

December 6, 2015

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION

*Who believes what we've heard and seen?
Who would have thought God's saving power
would look like this?*

Isaiah 53:1

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

Handel's "Messiah" Performance 5 p.m., Sanctuary

Invite your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of Handel's beloved masterpiece. *No tickets are required; an offering will be received.* A reception with light refreshments will be held in Stone Hall following the performance.

Mission Gifts for Christmas Today, all morning in Stone Hall and at 6:30 p.m. after the Messiah performance

Your Christmas giving can make a difference! Come down to Mission Gifts for Christmas after worship to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. Representatives are available for you to learn about the missions you can contribute to, and how your gift helps. *Pick up at catalog in Stone Hall, or shop online through December 26:*
www.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.*

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!

Pecan and Fruit Cake Sales *Outside Stone Hall*

The Business and Professional Women's Guild is selling fruit cakes and Georgia pecans. *Proceeds will benefit B&P missions.*

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.

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.*

NPC Youth

Pray for our leaders and high school students as they travel this weekend for their fall retreat. There will be no youth group tonight, but mark your calendars for next week's Christmas Party (Dec. 13, 5-7 p.m.).

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m., through December 13

Adults

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

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg. Room 102*
- 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

Sleepers, Wake

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 17 *verses 1 & 2* "Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Wachet auf

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

9:15 a.m. Brian Julius, Susan Julius, and Joanne Leshner

11 a.m. Michelle Fenton, David Fenton, Goddess Hill, and Heaven Hill

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 17, verse 3

Lamb of God, the heav'ns adore you: Let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city's portals: Through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.

Rise up, and give us light: The Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; forever let our praises ring!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God, we adore you,

for you sent your messengers and prophets to preach repentance,
and to prepare the way for our salvation.

Give us grace to heed their message, and to forsake our sins,

that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, amen.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Noel in G Major

Louis Claude Daquin

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Diane Della-Loggia to honor the birth of Clara-Li Ingrid Mueller, daughter of Nicholas Mueller and Nanna Ericson, on August 8th.

The flowers at the entrance of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Addie Owen in loving memory of loved ones.

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.

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!

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.*

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Elizabeth Hurlow-Hannah

Carol Wehrer

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ HYMN 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Mendelssohn*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:7-10,13-53:12
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born to Heal* Dr. Quinn Fox
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Nancy Fox
- 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

Merciful God, we adore you, for you sent your messengers and prophets to preach repentance, and to prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their message, and to forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *See pg. 4*

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

- ▲ WELCOME SONG Holy Spirit Bryan Torwalt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Nancy Fox
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP
Lynne Gochnour, Gregg Gochnour, Jill Meek
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE How Great Is Our God (Christmas version) Chris Tomlin
- 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 52:13-53:12
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born to Heal* Dr. Quinn Fox
- Isaiah 52:7-10
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Nancy Fox
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- Songs used by permission: CCLI # 100655 and #17315*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

Wednesday Advent Services

Wednesdays, Dec. 9, 16

7-7:55 p.m., Sanctuary

Advent Vespers continue this week for a time of restorative mid-week worship during the busy Christmas season.

Communion will be served. *See back page for details.*

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 and encouragement. *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 amazing free concert of Christmas favorites (both sacred and seasonal)! All are invited to the Adult Fellowship Luncheon at 11:30 in Stone Hall before the concert. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call 202.537.0800.*

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.*

YEAR-END GIVING

Financial Report through November 30, 2015

	ANNUAL BUDGET	GIVING TO DATE	NEEDED IN DECEMBER
Individual Faith Giving	\$2,692,322	\$2,087,592	\$604,730
Other Income	\$2,247,510	\$1,935,147	\$312,363
Total Income	\$4,939,832	\$4,022,739	\$917,093
Total Expenses	\$4,939,832	\$4,311,249	N/A

Thank you for your generous support!

Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of NPC with your year-end giving as we end 2015 and look forward to what God has planned for us in 2016.

- Set up **recurring gifts** at NPC Online (link at the bottom of the NPC website, www.nationalpres.org)
- **Easy one-time gifts** to NPC can be made at nationalpres.org/giving. Although your gift will be processed through PayPal, you do not need to have a PayPal account.
- Contribute to NPC with your **online shopping!** Input "The National Presbyterian Church, Inc." as your designated charity using Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases.
- **Stock donations** may be made by providing the following information to your broker: *(Please be sure to identify yourself as the donor to ensure proper acknowledgement.)*

Deliver to: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney DTC Clearing Number: 0015

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Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.

Questions? Contact Finance Manager, Joe Abatemarco, JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7484.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

December 6 – 13

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 122; 67
Amos 7:1-9
Revelation 1:1-8
Matthew 22:23-33

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94
Amos 7:10-17
Revelation 1:9-16
Matthew 22:34-46

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17
Amos 8:1-14
Revelation 1:17-2:7
Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62
Amos 9:1-10
Revelation 2:8-17
Matthew 23:13-26

Friday

Psalms 102; 16
Haggai 1:1-15
Revelation 2:18-29
Matthew 23:27-39

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72
Haggai 2:1-9
Revelation 3:1-6
Matthew 24:1-14

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Amos 9:11-15
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
John 5:30-47

ADVENT WORSHIP

Invite a friend!

“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 (Chapel), 9:15 & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary):
The Christmas story told for all ages. (10:50 a.m. worship
resumes on January 3).*

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.
- **Connections Ambassadors**, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** are available upon request. *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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