

December 23, 2018

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

Jesus said:

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you"

John 20:21

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), Todd Fickley (*Organist*)
Joanna Jones (*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*)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Winter Warmth: Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated boots, coats, and winter wear to the Winter Warmth drive this year. We collected 31 boxes and bags this year for our mission partners Friendship Place and Central Union Mission. Friendship Place was able to help 250 people prepare for the winter at their annual Winter Warmth day. Your generosity is warming hearts and bodies alike!

Christmas Decorations

The Creche by the Chapel entrance contains hand sculpted figures from Spain and is a gift from the Norment family. 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!*

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

Last Minute Gifts that Change the World

Mission Gifts for Christmas gives you the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. **Shop online through December 31:** nationalpres.org/mission-gifts

Pecan and Fruitcake Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans and fruitcakes at the bookstore today!

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

December Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

Sunday School

Resumes January 6th

Today's Flowers

The flowers throughout the church this morning are given to the glory and praise of God by the members and friends of the National Presbyterian Church rejoicing in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Main Church Bldg. Rooms 7/8 & 16

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Joyce Emery

Here, Mid the Ass and Oxen Mild Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Here, mid the ass and oxen mild, sleep, sleep, sleep my little child;

French Carol

Thousand seraphim, thousand cherubim come from heav'n above to guard the Lord of love.

Here, where sweet flow'rs their fragrance bring, sleep, sleep, sleep my little King;

Thousand seraphim, thousand cherubim come from heav'n above to guard the Lord of love.

Here, where the shepherds' search is done, sleep, sleep, sleep my little son;

Thousand seraphim, thousand cherubim come from heav'n above to guard the Lord of love.

King of angels, sleep!

with Joanna Jones, soprano

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

Praise and honor to the Father, praise to God's incarnate Son,

Praise and honor to the Spirit: God th' Eternal Three in One;

One in grace and one in glory while unending ages run.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 29

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Born is the King of Israel!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Richard Elliott

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**See You Tomorrow!
Christmas Eve at National**

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. // Family Nativity Worship

8:00 p.m. // Candlelight & Communion Worship

10:00 p.m. // Candlelight Worship

SHARE IN THE JOY OF FAITHFUL GIVING!

Help NPC fulfill its mission in 2018 and 2019

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 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.

Your prayerful financial support in December is vital to complete the year well.

Please consider a generous gift to Christ's ministry in and through National.

Year End Giving

Faith Giving through December 16, 2018

Annual Budget	\$2,947,000
Given to Date	\$2,492,494
Still Needed	\$454,506

- **Recurring and one-time gifts** can be made at nationalpres.org/giving.
- **Make a gift from your phone** by texting the letters NPC to 77977.
- **Stock donations.** Ask your broker to identify you as the donor and to deliver stock information to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney:
Deliver to: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
DTC Clearing Number: 0015
Client Account number: 504-041937-387
Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.
NPC TIN: 53-0196611
- **IRA Distributions:** If you are 70 ½ or older and required to take an IRA minimum distribution, donations made directly from your IRA to NPC are not subject to income taxes which results in savings from a lower after-tax cost of the gift.

*Thank you for your prayerful and generous support!
Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine,
lskrine@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7484.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve at National: TOMORROW, December 24

- **5:00 p.m. // Family Nativity Worship**
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 & Carols Worship**
This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus' birth.

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.*

Next Sunday Worship

Sunday, December 30

One service at 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Dr. Quinn Fox will preach "A Song of Joy... In a Foreign Land" at one worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, January 5, 8–9:30 a.m.
Stone Hall**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Derek Hoffman on the theme "Foreign Service, Kingdom Service." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Service of Wholeness and Healing with Thanksgiving

Sunday, January 6

Service: 1 p.m., Chapel

Light lunch: 12:15 p.m., Chapel Narthex

Come and praise God for many answers to prayer as the new year begins. Testimonies will be shared and we will pray for others in need. The Revs. Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Joyce Emery will co-preside.

"Faithful Families" Parenting Seminar

**Saturday, January 12, Stone Hall
5–6 p.m. (talk), 6–7 p.m. (dinner)**

For most families, life is moving at breakneck speed. It is no surprise that most parents are finding it difficult to build a rhythm for spiritual conversations and practices into their families. Guest speaker **Rev. Mark DeVries** will offer a fresh and reasonable approach to building faithful families in a frantic world.

Childcare is available with RSVP by January 5: nationalpres.org/parents.

Author Talk: "The Self-Driven Child"

Tues. Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m., Jones Hall

Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson will lead a lively discussion of "The Self Driven Child" and share tips to help children develop brains that are wired for resiliency and ready to take on new challenges.

This symposium is hosted by National Presbyterian School and more information may be found on nps-dc.org.

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Jan. 19, 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 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

ADVENT READING GUIDE

*Celebrating the coming of
Jesus Christ.*

Sunday

Isaiah 33:17-22
Galatians 3:15-22
Luke 1:57-66

Monday

Isaiah 35:1-10
Galatians 3:23-4:7
Luke 1:67-80

Tuesday

Zechariah 2:10-13
1 John 4:7-16
John 3:31-36

Wednesday

Isaiah 62:6-7; 10-12
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday

2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Acts 6:1-7
Acts 7:59-8:8

Friday

Proverbs 8:22-30
1 John 13:20-35
John 13:20-35

Saturday

Isaiah 49:13-23
Isaiah 54:1-13
Matthew 18:1-14

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:

Those who are struggling with loss and loneliness.

We pray for our mission partners including:

McGilvary College of Divinity, a seminary in Chiang Mai, Thailand that develops leaders for ministry in churches, schools, hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

How can we pray for you?

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