

December 24, 2017

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS EVE  
FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE

5 P.M.

*"...and they shall name him Emmanuel,"  
which means, "God is with us."*

Matthew 1:23

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



We are delighted that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas Eve.

Please join us for worship next Sunday, December 31:  
11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

You are welcome every Sunday!

*Full schedule resumes on January 7:*

Worship: 9:00, 10:50, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30–10:30 a.m.



# CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

5 P.M.

*Please move to center of pews to allow for maximum seating.*

## Story of the Birth of Our Savior

PRELUDE

Noel in D Major

Louis Claude Daquin  
William Neil, organ

WELCOME

Dr. Quinn Fox

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register.*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law.

*All:* **Born to redeem those that were under the law  
so that we might receive adoption as children of God.**

Galatians 4:4-5

▲ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fideles*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Norment Family

## Isaiah Foretells the Coming of Christ

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

THE PROPHECY

## Angels Visit Mary and Joseph

GABRIEL TO MARY

ANGEL TO JOSEPH

## Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

SOLO

A Baby Will Come

Bill Wolf  
Molly Moore

# The Birth of Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.  
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.  
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray!  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## Angels Visit the Shepherds

ANGEL TO SHEPHERDS

HEAVENLY HOST

CHOIRS

Angels We Have Heard on High

Grace Notes Choir

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
*Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.*

*Gloria*

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
*Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.*

The Friendly Beasts

Joyful Noisemakers

Jesus our brother, kind and good was humbly born in a stable rude.  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood. Jesus our brother, kind and good.  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried His mother up hill and down;  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town." "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.  
"I," said the cow, all white and red "I gave Him my manger for a bed;  
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head." "I," said the cow, all white and red.  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn." "I," said the sheep with curly horn.  
"I," said the dove from the rafters high, "Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;  
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I." "I," said the dove from the rafters high.  
"I," said the camel, yellow and black, "Over the desert, upon my back,  
I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack." "I," said the camel, yellow and black.  
Thus every beast by some good spell in the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel, the gift he gave Emmanuel.

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Joyful Noisemakers

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, it will lead you to the place  
Where the Christ was born, rise up, shepherd, and follow.  
*Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.*



If you take good heed to angel's words,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow, you'll forget your flocks,

You'll forget your herds, rise up, shepherd and follow.

*Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

### The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel!*

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far

And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night

*Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel!* (repeat)

## Three Wise Men Follow the Star

ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN

HEROD QUESTIONS PRIEST AND WISE MEN

WISE MEN FIND JESUS

HYMN

We Three Kings

*Three Kings of Orient*

**Solo:** The Kings, three verses

**Congregation:** Joins in the final refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

## We Present Our Gifts

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

*Like the magi, we present our own gifts. Your gifts support the ministries and mission of NPC.*

OFFERTORY

Ding Dong Merrily on High

NPC Youth Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World!

*Antioch*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her king!

Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,

and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BLESSING AND INVITATION TO THE MANGER

Dr. Quinn Fox

POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

*God Rest You Merry*

Contemporary Worship Band

▲ = Congregation standing as able

## CAST

### Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

### Isaiah

Michael Denham

### Holy Family

Dana and Kelsey Granville with  
Claire Granville

### Angel to Mary

Molly Moore

### Angel to Joseph

Isabelle Rakow

### Angel to Shepherds

Felicia Bailey  
Sophie Wagner

### Wise Men

Will Muoio (*Myrrh*)  
Allyn Abbott (*Frankincense*)  
Charlie Thompson (*Gold*)

### King Herod

Josh Dickey

### Priest

Peter Crumley

### Shepherds

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

### Heavenly Host

Grace Notes Choir

## CHOIRS

### Grace Notes (Grades K-1st)

Anabel Bailey, Leah Bailey, Nyla Ann  
Gawel, Eli Hafemeister, Anna Kendall,  
Caroline Lenhard, Charlie Pippert,  
Winnie Pippert, Celia Schestopol, Bryan  
Sherrard, Mary Kate Saltzman, Samantha  
Saltzman, Sofiya Wynnnycky, Christina  
Yale, Marissa Yale  
*Helpers: Susan Kozel, Katherine Pippert,  
Marissa Murphy*

### Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Felicia Bailey, Peter Crumley, Thomas  
Crumley, Caroline Dickey, Susannah  
Gordon, Lauren Levinson, Samantha  
McNett

### Joyful Noisemakers (Grades 2-5)

Grace Hafemeister, Maggie Kendall,  
Isabella Iordache, Jamie Levinson, Sasha  
May, Daniel Piho, Bram Schestopol, Eli  
Schmitt, Christopher Sweeney, Carter  
Sweeney  
*Helpers: Darci Vetter, Nancy Piho, Ann May*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

### Choir Directors

Joanna Jones (*Youth Choir*)  
Mandy Brown (*Joyful Noisemakers*)  
Dede Sweeney (*Grace Notes*)

### Pianist

Joanna Jones

### Contemporary Worship Band

David Bridgeman (*piano*)  
Hilda Labrada Gore (*vocals/guitar*)  
Karen Greisdorf (*vocals*)  
Ben Holman (*guitar*)  
Mitchell Moore (*percussion*)  
David Thompson (*vocals*)  
Butch White (*bass guitar*)

### Organ

William Neil

### Advent Wreath Family

Mary Elisa and Clarence Norment with  
Elena, Charlotte, and Clarence Norment

### Rehearsal Director

Cate McCrory

### Costumes

Gerri Hall Nickels

### Audio and Lighting

Bill McNett and team

### Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

### Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

### Set

Bill McNett and ABLE staff

### Set Decorator

Amy Thompson

### Head Usher

Walter Hampton

### Room Reservations

Kristi Teems

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Parent Gatherings: Milestones in Life and Worship

*Sundays in January, 10–10:30 a.m.  
Elson Parlor*

Join other parents for coffee, conversation, and a brief study.

- **Jan. 7:** “Talking to our Children about God’s Gift of Sexuality,” Kristin Franke
- **Jan. 14:** “The Bible,” Magruder Dent
- **Jan. 21:** “Communion,” Alison Dickey
- **Jan. 28:** “The Reformation,” Betty Elliott

## Last Minute Gifts that Change the World

Our annual **Mission Gifts for Christmas** program provides the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *Shop online through Dec. 31: [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts)*

## Men’s Breakfast

*Saturday, Jan. 6, 8–9:30 a.m.  
Stone Hall*

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Quinn Fox on the theme “Becoming What We Love.”

*Reserve your place: [Men@NationalPres.org](mailto:Men@NationalPres.org) or call 202.537.7527.*

## “January Term” Classes for Adults

*Sundays, Jan. 7–28, 9:30 a.m.*

Three week courses will take place in January, with a closing plenary session with Karen Wright Marsh. *Class descriptions are available at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults)*

## Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

*Sunday, Jan. 14, Stone Hall*

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless.

## Parenting Seminar with Mark DeVries, Ministry Architects

*Saturday, January 27, Jones Hall  
5–6 p.m. (talk), 6–7 p.m. (dinner)*

Drawing on the imagery of an athletic event where the crowd can influence the outcome of the game, Mark DeVries’ “Stacking the Stands” seminar will provide parents an opportunity to learn the power of weaving a web of life-giving, intergenerational relationships for their children. Parents will walk away from this seminar equipped with the tools and community to “stack the stands” for their children. *RSVP: [nationalpres.org/parents](http://nationalpres.org/parents)*

## Pathway Membership Class *Saturday, Jan. 27, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Jan. 17 to register: [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7578.*

## Prepare for Marriage Course *Saturday, March 3, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Preparing for a marriage takes a lot more than planning a wedding. Learn the skills you need to thrive in your marriage during this one-day course. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. *Contact Kristi Teems to register: [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org); 202.537.7527.*

## Bible Reading for 2018

- Read the Bible’s “Top 100” greatest passages in 20 weeks
  - Read through the New Testament in a year
  - Read through the entire Bible in a year
- Free reading guides and Bibles are available on the info table (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary) or online: [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org)*

# 2018 AT NATIONAL

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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 resume January 7**

Bible-based opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages and stages.

### **Youth**

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.

### **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.

### **Second Sunday Sandwich Making**

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

### **Summer Trips**

High School and middle school students each travel to conferences with speakers, worship, and plenty of fun. An intergenerational mission trip travels to the Dominican Republic to serve alongside churches and orphanages.

### **Great Day of Service and 50 Hour Challenge**

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at NPC and in the surrounding community as part of our “50 Hour Challenge,” encouraging everyone in the congregation serve 50 hours this year.

### **Care and Support**

Those going through a difficult time can receive a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of transition or grief.

### **Small Groups**

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

### **New Sermon Series beginning January 7: Roots of the Church**

Dr. Renwick will lead us in an exploration of the Book of Acts.

*Learn more at [www.nationalpres.org](http://www.nationalpres.org)*



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