

December 10, 2017

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Luke 1:47

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

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

Mission Gifts for Christmas opens today with engaging displays, music, and refreshments! Help to meet the needs of mission organizations around the world by giving unforgettable gifts to friends, colleagues, or relatives. Your gifts enable the purchase of much needed supplies, food, tools, services, and more. Children can join in the joy at special kid-friendly displays. *Shop online through Dec. 31 at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

Pecan & Fruitcake Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans and fruitcakes at the bookstore today!

Handel's "Messiah" Concert *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.*

Military Ministry *12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

All who are interested in issues affecting the military are invited for a light lunch and a program with Rev. Evangeline Taylor about her military service.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m. (Today is the last week of Sunday School classes; Sunday School will resume January 7, 2018)

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.

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.

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 Johanna Huijssoon and her husband Terry, in loving memory of her mother and his 'Mutti', Diny Huijssoon, remembering her December 14th birthday.

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

My Soul Magnifies the Lord
from *Six Schübler Chorales*

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord our God, we worship and adore you. Keep us faithful and make us watchful, as we await the coming of your Son our Savior. When he appears, may he not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise, to the glory of your holy name.

Pope Gelasius, 5th century

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 *see p. 5*

In dulci jubilo

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: JOY Dan, Laura, Calvin, and Evan Atchison

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Mary, Do You Know?

arr. Michael Denham

Mary, do you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?

Mary, do you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?

Do you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?

This child to be delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, do you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, do you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?

Do you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,

And when you kiss your little baby, you'll kiss the face of God?

Dr. Michael Denham with Danielle Cho, cello and Joanna Jones, piano

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Regent Square

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

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

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 1:38-56

Caroline Dickey

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

SERMON

My Heart Rejoices

Rev. Donna Marsh

Luke 1:46-56

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able from *the Orgelbüchlein*

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | O Come All Ye Faithful
All Creation Sing | John Francis Wade
Steve Fee |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Rev. Evangeline Taylor |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | Hilda Labrada Gore |
| LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: JOY | | The Thompson Family |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | O Light | Michael Gungor |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN | | |
| O Lord our God, we worship and adore you. Keep us faithful and make us watchful, as we await the coming of your Son our Savior. When he appears, may he not find us sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise, to the glory of your holy name. | | |
| Pope Gelasius, 5th century | | |
| SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | Mary's Song | James Beauregard and Keri Taylor |

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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| SCRIPTURE | Luke 1:38-45 | Rev. Evangeline Taylor |
| The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. | | |
| SERMON | My Heart Rejoices
Luke 1:46-56 | Rev. Donna Marsh |

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- 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.
- 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* God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Next Sunday: There will be no service at 10:50 a.m.

We will gather together at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear the Christmas story told for children of all ages. The 10:50 a.m. service will resume Sunday, January 7, 2018.

11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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PRELUDE

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William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 40 *verses 1-3*

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Antioch

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: JOY Ed, Kris, Zoe, and Anya Tockman

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 40, verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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keep us faithful and make us watchful,
as we await the coming of your Son our Savior.
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but active in his service and joyful in his praise,
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▲ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

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Eleanor Schmitt

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

My Heart Rejoices
Luke 1: 46-56

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Morning Song

Soloist

My soul gives glory to my God, my heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me; yes, holy is his Name.

Congregation

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Advent Affirmation Dr. Quinn Fox

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My Heart Ever Faithful

My heart ever faithful, be joyful, sing praises, thy Jesus is near!

My spirit rejoices in God my strength!

For he with favor hath looked upon his servant:

The Mighty One hath done great things for me.

Joanna Jones, soprano with William Neil, organ

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.

▲ HYMN 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 15, 7–8:30 p.m.

Yellow House

All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a Christmas party! Wear an ugly Christmas sweater, and bring a white elephant gift and a dish to share!

Pastor Evangeline Taylor: Thank You & Farewell Reception

Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:15 a.m.

Stone Hall

Come celebrate and thank Evangeline prior to her retirement on Dec. 31. We will hear the inspiring way God has used her and thank her for the many ways she has ministered to our congregation.

Love Gifts Opportunities

Pastor Evangeline Taylor and organist Bill Neil will be retiring from National on Dec. 31. If you would like to contribute to a love gift, please give online at nationalpres.org/giving or write a check to the church, with “Evangeline Love Gift” or “Bill Love Gift” in the memo line.

Christmas Music Luncheon

Monday, Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.

All are invited for an Adult Fellowship Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Stone Hall followed by “A Musical Christmas at National” program at 1 p.m. featuring Ethan Greene, Sheri Jackson, Michael Denham, and Joanna Jones. *For lunch reservations (\$15 in advance; \$20 at the door), call 202.537.7529 or sign up today in Stone Hall.*

Need a Christmas Dinner?

Christmas dinner gifts cards are available for NPC families in need. *Contact our Care office to learn more: 202.537.7537.*

Christmas Eve at National *Sunday, December 24*

- **11:00 a.m. Morning Worship**
Carols will be sung and Communion will be served as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.
- **5:00 p.m. Family Nativity Service**
Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible’s nativity story to life in this music-filled narrated reenactment. Families of all ages are invited!
- **9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship**
This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus’ birth.

Make Your Commitment Today!

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

You may make your commitment:

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

Facilities Master Plan

Did you know...

- Over 510 individuals attended a focus group in September and October.
- The FMPT has been carefully reviewing all your comments from the focus groups.
- The Readiness Assessment report showed that the plan presented by the FMPT had broad support within the congregation.
- The Session approved entering a capital campaign to fund the proposed building improvements to NPC.
- A campaign will kick off in early 2018.

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

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

December 10–17

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Amos 6:1-14

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Luke 1:57-68

Monday

Psalms 122; 67

Amos 7:1-9

Revelation 1:1-8

Matthew 22:23-33

Tuesday

Psalms 33; 94

Amos 7:10-17

Revelation 1:9-16

Matthew 22:34-46

Wednesday

Psalms 50; 17

Amos 8:1-14

Revelation 1:17-2:7

Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday

Psalms 18:1-20; 62

Amos 9:1-10

Revelation 2:8-17

Matthew 23:13-26

Friday

Psalms 102; 16

Haggai 1:1-15

Revelation 2:18-29

Matthew 23:27-39

Saturday

Psalms 90; 72

Haggai 2:1-9

Revelation 3:1-6

Matthew 24:1-14

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110

Amos 9:11-15

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

John 5:30-47

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:

John B. Anderson on December 3

We pray for:

Ruth McKelvie Lucille Smiley

We pray for our mission partners, including:

European Christian Mission, International

Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.

How can we pray for you? nationalpres.org/prayer



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