

December 4, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

COMMUNION

*The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf, and the lion, and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.*

Isaiah 11:6

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 (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)

Hilda Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)

Ministry Directors

J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)

Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Jill Meek (*Children*)

Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Turpin (*Serve*)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 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 organizations and how your gift helps. *Pick up at catalog in Stone Hall, or shop online: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

Pecan Sales

Outside Stone Hall bookstore

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

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Youth House driveway

Boy Scout Troop 1946 is selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands.

Say "Yes" to Living Generously

Make your 2017 commitment today!

If you have already made your commitment, thank you! 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 online at www.nationalpres.org/giving

Music at National

3 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Bach Consort brings us "Christmas With The Consort." *Tickets available at the door.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Abiding in Jesus, *Church Bldg Rm 105*
- Men's Bible Class, *Admin Bldg Culbertson Library*
- I & II Samuel, *Agencies Bldg Room 105*
- Wrestlers, *Agencies Lower Level*
"The Christian Roots of Religious Liberty" (part 1); Dr. Robert Wilken, Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia
- Parents' Gathering
10–10:30 a.m., Elson Parlor

Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- Middle School (8th grade)
Agencies Bldg. Room 101
- High School (9th–12th grade)
Youth House

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

December 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

Write 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 and in loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Featherston Quick and Howard Roland Quick by Annette Quick and Roger Coy.

Advent flower dedications beautify our church while honoring a loved one. Donations by check may be made payable to "NPC Flower Fund."

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!
Schubler Chorale No. 1

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 10 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

In you, O Lord, do I put my trust, for with you is unfailing love and full redemption. With all my soul I long for you, more than watchmen who wait for the morning. Anticipating your dawn of peace, your people wait in hope. You alone are grace and truth. You alone are steadfast love. Savior God, cleanse our sins. Prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son, who guides us in the ways of peace. In him alone we see your glory and our salvation.

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Sheri Jackson, Mary Ellen Cain,
Michael Ford, and James Evans

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Advent Affirmation *see p. 6*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol
Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

▲ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

Ludy Green

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

SERMON

Peace
Isaiah 11:1-9

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE *see p. 6*

Jefferson

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6*

▲ HYMN 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Come, God Creator, Heavenly Spirit
from *18 Leipzig Chorales*

J.S. Bach

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONG No Other Name Joel Houston
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Marsh
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE O Come, All Ye Faithful *Adeste fideles*
- LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE John Gordon and Allison Smith
with Leah and Susannah Gordon

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE All Is Well Michael W. Smith

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14 Rev. Donna Marsh
- SERMON Peace Dr. Quinn Fox
Isaiah 11:1-9

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Advent Affirmation Rev. Donna Marsh
- 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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* Light of the Stable Steve and Elizabeth Rhymer

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Deacon Ron Martinson and Wanda Martinson

CHORAL RESPONSE

Genevan Psalter

Comfort, comfort, you my people, tell of peace, thus says your God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Jefferson

Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.

Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within.

Seed of promise, deeply planted, Child to spring from Jesse's stem!

Like the soil beneath the frost line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.

Mary Louise Bringle

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French Carol

arr. Sandra Eithun

Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Come, Emmanuel

Elaine Hagenberg

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here,
and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease, and fill the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

with Alex Glaubitz, cello

Prayer of Response 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
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▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.*

Advent Mid Week Worship

Dec. 7 & 14, 7-7:55 p.m., Sanctuary

Advent Vespers services are a time of restorative mid-week worship during the busy Christmas season. Communion will be served.

- **Dec. 7:** *The Savior Reigns*
Dr. Quinn Fox
- **Dec. 14:** *The Glories of His Righteousness*
Dr. David Renwick

U.S. Army Chorus at NPC

Monday, Dec. 12, 1:15 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 11:45 in Stone Hall before the concert. *Sign up for lunch today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m.

Culbertson Library (2nd floor; Admin. Bldg.)

Get helpful tools to deal with the many emotions you'll face in the weeks surrounding Christmas after facing loss and grief. *Call: 202.537.7540.*

Celebrate Christmas at National!

Christmas Eve

Family Nativity Service | **5 PM**

Candlelight Services | **8 PM & 10 PM**

Christmas Day

Sunday Worship Service | **11 AM**

YEAR-END GIVING

Financial Report through November 30, 2016

	ANNUAL BUDGET	GIVING TO DATE	NEEDED IN DECEMBER	
Individual Faith Giving	\$2,900,000	\$2,166,508	\$733,492	<i>Thank you for your generous support!</i>
Other Income	\$2,038,030	\$1,829,508	\$208,522	
Total Income	\$4,938,030	\$3,996,017	\$942,013	
Total Expenses	\$4,938,030	\$4,316,854	N/A	

Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of NPC with your year-end giving as we end 2016 and look forward to what God has planned for us in 2017.

- Set up **recurring gifts** at NPC Online (*link at the bottom of nationalpres.org*)
- **Easy one-time gifts** to NPC can be made at nationalpres.org/giving
- 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
Client Account number: 504-041937-677 NPC TIN: 53-0196611
Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.

Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine, LSkrine@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7484.

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.

PRAYERS

We pray for:

Jane McRonald

We mourn the death of:

Jo Ann Bratt on November 16, 2016

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

December 4 – 11

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Isaiah 5:1-7
2 Peter 3:11-18
Luke 7:28-35

Monday

Psalms 122; 67
Isaiah 5:8-17
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94
Isaiah 5:18-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Luke 21:29-38

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17
Isaiah 6:1-13
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
John 7:53-8:11

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62
Isaiah 7:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 22:1-13

Friday

Psalms 102; 16
Isaiah 7:10-25
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 22:14-30

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72
Isaiah 8:1-15
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Luke 22:31-38

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Isaiah 13:1-13
Hebrews 12:18-29
John 3:22-30



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