

Vespers in Advent

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE Prelude on Forest Green Richard Purvis
Bill Neil, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God,
by your command, the order of time runs its course.
Forgive 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 *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.

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-5 Holly Novak
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY Born to Change Our Hearts Dr. Nancy Fox

ANTHEM 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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table Dr. David Renwick
Eucharistic Prayer
Words of Institution and Distribution
Organ Meditation
Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *Truro*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sleepers, Wake J.S. Bach

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

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Handel's Messiah Performance | 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary
NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra present Handel's beloved
masterpiece. *No tickets are required; an offering will be received.*

Mission Gifts for Christmas | All morning in Stone Hall
Your Christmas spending can make a difference by giving to charities in
honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *You may also shop
online through December 26: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Youth House driveway
Boy Scout Troop 1946 will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands.
Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

ADVENT 2015

"A SERVANT IS BORN" SERMON SERIES

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:

- 8:30 a.m.: *Chapel worship*
- 9:15 & 11 a.m.: *"Christmas Glory" with the Chancel Choir, Brass, & Organ.*
- 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

Worship at 8:30, 9:15 & 11 a.m.: The Christmas story told for all ages. (10:50 a.m. worship resumes on January 3).

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

Family Nativity Service (Pageant)

5 p.m.

Candlelight Services

8 & 10 p.m.

"No Room in the Inn"

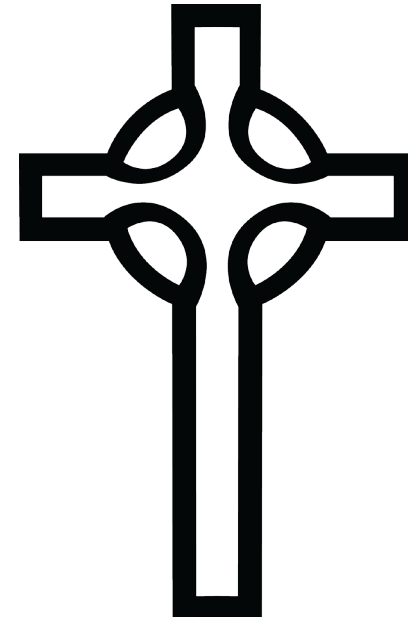
Dr. David Renwick

Communion will be served



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ADVENT VESPERS

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy,

Set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.

Brian Doerksen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

7 P.M.

SANCTUARY