

December 3, 2017

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY

*And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Hebrews 10:10

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 Labrada Gore (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Kristin Franke (<i>Youth</i>), Cate McCrory (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>), John Marienau Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Advent Workshop

4:30–5 p.m. (*Chapel*)

5–6 p.m. (*Stone Hall*)

Families of all ages are invited for an evening of worship, Advent crafts, and pizza. Come and bring a friend!

Prepare Gifts for Our Guests

8 a.m.–1 p.m., *Stone Hall*

Come and help prepare giveaway ornaments for our many guests who come to our annual "Messiah" concert. All ages are welcomed and can help for one hour, or more! *Add your 50 hours of service story and record your hours: nationalpres.org/50*

Pecan Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans at the bookstore today!

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.

Children in Worship

If you have a little one with you in worship, pick up a new "Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary! The bags are filled with fun things to help children engage in worship. You can return the bags after the service.

Say "Yes" to Living Generously

Your financial commitment enables our church to plan wisely for the year ahead!

You may make your commitment:

- Placing a commitment card from the Friendship Registers into the offering plate
- Online at nationalpres.org/giving

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Answering God, *Church Room 105*
- Looking at Luke, *Church Room 110/111*
- The History of the Church in the Reformation Era, *Agencies Room 105*
- Men's Class: Zechariah, *Church Room 5*
- The Power of Communal Prayer, *Culbertson Library*
- Community Bible Study, *Church Rm 106*
- Parent Gathering, *10-10:30 a.m., Parlor*

Youth

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Agencies Bldg Lower Level*
- Grade 8: *Agencies Building Room 101*
- Grades 9/10: *Youth House Room 1*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Room 2*

Children

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

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:30–10:55 a.m., School Bldg

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 12:15–1 p.m., Agencies Room 105

"Across the Aisle" Young Professionals

12:15 p.m., Church Room 105

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

Notes of Encouragement

Supplies are available in Stone Hall to write to those in need of encouragement.

December Donations: Canned Tuna

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

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by and in loving memory of Elizabeth Featherston Quick and Howard Roland Quick by Annette E. Quick and Roger E. Coy.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Major

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, we bow in worship before you, grateful for the forgiveness you offer to us through Jesus Christ. In the daily walk of our earthly life, keep us seriously seeking after you, and affectionately walking with you. When you come, may we be found, not hiding the treasure you have entrusted to us, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but confidently waiting and longing for you, our Lord and glorious King.

Richard Baxter, 1615-1691

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: HOPE

Paul, Nancy, Willie and Daniel Piho

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS The Huron Carol

arr. Jason Krug
Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Youth and children K-5th grade may leave for Sunday School. After worship, parents are invited for study and conversation in the Parlor before picking children up in the school building at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

Deacon Brenda Balta

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

SERMON

When God Comes Calling

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Psalm 40:6-10; Hebrews 10:4-10

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by a soloist, then the congregation*

Waiting

While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6*

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel Hoch"

J.S. Bach

From Heaven Above I Come to Earth

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG O Come, O Come, Emmanuel John Mason Neale

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Labrada Gore

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE Contemporary Worship Band

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Waiting Here for You Chris Tomlin

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE What a Beautiful Name Brooke Ligertwood

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▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Quinn Fox

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 points 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 O Light Michael Gungor

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* A Baby Will Come Bill Wolf

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Rich and Marilee Davies

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 15, verse 3

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, thou sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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HYMN 19

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

Annunciation

Verse 1 *Soloist*, Verse 4 *Choir*

Verse 6 *Congregation*

As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words. "Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God. "So be it, I am ready according to your word."

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Advent Affirmation Dr. David Renwick

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation 9 a.m. O Savior Sweet

J.S. Bach

O Jesulein süß

O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, thy Father's will has all thy mind, from heaven thou hast most humbly come,
with men, as Man, to make thy home. O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, the way to please thee we would find;
whate'er we have, it comes of thee; O ever near thee let us be. O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, who came to
earth the lost to find, who died to save us on the tree; our hearts are filled with love for thee.

Ethan Greene and Joanna Jones

11 a.m. Zion Hears the Watchman Singing

J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchman singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing. 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.

from Cantata No. 140, *Wachet auf*

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
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Advent Vespers Service *Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., Sanctuary*

This Advent season we will have one Vespers service. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ in this prayerful service as we reflect on the Gospel of John.

Handel's "Messiah" Concert *Sunday, Dec. 10, 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.*

Christmas Eve at National *Sunday, December 24*

- 11:00 a.m. // Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. // Family Nativity Service
- 9:00 p.m. // Candlelight Worship

Women's Ministry

Come explore how to find hope in God's word, work and world!

- **Wednesday Women:** Wednesday, Dec. 6, Room 105, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
- **Weekday Women's Luncheon:** Wednesday, Dec. 6, Parlor, Noon–1:30 p.m.
- **MOMS Group:** Wednesday, Dec. 13, Room 107, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Contact: Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7483

Mission Gifts for Christmas *Sundays, Dec. 10 & 17, Stone Hall*

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 nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to donate or to volunteer!*

50 Hours of Service Opportunities

- Serve as an usher! Dates are flexible, and ushers are needed at all worship services. *Contact: Walt Hampton, jesse506@verizon.net, or talk to any usher on a Sunday morning.*
- Hand out Christmas ornaments to our guests at the "Messiah" concert and on Christmas Eve. *Contact: Leslie Saum, lsaum@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7494.*

Record your hours at nationalpres.org/50

A Musical Christmas at National

Monday, Dec. 18, 1 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited for an Adult Fellowship Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Stone Hall followed by "A Musical Christmas at National" at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. *For lunch reservations (\$15 in advance; \$20 at the door), call 202.537.7529 or sign up today in Stone Hall.*

Facilities Master Plan

Did you know...

- You can read every comment made about the proposed facilities plan in the Readiness Assessment report.
- You can check out a full written copy of the report from the library.
- You can access an electronic version of the report from NPC Online.
- The level of participation in our focus groups was very high and consistent with some of the best campaigns conducted by our consultant.

Copies of the Readiness Assessment report are available in the libraries and at NPC Online.

Need a Christmas Dinner?

Christmas dinner gifts cards are available for NPC families in need. *Contact our care office to learn more: 202.537.7540.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

December 3–10

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Amos 1:1-5, 1:13-2:8

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Luke 21:5-19

Monday

Psalms 122; 67

Amos 2:6-16

2 Peter 1:1-11

Matthew 21:1-11

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94

Amos 3:1-11

2 Peter 1:12-21

Matthew 21:12-22

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17

Amos 3:12-4:5

2 Peter 3:1-10

Matthew 21:23-32

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62

Amos 4:6-13

2 Peter 3:11-18

Matthew 21:33-46

Friday

Psalms 102; 16

Amos 5:1-17

Jude 1-16

Matthew 22:1-14

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72

Amos 5:18-27

Jude 17-25

Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Amos 6:1-14

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Luke 1:57-68

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that you will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced as we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups for all ages are offered 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, support, and service projects.

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 8:30 a.m.–12:30 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 available to pray with you 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 grieve the death of:

Doris Rosenberry on November 24, 2017.

We pray for:

Ruth McKelvie Lucille Smiley

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Young Life North DC, a Christian international organization that presents the gospel to teenagers and helps them grow in their faith.



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