



December 9, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



*But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.*

Isaiah 53:5



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, & 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

Handel's "Messiah" Concert

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.*

Christmas Decorations

The ornaments on the Chrismon tree in the Court of Flags represent over 100 symbols of Christ and the Christian life. *Pick up a brochure in the Court of Flags to learn more!*

Pecan and Fruitcake Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans and fruitcakes at the bookstore today!

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Shop all morning in Stone Hall today & December 16th

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can give to organizations serving those in need in honor of friends or family. *Online shopping is also open at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts. Help make this event happen! Volunteer spots are still open for next Sunday; visit nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to sign up to volunteer.*

Say "Yes" to Living Generously

Complete your 2018 commitment and make your 2019 commitment today!

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

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

(No Sunday School Dec. 23 & 30)

Adults

• **TODAY and next Sunday:**

9:30 a.m.: Shop Mission Gifts for Christmas in Stone Hall

10:00-10:45 a.m.: "The Story" in Isaiah," a special class led by Dr. Renwick in the Chapel (*overflow in the Parlor*)

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

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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE I. Prélude (from Symphony No. 2, Op. 13) Charles-Marie Widor
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Mendelssohn*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *see p. 4*

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY Ann and Andrew May with
Dashiell and Sasha

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Song Is Love Unknown Jan Sanborn
My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me; love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I,
that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; but all
made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know: But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his
life would spend. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was love like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend.

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Joanna Jones, piano

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY *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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 5* Dr. Joyce Emery

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:8-15 Janice Sessing
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Dr. David Renwick

SERMON Great Healing Dr. Quinn Fox
Isaiah 52-53, selected verses

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 2 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733 J. S. Bach

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 31

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LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Mark and Joanna Goodin with

Cate and Nora

CHORAL RESPONSE

Deo gracias

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,

That God, the Son of God should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

Thomas à Kempis

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.

St. Gelasius

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SERMON

Great Healing

Dr. Quinn Fox

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RESPONSE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Choir

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here your home.

Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that our Lord chose such a birth.

Congregation

You, the Holy, Healing One, have o'er sin the vict'ry won.

Boundless shall your kingdom be: when shall we its glories see?

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	An Advent Affirmation	Rev. Donna Marsh
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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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

All for Love

Robert Young

Jesu, Jesu, born to die upon the tree; born to set us free.

Blessed be that Maid Marie; born he was of her body;

Very God ere time began, born in time the Son of Man.

Jesu, Jesu, born to die upon the tree; born to set us free.

He at Bethlehem was born, Salem* gave him crown of thorn,

Life of want and death of scorn, all for love of man forlorn.

Jesu, Jesu, born to die upon the tree; born to set us free. Jesu, Jesu, Blessed Jesu.

*a form of "Jerusalem"

from an Old English text, "Childling of a Maiden Bright"

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Blessed Jesu

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

J. S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ GATHERING Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Traditional, arr Andrews/Sooter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Joyce Emery

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE All Creation Sing Steve Fee/Watts/Handel
All Glory Be to Christ Traditional, arr. Dustin Kensrue

CONFESSION OF SIN

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LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY Luke Schauer, Bennie Thompson,
and Charlie Thompson

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Great Light of the World Bebo Norman

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* A Baby Will Come Bill Wolf

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

Monday, Dec. 17, Noon, Stone Hall

Sister/Doctor/Colonel Deidre Mary Byrne will share her extraordinary 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.*

Worship in Advent

- **Next Sunday, December 16**
A service of special music at 9 & 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and a candlelight creche at 11 a.m. in Jones Hall.
- **Sunday, December 23**
The Christmas story told for all ages in one worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **Sunday, December 30**
One worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 for children age 4 and under.
- **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.

Your December Giving Makes a Difference

Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ through:

- worship that comforts, inspires, and challenges;
- programs for all ages that help us to love God with our minds and that keep us growing in faith;
- pastoral care that is always present in times of illness, difficulty, or grief; and
- service to those in our city in need of food, shelter, and support, and to those in the world who need to know Christ.

Make a gift from your computer or tablet

- Go to www.nationalpres.org/giving and click "Make a Gift."

Make a gift from your phone

- Text the letters NPC to 77977 and follow the prompts.

Submit 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.*

Job Opening: Bookkeeper

National Presbyterian Church is seeking a Bookkeeper. Responsibilities include accounts payable, payroll, deposits, and reporting. Must be organized, detail-oriented, experienced in QuickBooks. This confidential position is not open to members of NPC. *For more information, visit nationalpres.org/jobs.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

ADVENT READING GUIDE

*Preparing for the third week
of Advent.*

Sunday

Isaiah 13:1-13

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3;13-17

John 3:22-30

Monday

Isaiah 8:16-9:1

Matthew 24:15-31

2 Peter 1:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 9:2-7

Matthew 24:32-44

2 Peter 1:12-21

Wednesday

Isaiah 9:8-17

Matthew 24:45-51

2 Peter 2:1-10

Thursday

Isaiah 9:18-10:4

Matthew 25:1-13

2 Peter 2:10-16

Friday

Isaiah 10:5-19

Matthew 25:14-30

2 Peter 2:17-22

Saturday

Isaiah 10:20-27

Matthew 25:31-46

Luke 3:1-9

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:

The ministry of Sister Deidre Mary Byrne

We pray for our mission partners including:

Fraser and Liz Bennett, Wycliffe missionaries working with SIL LEAD to promote literacy and publish books that strengthen minority languages and scripture engagement.

How can we pray for you?

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