

# Vespers in Advent

*Reflections on "Joy to the World"*

## PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PRELUDE                      Sleepers, Wake!                      J.S. Bach  
   *Schubler Chorale No. 1*                      William Neil, organ

## CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 2                      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus                      *Hyfrydol*

## CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, at your first coming you sent your messenger  
to prepare the way before you.  
Help us prepare ourselves to make ready your way  
in our own lives.  
Turn our disobedient hearts to the wisdom of righteousness.  
Cleanse us from the crimson stain of our sins.  
Lord Jesus, we also pray that at your second coming  
you will find us faithful, and acceptable in your sight –  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

John Cosin, 1594-1672,  
Bishop of Durham (adapted)

## 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                      Micah 5:2-4                      Kristin Franke  
   The Word of the Lord.                      Director of Youth Ministries  
   **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY                      The Lord Is Come                      Dr. David Renwick  
   Malachi 3:1-4, Zephaniah 3:14-19

ANTHEM                      Thou Who Wast Rich                      Molly Ijames  
   Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for loves sake becamest poor.  
   Thrones for a manger did surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
   Thou who art God beyond all praising all for love's sake becamest man.  
   Stooping so low, but sinners raising; heav'nwards by God's eternal plan.  
   Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.  
   Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou would'st have us be.  
   Frank Houghton

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table                      Rev. Donna Marsh

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Still, Still, Still                      Sandra Eithun  
   Austrian Carol  
   Grace Chimes  
   Carolann Haley, Director

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 40                      Joy to the World!                      *Antioch*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      Come, God Creator, Heavenly Spirit                      J.S. Bach  
   from *18 Leipzig Chorales*

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

# ADVENT 2016

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 & 11 a.m. – Sanctuary

10:50 a.m. – Jones Hall

Dec. 4: *Peace*  
Dr. Quinn Fox

Dec. 11: *Joy*  
Rev. Donna Marsh

Dec. 18: *Love*  
Dr. David Renwick  
*Special music with the Chancel  
Choir, Soloists, Harps, Strings,  
Brass, & Organ*

## WEDNESDAY VESPERS

7 p.m. – Sanctuary

Music, Message, & Communion

Dec. 7: *The Savior Reigns*  
Dr. Quinn Fox

Dec. 14: *The Glories of His  
Righteousness*  
Dr. David Renwick

Handel's "Messiah" Concert  
*Sunday, Dec. 11, 5 p.m., Sanctuary*  
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](mailto:Childcare@NationalPres.org).

Mission Gifts for Christmas  
*Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Stone Hall*  
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 on Sunday or visit [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts) to shop online!*

## Christmas Eve

Family Nativity Service DECEMBER 24 | 5 PM

Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible's nativity story to life in this narrated reenactment with lots of music.

Candlelight Services DECEMBER 24 | 8 PM & 10 PM

Carols will be sung and Communion will be served as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

## Christmas Day

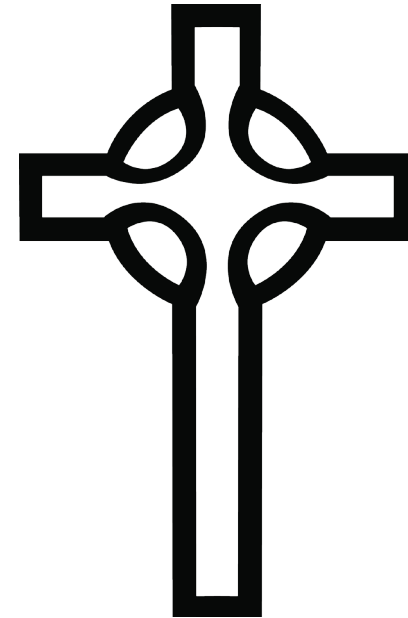
Sunday Worship Service DECEMBER 25 | 11 AM

Bring the whole family as Dr. Renwick shares the Christmas story for all ages.



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## THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Wednesday, November 30, 2016

7 p.m.

Sanctuary