











Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE
5 P.M.

"...and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

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)

We are delighted that you have joined us to celebrate this Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 27
One service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sermon:

"Born to Be Glorified and Praised" Rev. Evangeline Taylor

All are welcome every Sunday! Full schedule resumes on January 3:

8:30, 9:15, 10:50, 11 a.m.















CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY 5 P.M.

Please move to center of pews to allow for maximum seating.

STORY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

Prelude William Neil, organ

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dr. Quinn Fox

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register.

▲ HYMN 41 verses 1-2

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yeah, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;

Word of the father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brian Afnan and June Im with Isabelle, Samantha, and Mackenzie

Isaiah Foretells the Coming of Christ

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

THE PROPHECY

Angels Visit Mary and Joseph

GABRIEL TO MARY

Angel to Joseph

MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

Hymn 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all thy years are met in thee tonight.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

▲ HYMN 53 What Child Is This Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

ANGEL TO SHEPHERDS

HEAVENLY HOST

HYMN 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn
Grace Notes Choir

Grace Notes Choir verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Congregation joins in

Hail the heaven-born prince of peace! Hail the son of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Songs

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Piae Cantiones

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger, Such a babe in such a place, can He be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about His birth, wise men sought and found Him; Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him. Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing; All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story; Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

African-American spiritual

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow, it will lead you to the place

Where the Christ was born, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to angel's words,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow, you'll forget your flocks,

You'll forget your herds, rise up, shepherd and follow.

Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

▲ Hymn 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Have Heard on High Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Glo----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo----ria in excelsis Deo.

THREE MAGI FOLLOW THE STAR

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Herod Questions Priest and Magi Magi Find Jesus

WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Share Our Gifts

Dr. Quinn Fox

Like the magi, we present our own gifts to support the ministries and missions of NPC.

OFFERTORY

Fullness of Grace

Keith and Kristyn Getty Youth Music Group

Fullness of Grace in man's human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus.

Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world.

Chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth.

Born in a stable cold and rejected, here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace the love of the Father, shown in the face of Jesus.

Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.

Christ the holy innocent, took our sin and punishment.

Fullness of God despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus.

Through His obedience we are forgiven, opening the floodgates of heaven.

All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.

Fullness of life and joy unspeakable, God's gift in love to the world.

▲ Hymn 40 Joy to the World! Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

let earth receive her king!

Let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

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

Blessing and Invitation to The Manger

POSTLUDE

▲ Congregation standing

CAST

Narrators

Steven and Karen Greisdorf

Isaiah

Michael Denham

Holy Family

Ryan and Jane Crumpler Eleanor Crumpler

Angel to Mary Molly Moore

Angel to Joseph Isabelle Rakow

Angel to Shepherds
Sarah Thompson

Magi

Mike Hammaker Alex Pierson Adam Schauer

King Herod

Andrew Gore

Priest

Mitchell Moore

Shepherds

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

Heavenly Host

Grace Notes Choir

CHOIRS

Grace Notes (Grades K-1st)

Emma Ajenifuja, Karl Ajenifuja, Emerson Ela, Grace Hafemeister, Heaven Hill, Brayden Nya, Brianna Nya, Ella Perry, McKyle Pierce, Jane Riblett, Bram Schestopol

Youth Music Group (Grades 6-12)

Joyful Noisemakers (Grades 2-5)

Katharina Ajenifuja, Evan Atchison, Alexa Buss, Thomas Crumley, June Dempsey, Lauren Dickey, Nicolas Durick, Zachary Durick, Caroline Kaleda, Anna Lane, Jamie Levinson, Dashiell May, Sasha May, Daniel Piho, Abigail Rakow, Alexandra Rohrbaugh, Eleanor Schmitt, Emmanuel Tamen, Meghan Thompson, Laughton Wingate

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Service Coordinator

Jill Meek

Rehearsal Directors

Alexandra August Hilda Gore Dave Thompson

Choir Directors

Joanna Jones - Youth Music Group Mandy Brown -

Joyful Noisemakers

Alexandra August - Grace Notes

Violinist

Marissa Murphy

Pianist

Joanna Jones

Organist

William Neil

Advent Wreath Family

Brian Afnan and June Im

with Isabelle, Samantha, and Mackenzie

AV /Lighting

Walker Borgmann Rebecca Funderburk

Bill McNett Sam Wilson

Costumes

Gerri Hall Nickels Sarah Crumley Mary Ellen McKenna

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

Set

Rubelio Interiano

Bulletin

Jessica Beaugez

Head Usher

Walter Hampton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Parenting: Talks for Parents

Sundays in January, beginning Jan. 3 9:30–10:30 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym) Join us for 5 weeks of talks specifically for parents, covering topics such as digital media, stress, anxiety, friendships, achievement, and keeping the faith. Find insight into staying Biblically rooted as a parent as your children experience youth and adolescence.

- Jan. 3: Biblically Rooted in the Teen Years
- Jan. 10: Biblically Rooted in the Digital World
- Jan. 17: Biblically Rooted in Christ
- Jan. 24: Biblically Rooted in Church
- Jan. 31: Biblically Rooted in the Home

Looking for God in *Downton Abbey*

Sunday, January 3, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall Dr. Quinn Fox will reflect on themes of Christian faith and the Church that are present, implicit, and conspicuously absent, in episodes from the first five seasons of the drama of the aristocratic Crawleys and their servants in post-Edwardian England. This presentation begins "January Term" in Adult Sunday School – a variety of three-week classes book-ended by plenary presentations. Learn more: www.nationalpres.org/adults, or

pick up a brochure on the information table.

Last Minute Gifts that Change the World

Our annual Mission Gifts for Christmas event provides the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. Last year we raised just over \$59,000 for charities through Mission Gifts. We have already raised over \$57,000 this year—let's see how much more we can give to missions by the end of the year! Shop online through Dec. 27: www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

Sunday, Jan. 10, Stone Hall 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make 800 sandwiches!

NPC's Membership Class: Pathway of Christian Discipleship

Saturday, Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. Contact Kemet Rakiatu to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.

Bible Reading for 2016

Several Bible reading guides are available as we begin the new year:

- Read the Bible's "Top 100" greatest passages in 20 weeks
- Read through the New Testament in a year
- Read through the entire Bible in a year Reading guides and free Bibles are available on the information table (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary) or on our website, www.nationalpres.org.

Book Discussion: "Augustine's Confessions"

Thursdays, January 7–February 4 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion on the final four chapters of this classic book. Newcomers welcome! If you were not able to join us for the fall you will not be behind – the material is entirely new. Copies of the book are available for sale in the church bookstore. For more information: grow@nationalpres.org or call 202,537,7527

2016 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching and joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. There are many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ.

A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

Sunday Classes for Adults, Youth, and Children

Bible-based opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages and stages.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city. Sandwiches are distributed via McKenna's Wagon, the mobile soup kitchen of NPC mission partner, Martha's Table.

Concert Series

Music at National presents many performances throughout the year featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort, The City Choir of Washington, and Washington Master Chorale, as well as National's own Chancel & Festival choirs.

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

Great Day of Service

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at NPC and in the surrounding community.

Wholeness and Healing Services

Quarterly worship services of quiet reflection and prayer for those going through difficult times or who are looking for Christ's healing touch.

Vacation Bible School

A week long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

GriefShare

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one meet weekly for support and prayer.



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