

December 13, 2015



Welcome  
to the  
NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*I will give my servant as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*

Isaiah 49:6

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

## Mission Gifts for Christmas

*Today, all morning in Stone Hall*

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 to which you can contribute, and how your gift helps.

*Pick up at catalog in Stone Hall, or shop online through December 26:*

*www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

## Surviving the Holidays

*12:30 p.m.*

*Culbertson Library (2nd floor, Admin. Bldg.)*

GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays" series prepares you to face the weeks surrounding Christmas after facing loss and grief.

Get helpful tools to deal with the many emotions you'll face as you discover hope for your future. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7540.*

## "Square One" Holiday Brunch

*10:30 a.m.–Noon, Church Room 5*

Parents of children age 2 and under are invited for food and fellowship and to reconnect before the holidays. *Kids are welcome or childcare is available in the nursery.*

## NPC Youth Christmas Party

*5–7 p.m., Youth House*

Youth and their families are invited for our annual Christmas Party! Don't forget to bring your White Elephant gift!

## Christmas Cards for Sale

Boxed Christmas card sets are available for sale at the church bookstore, located just outside Stone Hall.

## 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.*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### 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. *You can also help by delivering these monthly donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

### Volunteer at Ingleside Retirement Community

**Enable retirement community residents to attend worship services** by assisting in wheeling residents from their rooms to services at Ingleside on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Volunteers would serve on a rotating basis the first Sunday each month. *Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com.*

### Sunday School

*9:30–10:30 a.m.*

*Today is the last day of fall Sunday School*

#### 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*

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*Kindly turn off all electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Pastorale

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

9:15 a.m. Joan & Jay Braitsch and Nita & Larry Vorisek

11 a.m. Jennie & Al Armstrong and Mary Ann & Stewart McKeown

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Quem vidistis, pastores, dicite, annunciate nobis in terris qui apparuit?

Natum vidimus et chorus angelorum collaudantes Dominum.

Alleluia!

*Whom did you see, shepherds? Tell us, announce to us: Who has appeared on earth?*

*We saw a newborn child, and choirs of angels praising the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

Daniel Pinkham

*Christmas Cantata I*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We praise you, O Lord, as we remember the coming of your Son our Savior.

We marvel that you have revealed yourself in his incarnation.

Your thoughts are beyond our most daring imaginations,

yet you have spoken simply and surprisingly

through the humble birth of a child in Bethlehem.

You have bent low to rescue us from dark and empty ways.

Forgive us and hold us fast, gracious God,

as we behold your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria*

## 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



▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ CAROL Joy to the World! John Rutter  
*Antioch*

*Congregation*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing...  
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our tongues employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy...

*Choir*

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found...

*Congregation*

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Alleluia!*

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Canzona Duocedimi Toni Giovanni Gabrieli

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**Brass Choir I**

Woody English, trumpet  
Matthew Byrne, trumpet  
Christy Klenke, horn  
James Clark, trombone

**Brass Choir II**

Drew Fremder, trumpet  
Kelley Corbett, trumpet  
Samuel Woodhead, trombone  
Gerard Amoury, trombone  
Charles Giannelli, tuba

**Timpani**

Don Spinelli

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Johanna Huijssoon and her husband Terry, in loving memory of her mother and his 'Mutti', Diny Huijssoon, remembering her birthday on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.*

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Chapel*

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ HYMN 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste fideles*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:5-6, 60:1-6
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born for All* Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PASTORAL PRAYER 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 *See pg. 3*

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *See pg. 4*

# 10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Great Light of the World Bebo Norman  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel David Crowder  
2,000 Decembers Ago Joel Lindsey
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS McLane Stone
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND CALL TO WORSHIP  
Krista & David Schauer with Adam, Zachary, and Luke
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE O Come All Ye Faithful
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE A Baby Will Come Bill Wolf  
He Made A Way In A Manger Lee Black  
Angels We Have Heard On High James Chadwick
- SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:5-6, 60:1-6
- SERMON *A Servant Is Born: Born for All* Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH McLane Stone
- PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
Light of the Stable Elizabeth Rhymer
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Winter Warmth Drive – Thank You!

This past month, you donated 19 full boxes of warm clothes and \$2,228 towards clothing for the homeless this winter! Our partners Central Union Mission, Friendship Place, and Martha's Table are now helping those in need with the fruits of your generosity.

## 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.*

## College Student Lunch

*Sunday, Dec. 20, 12:15 p.m., Parlor*

All college students are invited for a Chipotle catered lunch after the 11 a.m. service.

## SHARE IN THE JOY OF FAITHFUL GIVING!

*Help NPC fulfill its mission in 2015 and 2016*

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2015 has been a wonderful year of worshipping, caring, and serving in the name of Jesus Christ here at National. **December contributions are historically the key to meeting the financial needs of our ministries and facilities.** Please prayerfully consider your part in providing for these ministries through your year-end giving. Every amount, large or small, is significant.

### How to Give

- **Recurring gifts** can be set up at NPC Online (<http://bit.ly/NPC-Online>)
- **Easy one-time gifts** can be made at [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving)
- **Stock donations.** Ask your broker to identify you as the donor and to deliver stock information to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney:

DTC Clearing Number: 0015

Client Account number: 504-041937-677

NPC TIN: 53-0196611

Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.

P.S.: Shop on **Amazon Smile** ([www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)), using “The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.” as your designated charity and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases.

### Commitment in 2016

Thanks to all who have already made their commitment. Thanks too for those who have increased their financial support in 2016 in response to the Session's challenge to increase faith giving by 8%.

**We are on our way to our faith giving goal of approximately \$2,800,000, but we are not there yet.**

Not everyone can make a commitment at this time, but if you are able to do so and have not yet, please say “yes” by making your prayerful commitment today.

### Commitment cards can be found:

- In the Friendship registers
- In the narthex; or
- Online at [www.nationalpres.org/giving](http://www.nationalpres.org/giving)

*Thank you for your prayerful and generous support! Questions? Contact NPC's Finance Manager, Joe Abatemarco: [JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org](mailto:JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org), or 202.537.7484.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

December 13–20

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Psalms 122; 67  
Zechariah 1:7-17  
Revelation 3:7-13  
Matthew 24:15-31

### Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94  
Zechariah 2:1-13  
Revelation 3:14-22  
Matthew 24:32-44

### Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17  
Zechariah 3:1-10  
Revelation 4:1-8  
Matthew 24:45-51

### Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62  
Zechariah 4:1-14  
Revelation 4:9-5:5  
Matthew 25:1-13

### Friday

Psalms 102; 16  
Genesis 3:8-15  
Revelation 12:1-10  
John 3:16-21

### Saturday

Psalms 90; 72  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Titus 1:1-16  
Luke 1:1-25

### Sunday

Psalms 24; 110  
1 Samuel 2:1b-10  
Titus 2:1-10  
Luke 1:26-38

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

*Invite a friend!*

“A SERVANT IS BORN” SERMON SERIES

Wednesday, Dec. 16 – 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

“Born for Peace” McLane Stone

Sunday, Dec. 20 – 8:30 (Chapel), 9:15 & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

“Born to Bless” Dr. David Renwick

*The Christmas story told for all ages – a 20 minute time for children, with a 5 minute sermon*

*(10:50 a.m. worship resumes on January 3).*

### Thursday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

“No Room in the Inn” Dr. David Renwick

- **5 p.m.:** *Family Nativity Service (Pageant)*
- **8 & 10 p.m.:** *Candlelight Communion Services*

Sunday, Dec. 27 – 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

### 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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