



January 1, 2017




Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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





COMMUNION
NEW YEAR'S DAY



*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,
"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage."*

Matthew 2:1-2



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*)

We are delighted that you have joined us
to celebrate this New Year's morning.

All are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes next Sunday, January 8:

Sanctuary worship: 9 & 11 a.m.

Jones Hall (contemporary) worship: 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.



WORSHIP

11 A.M.

Please silence all electronics.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 68 *verses 1-3* What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 68, verse 4

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, you do not change with the changing years,
but we are creatures of time.

As we look back on the road we have traveled,
we thank you for your faithful mercies along the way.

Where the road has been dark, you have not failed us,
though we have often failed you.

Forgive us, we pray. You are both our guide and goal.

Your companionship is our strength and stay.

In this New Year we would walk with you,

for you alone can bring us to our journey's end in peace.

Leslie Weatherhead

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

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

Matthew 2:1-12

Susan O'Banion

SERMON

Eyes Wide Open
Matthew 2:13-20

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art –
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *in unison* Psalm 90 *selected*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
Teach us to count our days,
that we may gain a wise heart.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming homewards, one by one.
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them along the little road to Bethlehem.
Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang a song about the lambs at close of day and rocked her tiny King among the hay.
Across the air the silver sheepbell rang, "The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang,
"Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep, my little King, go lullaby.

Michael Ford, tenor and Joanna Jones, piano

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. David Renwick

Invitation to the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution and Distribution

Organ Meditation

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN

O Praise the Almighty

St. Denio

O praise the Almighty, the Lord of our lives,
The source of our being in whom hope revives,
Our Maker and Keeper who numbers our days,
Who loves us and guides us through uncharted ways.

God's people through ages have met the demands
For turns in direction, for seeking new lands.
With faith in the Spirit who comforts and guides,
Believers know mercy which God's grace provides.

Our God of the present is God of the past,
And God of the future, the first and the last.
Remember all blessings, the new and the old,
And celebrate life as God's purpose unfolds.

Mary Jackson Cathey

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Slane

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers throughout the church this morning are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the life of Mary Jackson Cathey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Ministry Habitat Build

Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast will serve together this month, meeting at the church for a light continental breakfast before carpooling together to a Habitat for Humanity build site. Bring a jacket and be ready to work! No construction experience necessary. *Please RSVP by tomorrow to Michael Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Christian Parenting Talks

Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 10-10:30 a.m., Parlor

Join us for talks specifically for parents, covering topics such as sports, secular culture, family time, and church community. Find insight into keeping your children rooted in faith as they experience youth and adolescence.

- Jan. 8: Faithfully Rooted on the Field – or at Play
- Jan. 15: Faithfully Rooted in “this City”
- Jan. 22: Faithfully Rooted in the Home
- Jan. 29: Faithfully Rooted “in the Pew”

“January Term” Classes

Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of three week courses will take place in January, with a closing plenary session on Jan. 29 with Dr. Beck Taylor, President of Whitworth University, who will help us to think about the challenges facing Christian higher education. *Full class listings are available at nationalpres.org/adults*

Moldova Lunch & Learn

Sunday, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Hear how God is at work in Moldova! Join church members who visited this fall to support mission partners there.

Sandwich Making

Sunday, Jan. 8, after worship, Stone Hall

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.

Bible Reading for 2017

Several Bible reading guides are available as we begin the new year. *Reading guides and Bibles are available on the information table or on nationalpres.org.*

Mission Prayer Calendars

Pray for NPC's partners using our 31-day prayer calendar. Brochures are available in the information racks.

Refugee Family Project

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m.

Want to help with a new refugee family resettling in the DC area next year? Lutheran Social Services, our agency partner, will be hosting a training seminar.

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Jan. 13 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

FMPT Announces Architect

Sunday, Jan. 29, 12:30 p.m., Stone Hall

The Facilities Master Planning Team (FMPT) has selected Beyer Blinder Belle (beyerblinderbelle.com), a well-respected architectural firm with experience in DC, to lead us through the master planning and facility improvement process. Come and meet the BBB team on Jan. 29! *Contact: Mary Jo Pera, fmpt@nationalpres.org.*

Prepare for Marriage Course

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. *Contact Holly Novak by Jan. 30 to register: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

2017 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.

New Sermon Series: "I Believe"

Beginning January 8, Dr. Renwick will use the Apostles' Creed to explore the essential beliefs of historic Christian faith and their transformative power for our lives today.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city.

Youth Trips

High school students travel to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip and middle school students attend a 5-day middle school conference with speakers and musicians.

Concert Series

Music at National presents many performances featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort and The City Choir of Washington, as well as our own Chancel and 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.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2 January 1 –8

Sunday

Psalms 98; 8
Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 1:18-25

Monday

Psalms 48; 29
Genesis 12:1-7
Hebrews 11:1-12
John 6:35-42, 48-51

Tuesday

Psalms 111; 15
Genesis 28:10-22
Hebrews 11:13-22
John 10:7-17

Wednesday

Psalms 20; 97
Exodus 3:1-5
Hebrews 11:23-31
John 14:6-14

Thursday

Psalms 99; 110
Joshua 1:1-9
Hebrews 11:32-12:2
John 15:1-16

Friday

Psalms 72; 67
Isaiah 52:7-10
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Saturday

Psalms 46; 114
Isaiah 52:3-6
Revelation 2:1-7
John 2:1-11

Sunday

Psalms 104; 29
Isaiah 40:1-11
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34



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