

December 2, 2018

# 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

The Son of David:

*Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no  
end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and  
righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 9:7

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
Music	Dr. Michael Denham ( <i>Director</i> ), Todd Fickley ( <i>Organist</i> ) Joanna Jones ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson ( <i>Library, Archives, &amp; 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 Family Night

**4:30–6 p.m., Chapel and Stone Hall**

Families are invited for an evening of family worship, Christmas crafts, and pizza dinner! We will begin with worship in the Chapel and then move to Stone Hall for dinner and crafts. \$5/person or \$25/family max.

## Pecan Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans at the bookstore today!

## Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

**8 a.m.–4 p.m., Youth House driveway**

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

## Say “Yes” to Living Generously Make your 2019 commitment today!

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 on the information table) in the offering plate
- Filling out your commitment securely online at [www.nationalpres.org/giving](http://www.nationalpres.org/giving)

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

*(No Sunday School Dec. 23 & 30)*

Adults

- **TODAY in Stone Hall:**

- 9:30–10:00 a.m.:** Exploring “The Story:” “The Story” and the Old Testament

- 10:00–10:45 a.m.:** Celebrating “The Story”

- **December 9 and 16 in the Chapel:**

- 10:00–10:45 a.m.:** “‘The Story’ in Isaiah,” a special class led by Dr. Renwick.

**“The Story” for Youth 9:30–10:45 a.m.**

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Youth House Basement*
- Grade 8: *Multipurpose Building Basement*
- Grades 9/10: *Youth House Main Room*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Game Room*

**“The Story” for Children 9:30–10:45 a.m.**

- Age 2–5th grade: Children may come directly from the 9 a.m. service or be dropped off at the school building. Pick up children in the school building.

### Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

**8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### “Across the Aisle” Young Professionals

**12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111**

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

### Today's Flowers

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

### December Food Collection: Canned Fruit

You may drop off donations of canned fruit at baskets at the information table and outside of Stone Hall.

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Advent Chorales (from the Orgelbüchlein)                      J. S. Bach

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ 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 Christ Jesus. 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 OF HOPE

Brian Afnan and June Im  
with Isabel, Samantha, and Mackenzie

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5*    Advent Affirmation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Advent Medley

arr. Judy Phillips  
Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director,  
with Adam Green, percussion

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7

Dottie McKnight

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Great Leader

Dr. David Renwick

Isaiah 11:1-5

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by the choir; 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. 5*

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ HYMN 8                      Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

*Truro*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE                      Toccata on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Andrew Carter

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*Sanctuary*

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE                      Betty King, Joan Sharkey,  
William H.E. Doole, and J. Theodore Anderson

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.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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grateful for the forgiveness you offer to us through Jesus Christ.  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE                      Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7                      Deacon Ginny Beeson  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      Great Leader                      Dr. David Renwick  
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### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      An Advent Affirmation      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 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.

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### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

#### Music Meditation      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  
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 8      Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates      *Truro*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL AMEN

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ Congregation standing, as able

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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▲ GATHERING                      Lift High the Name of Jesus                      Keith and Kristyn Getty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Dr. Nancy Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF PRAISE                      O Great Light of the World                      Bebo Norman

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Contemporary Worship Band

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      How Many Kings                      Jason Germain

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A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

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Amy Thompson

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Solo Communion Meditation                      All Is Well

Michael W. Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Advent Vespers Service**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.**

We'll sing Advent and Christmas carols, receive Communion, and follow the themes of "Jesus, Son of David" from the Old Testament into the New Testament. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ as the busyness of the season picks up.

## **Ornament Gift Assembly**

**Thursday, December 6**

**10:30–12:30 p.m., Stone Hall**

Join the Adult Fellowship in assembling the 1,800 Christmas ornaments we give to our Christmas Eve and *Messiah* concert guests. *Email Susan O'Banion to reserve your place (sobanion@nationalpres.org).*

## **Build with Habitat for Humanity**

**Saturday, Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

Participate in National's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. *For information or to sign up, contact Mike Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

## **Handel's "Messiah" Concert**

**Sunday, Dec. 9, 5 p.m. Sanctuary**

Bring your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of "Son of David: Our Coming Savior" in Handel's *Messiah*. No tickets are required; a freewill offering will be received. *RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org for complimentary childcare.*

## **Mission Gifts for Christmas** **Shop online now; shop in Stone Hall on Sundays December 9 & 16**

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can give to organizations serving those in need in honor of friends or family. It takes many people to host a special event like this! *Online shopping is now open at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**Monday, Dec. 17, Noon, Stone Hall**

Sister/Doctor/Colonel Deidre Mary Byrne will share her unique background of being a Roman Catholic Nun, a surgeon, and an Army officer. She has served as a missionary surgeon responding to crises in Kenya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Haiti, and Iraq. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for reservations.*

## **Christmas Eve at National**

- **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! *Childcare is also available during the service.*
- **8:00 p.m. // Candlelight & Communion Worship**  
Carols will be sung and Communion will be served as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.
- **10:00 p.m. // Candlelight Worship**  
This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus' birth.

## **Christmas Floral Dedications**

Honor a loved one while beautifying our church through a floral dedication! Donations may be made payable to "NPC Flower Ministry." *Envelopes for donations are at the information table.*

## **Recommendations for Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Pastoral Care**

Our Congregational Nominating Committee has been charged by the Session, to bring a slate of 6-8 nominees to the congregation to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee by next February. *Submit your recommendation online at nationalpres.org/nominate, or at the boxes at the entrances of the church building.*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## ADVENT READING GUIDE

*Preparing for the second  
week of Advent.*

### Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7

Matthew 22:15-22

2 Peter 3:11-18

### Monday

Isaiah 5:8-17

Matthew 22:23-33

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### Tuesday

Isaiah 5:18-25

Matthew 22:34-46

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

### Wednesday

Isaiah 6:1-13

Matthew 23:1-12

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

### Thursday

Isaiah 7:1-9

Matthew 23:13-26

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

### Friday

Isaiah 7:10-25

Matthew 23:27-39

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

### Saturday

Isaiah 8:1-15

Matthew 24:1-14

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

*We are so glad you are here today.*

**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. If you are a college student, welcome! We would love to be your church home.

**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.

**Young Worshipers** | Pick up a "Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary for fun things to help children engage in worship. Please return the bags after the service.

**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** | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting 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 five pews of the sanctuary.*

## PRAYERS

*We pray for:*

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

Young Life Capital Area, a capital campaign partner which is growing in its ministry to teens in low income parts of the District of Columbia.

*How can we pray for you?*

[nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)



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