

December 30, 2018

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMASTIDE

*How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*

Psalm 137:4

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 ( <i>Director</i> ), Todd Fickley ( <i>Organist</i> ) Joanna Jones ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )
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We are delighted that you have joined us  
for worship this morning.

You are welcome every Sunday!  
*Full schedule resumes next Sunday, January 6:*

Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary), 11:00 a.m. (Jones Hall)  
Sunday School for all ages: 9:30–10:45 a.m.



# 11 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance

Harrison Oxley  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 68 *verses 1-3*

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

*Puer nobis nascitur*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 68, verse 4

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, you do not change with the changing years,  
but we are creatures of time.

As we look back on the road we have traveled,  
we thank you for your faithful mercies along the way.

Where the road has been dark, you have not failed us,  
though we have often failed you.

Forgive us, we pray.

You are both our guide and goal.

Your companionship is our strength and stay.

In the new year we would walk with you,  
for you alone can lead us in peace.

Leslie Weatherhead

SILENT CONFESSION

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 we 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Joyce Emery

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

**Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptism

Charlotte Hailey Huffman

*Daughter of Alexandra Rogers Huffman and Whitson Andrew Huffman*

Prayer of Response

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 137

John Marienau Turpin

The Word of the Lord.

Director of Serve Ministries

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Song of Joy...in a Foreign Land

Dr. Quinn Fox

Philippians 2:1-11

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*St. Louis*

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 their great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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

#### Carol of Joy

Dan Forrest

Green leaves are fallen, withered and dry; brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;

Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; then through the stillness, carols begin.

*O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.*

*Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; sweet to your ears, the carol of joy!*

Pale moon ascending, solemn and slow; cold barren hillside shrouded in snow.

Deep empty valley, veiled by the night: Hear angel music, hopeful and bright.

*O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.*

*Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, a carol of joy: The Savior is found!*

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.

Look up, sad hearted! Witness God's love; join in the carol swelling above!

*O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!*

*You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: Now unto you a Savior is born!*

#### ▲ CHRISTMASTIDE 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 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

#### ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Quinn Fox

#### ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

#### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Joyce Emery

#### ▲ POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch!

Keith Chapman

Todd Fickley, organ

#### ▲ Congregation standing, as able

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of beloved husband  
Fred A. Slaugh by Dolores Slaugh and their children and grandchildren.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Mission Gifts

Take the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. ***Shop online through the end of tomorrow:*** [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts)

## "The Story" Returns

***Next Sunday, January 6***

Next Sunday we jump back into "The Story," so be sure to **read chapter 13:** "The King Who Had It All" before next week. Haven't heard of "The Story," or haven't joined in yet? It's not too late! *Learn more at [nationalpres.org/thestory](http://nationalpres.org/thestory).*

### **"The Story" in worship**

- **9 & 11 a.m.** Sanctuary worship
- **11 a.m.** Jones Hall contemporary worship

### **"The Story" in Sunday School**

- **The Rest of "The Story"**  
*10-10:45 a.m. in Stone Hall*  
Explore how the Bible holds meaning in your life today through a weekly video summary and small group discussion.
- **Exploring "The Story"**  
*9:30-9:55 a.m., Stone Hall*  
A prelude summary to "The Rest of the Story" that provides context and content for table hosts and others, led by Dr. Quinn Fox.
- **"The Story" In Depth**  
*9:30-10:45 a.m., Agencies Building*  
Come for a deep dive into the context and content of "The Story" with R.V. Seep.
- **"The Story" for Children and Youth**  
*9:30-10:45 a.m.*  
Children and youth are invited to their own age-appropriate programming for "The Story." Childcare is available for children age 4 and under.

## Service of Wholeness and Healing with Thanksgiving

***Next 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 those in need. The Revs. Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Joyce Emery will co-preside.

## Music at National Concert

***Next Sunday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.***

The City Choir of Washington presents "A Twelfth Night Concert." Tickets and information at [www.citychoir.org](http://www.citychoir.org). *Greeter opportunities are available; contact Carolann at [chaley@nationalpres.org](mailto:chaley@nationalpres.org).*

## "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. This workshop 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](http://nationalpres.org/parents).*

## Pathway Membership Class

***Saturday, January 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 by Jan. 17 to register: [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7578.*

# 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	\$2,492,000
Still Needed	\$454,506

- **Recurring and one-time gifts** can be made at [nationalpres.org/giving](http://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.*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

Together this week we will read Chapter 13 of "The Story."

### Sunday

1 Kings 1-4 (pp. 175-175)

### Monday

1 Kings 4, Proverbs 1-3, 6, 20-21 (pp. 175-183)

### Tuesday

1 Kings 5-6 (pp. 183-184)

### Wednesday

1 Kings 7-9, 2 Chronicles 5-6 (pp. 184-187)

### Thursday

2 Chronicles 7 (pp. 187-189)

### Friday

1 Kings 10 (pp. 189-191)

### Saturday

1 Kings 11 (pp. 191-192)

For reflection:

- Imagine God giving you the opportunity to ask him for anything you want. Solomon ("a man who had everything") was given just this opportunity and he asked God to give him a discerning, understanding heart. What would it look like if God gave that to you?
- Imagine what the presence of God in his Temple would look like? The Bible says that fire came down and the glory of the Lord filled the Temple. How might you respond to this?
- Solomon had it all, but domestic concerns (multiple wives as allowed by ancient custom) turned his heart from God. What has the potential of pulling you away from following God?

*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.

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**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

*Let us know how can we pray for you:*  
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