Rev. Donna Marsh
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY *Regent Square*
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
An offering will be received at the center aisle.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of the ages and ages to come, take 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.

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *See pg. 4*

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

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- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Waiting Here For You Chris Tomlin
Great Light of the World Bebo Norman
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE O Come, O Come Emmanuel *Veni Emmanuel*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE A Baby Will Come Bill Wolf
- SCRIPTURE Isaiah 50:4-10
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born to Humility* Rev. Donna Marsh
Philippians 2:3-11
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. David Renwick
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG Oceans Joel Houston
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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SPECIAL EVENTS NEXT SUNDAY

Handel's "Messiah" Performance *Sunday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m.*

Make plans to bring your family and friends next Sunday to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of Handel's beloved masterpiece. *No tickets are required; an offering will be received. Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) available with RSVP to: Childcare@NationalPres.org.*

Mission Gifts for Christmas *Dec. 6 & 13, Stone Hall*

Did you know that Americans spend \$450 billion dollars on Christmas every year? Your Christmas spending can make a difference for people who really need it! Mission Gifts for Christmas offers you an opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *More info: call 202.537.7503 or visit nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

Wednesday Advent Services

Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16

7-7:55 p.m., Sanctuary

Advent Vespers begin this week for a time of restorative mid-week worship during the busy Christmas season. Communion will be served. *See back page for details.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 5, 8-9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

All men are invited for a hearty breakfast and great fellowship. NPC member and deacon Gregg Gochmour will speak to us about "Redeeming the Time." *To reserve your place contact: Men@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527.*

Business and Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Saturday, Dec. 5, Noon, Stone Hall

Gerri Hall, member of NPC's flower ministry, will lead an interactive workshop during this special luncheon. Everyone will make and take home a floral arrangement to enjoy. Cost of the lunch and program is \$20. *For reservations, sign up in Stone Hall today or call Jo Schoolfield at 301.598.6284.*

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

Dec. 4-6, Youth House driveway & lawn

Boy Scout Troop 1946 will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands from 3-9 p.m. (Fri), 9 a.m.-9 p.m. (Sat), and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sun). *Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.*

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Church Room 105

Receive discounts on your insurance and learn important skills for operating vehicles safely at this one-day class designed especially for drivers age 50+, sponsored by NPC's Older Adult Ministry. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

Wednesday Women Bible Study and Prayer Group

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Church Rooms 110/111 & 105

Come for 10 a.m. prayers followed by a Bible study of Aaron and Mount Hor. Stay for snacks at noon and sign Christmas cards for those in need of care. *Contact: Mildred Wheat, 703.931.1490.*

U.S. Army Chorus at NPC

Monday, Dec. 21, 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Come and bring a friend to this free amazing concert of Christmas favorites (both sacred and seasonal)! All are invited to the Adult Fellowship Luncheon at noon in Stone Hall before the concert. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call 202.537.0800.*

December Food Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring boxes of unsweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

Nov. 29 - Dec. 6

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Amos 1:1-5, 1:13-2:8
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:5-19

Monday

Psalms 122; 67
Amos 2:6-16
2 Peter 1:1-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94
Amos 3:1-11
2 Peter 1:12-21
Matthew 21:12-22

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17
Amos 3:12-4:5
2 Peter 3:1-10
Matthew 21:23-32

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62
Amos 4:6-13
2 Peter 3:11-18
Matthew 21:33-46

Friday

Psalms 102; 16
Amos 5:1-17
Jude 1-16
Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72
Amos 5:18-27
Jude 17-25
Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Amos 6:1-14
2 Thessalonians 1:5-12
Luke 1:57-68

ADVENT WORSHIP

Invite a friend!

"A SERVANT IS BORN" SERMON SERIES

Sunday, November 29

"Born to Humility" Rev. Donna Marsh

Wednesday, December 2 – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

"Born to Change Our Hearts" Dr. Nancy Fox

Sunday, December 6

"Born to Heal" Dr. Quinn Fox

Wednesday, December 9 – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

"Born to Restore" Dr. Don Wilson

Sunday, December 13

"Born for All" Dr. David Renwick

Morning of special music: *At 9:15 & 11 a.m. – "Christmas Glory" with the Chancel Choir, Brass, & Organ. At 10:50 a.m. – "God Rest Ye Merry" with the NPC contemporary music team.*

Wednesday, December 16 – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

"Born for Peace" McLane Stone

Sunday, December 20

"Born to Bless" Dr. David Renwick

The Christmas story told for all ages.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary, and at the entrances to the church building.
- **Childcare** is available from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for infants through age four. Nursery rooms are located in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Ambassadors**, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** on Sundays or weekdays are available upon request. *Please call: 202.537.7529.*

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and back six pews of the Sanctuary.



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