

November 27, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Therefore, you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.*

Matthew 24:44



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| Senior Pastor | Dr. David Renwick |
| Associate Pastors | Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor |
| Parish Associate | Dr. Nancy Fox |
| Music | Dr. Michael Denham (<i>Director</i>), William Neil (<i>Organist</i>) Hilda Gore (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>) |
| Ministry Directors | J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Kristin Franke (<i>Youth</i>), Jill Meek (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>), John Turpin (<i>Serve</i>) |

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Advent Workshop

4:30–6 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).

Winter Warmth Drive

Bins are located at the info table & Stone Hall

Today is the last day to drop off the following items for NPC local mission partners serving the homeless:

- New or gently used coats and jackets
- New heavyweight socks
- New men's size L, XL, and XXL thermal underwear

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

Say "Yes" to Living Generously

Make your 2017 commitment today!

Your commitment enables our church to plan wisely for the year ahead. 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
- Filling out your commitment securely online at www.nationalpres.org/giving

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- The History of the Church in the Middle Ages, *Church Bldg Room 110/III*
- Abiding in Jesus, *Church Bldg Rm 105*
- Men's Bible Class, *Admin Bldg Culbertson Library*
- I & II Samuel, *Agencies Bldg Room 105*
- Parents' Gathering
10–10:30 a.m., Elson Parlor

Youth

- Middle & High School (6th–12th grade)
Youth House; combined this week only

Children

- Age 2–5th grade: Drop off/pick up at the National Presbyterian School building.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., School Bldg

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 10:20–10:50 a.m. Church Bldg, Rm 5

November Donations: Canned Fruit

Please bring donations of **canned fruit** for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table.

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

Send postcards to NPC members and friends who are in need of encouragement. *Supplies are available in Stone Hall.*

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Clarence Lee, by his wife Amy Lee.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Dan Campolieta, guest organist

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we adore you for the grace and mercy shown us in Jesus Christ. Forgive the impatience of our hearts, and cleanse us from all our sins. Help us remember that by your command the order of time runs its course. Strengthen what is lacking in our faith, and grant us good hope while we await the fulfillment of all your promises. 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

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.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Jason Hafemeister & Darci Vetter
with Grace and Elijah Hafemeister

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Advent Affirmation *see p. 6*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 6*

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6*

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Carter James Gamse

son of Laura Grace Gamse and Nicholas Garber Gamse

Prayer of Response

Children (grades K-5) leave now for Sunday School in the school building; parents pick them up at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon Dottie McKnight

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hope

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Isaiah 2:1-5

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

▲ HYMN 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS No Other Name Joel Houston
 Great Light of the World Bebo Norman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE O Come, O Come Emmanuel

John Mason Neale

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Contemporary Band Members

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE A Baby Will Come

Bill Wolf

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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Advent Affirmation Dr. David Renwick

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 this good news of great joy which 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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received* All Creation Sing

Steve Fee

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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Elder Fred Byus & Deacon Kathy Byus

CHORAL RESPONSE

Waiting

While we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

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Hannah Katherine Pippert

Daughter of Katherine Annette Pippert and Bryce Robert Pippert

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Charles Petty

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.
O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines on all who look to you;
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

with Michael Ford

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Zion Hears the Watchman Singing

J. S. Bach

Zion hears the watchman singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing. from Cantata No. 140, *Wachet auf*

She wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious, in strength of grace, in truth victorious.

Her star is ris'n, her light grows bright.

Come now, most holy Lord, God's Son, incarnate Word. Alleluia!

We follow all to heed the call to gather in the banquet hall.

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 1

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Stuttgart

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Waiting

Come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS ADVENT

Handel's "Messiah" Concert

Sunday, Dec. 11, 5 p.m.

Make plans to bring 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. Childcare (age 5 and under) available with RSVP to: Childcare@NationalPres.org.*

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Stone Hall

The seasonal emphasis on gratitude reminds us that God has given us gifts in abundance. Mission Gifts for Christmas provides an opportunity to give to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *Visit the market next Sunday or visit www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to sign up to volunteer!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Mid Week Worship

*Wednesdays Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14
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.

- **Nov. 30:** *The Lord is Come*
Dr. David Renwick
- **Dec. 7:** *The Savior Reigns*
Dr. Quinn Fox
- **Dec. 14:** *The Glories of His Righteousness*
Dr. David Renwick

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 3, 8-9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Gregg Gochnour: "Now What...?"

*Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org
or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon Celebrates 71 Years

Sat. Dec. 3, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Stone Hall

The Business and Professional Women's Guild celebrates their 71-year heritage in our church with an Advent gathering. Jim Anderson will give a presentation on the group's rich history of service. *Contact Jo Schoolfield, to join the noon luncheon (\$12): 301.598.6284.*

Celebrate Christmas at National!

Christmas Eve

FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE | 5 PM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES | 8 PM & 10 PM

Christmas Day

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE | 11 AM

Financial Report through November 15, 2016

| | YTD ACTUAL | ANNUAL BUDGET (anticipated by Dec. 31) |
|----------------------|-------------|---|
| Faith Giving | \$2,038,252 | \$2,900,000 |
| Other Income | \$1,722,669 | \$2,038,030 |
| Total Income | \$3,760,921 | \$4,938,030 |
| Total Expenses | \$4,131,602 | \$4,938,030 |
| Net Income/(Deficit) | \$370,681 | — |

Every year, about one third of our faith giving income (donations from members) is received in the final six weeks of the year. Your contribution of any size is very important as we seek to end 2016 with our ministries accomplished and our finances in good health. *Thank you for your generous support!*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups are offered for all ages for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ's light in the world, serving and caring for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Childcare | Available 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7. *Children are always welcome in worship!*

Prayers after worship | A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers, and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

Nov. 27 – Dec. 4

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Isaiah 1:1-9

2 Peter 3:1-10

Matthew 25:1-13

Monday

Psalms 122; 67

Isaiah 1:10-20

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94

Isaiah 1:21-31

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Luke 20:9-18

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17

Isaiah 2:1-4

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Luke 20:19-26

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62

Isaiah 2:5-22

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Luke 20:27-40

Friday

Psalms 102; 16

Isaiah 3:1-4:1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Luke 20:41-21:4

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72

Isaiah 4:2-6

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Isaiah 5:1-7

2 Peter 3:11-18

Luke 7:28-35

PRAYERS

We celebrate the birth of:

Amelie Brooks Griffin on November 9, 2016
to parents Paige and Piper Griffin.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer



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