



December 1, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
COMMUNION

*Then Mary said,  
"Here am I, the servant of the Lord;  
let it be with me according to your word."*

Luke 1:38

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Dr. David Renwick
<b>Associate Pastors</b>	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
<b>Parish Associates</b>	Dr. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
<b>Music</b>	Dr. Michael Denham ( <i>Director</i> ), Todd Fickley ( <i>Organist</i> ) Joanna Zorack-Greene ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )
<b>Ministry Directors</b>	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

## 2020 Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Session

12:30–1:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Come learn about the opportunity to join with others in the congregation of for an intergenerational mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 26–July 3, 2020. *Contact John Turpin, [jturpin@nationalpres.org](mailto:jturpin@nationalpres.org) for more information.*

## Advent Family Night

4:30–6:00 p.m.

*Chapel and Stone Hall*

Join us for family worship, Christmas crafts, and a pasta dinner (not turkey leftovers!) to celebrate the start of the Advent season with your family.

*Register online (\$7/person) at [nationalpres.org/children](http://nationalpres.org/children).*

## Pecan and Fruitcake Sales

Purchase your Christmas pecans and fruitcakes today at the bookstore downstairs, just outside of Stone Hall!

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

(No Sunday School Dec. 22 & 29)

#### Adults

- **TODAY (December 1):**

**"Following Jesus" Together**

10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall

**"Following Jesus:"**

**A Call to Discipleship**

9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel

**"Following Jesus:"**

**Companions on the Journey**

9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105

- **December 8 and 15:**

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9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105

#### Youth 9:30–10:45 a.m.

*Gather 9:30–9:40 in the Multipurpose Building*

- 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

#### 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.

*Church Rooms 16, and 7/8*

#### Today's Flowers

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

#### 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.

#### December Food Collection:

##### Dried Fruit

You may drop off donations upstairs at the information table and downstairs outside of Stone Hall.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us, BWV 645 J. S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

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. Sometimes we hide the Good News that comes to us in Jesus' birth. Sometimes our confidence grows weak and our light fails to shine. Come to us, we pray, and when you come, may we be found, not hiding the treasure you have entrusted to us, nor asleep with your light grown dim, but confidently waiting and serving you: our Lord and glorious King.

Adapted from 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 Mark Angehr and Ann Sun with  
Lake, Beatrice, and James

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS  
*see page 5 for text* When God's Time Had Ripened Alfred V. Fedak

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SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 Jack Forlines  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON Following Jesus: Some Good News at Last Dr. David Renwick

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 19 *verses 1 & 6* To a Maid Engaged to Joseph *Annunciation*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 5* Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 13 Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Deacons David and Renee Dragics

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Wachet auf*

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 risen, her light grows bright.  
Now come most worthy Lord, God's Son Incarnate Word, alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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*Annunciation*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      An Advent Affirmation                      Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

When God's Time Had Ripened

Alfred V. Fedak

When God's time had ripened, Mary's womb bore fruit, Scion of the Godhead, sprung from Jesse's root:

So the True Vine branches from the lily's stem, the Rose without blemish blooms in Bethlehem.

More than mind can fathom, limit, or untwine, this mysterious yoking, human and divine,

But what reason fetters faith at length unlocks, and wise hearts discover truth in paradox.

As the Bread of heaven, that we might be fed, chose a manger cradle in the House of Bread,

So has life eternal mingled in the womb with our mortal nature to confound the tomb.

For this swaddled infant in a humble place holds our hope of glory and our means of grace;

In the love enfleshed here dawns the world's rebirth, promise of salvation, pledge of peace on earth.

Carl P. Daw

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditations    9 & 11 am Creator of the Stars of Night

*Conditor alme siderum*

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,

O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,

Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

11 am Behold, Thou Shalt Conceive

Jacob Handl

Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.

God shall give to him the throne of his father David.

He shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

9 & 11 am While We Are Waiting, Come

*Waiting*

While we are waiting, come! Jesus, our Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come!

Come, Savior, quickly come! Jesus, our Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come!

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.

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*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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- ▲ WELCOME SONG 1,000 Tongues Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Joyce Emery  
CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ SONG OF PRAISE AND PREPARATION  
Across the Lands Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN  
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- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Contemporary Worship Band
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Great Light of Praise Bebo Norman
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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- THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION  
Song Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Traditional, arr Andrews/Sooter  
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* O Come All Ye Faithful Traditional
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Mission Gifts for Christmas *Sundays December 8 & 15*

Online shopping is now open! 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! *Shop online and sign up to volunteer at [nationalpres.org/mission-gifts](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts).*

## Advent Vespers Worship *This Wednesday, December 4 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*

Come sing Advent and Christmas carols, receive Communion, and be inspired by our choir at Advent Vespers worship. Please consider making this service a part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas as the busyness of the season picks up steam.

## Men's Breakfast *Saturday, December 7 8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Dr. Tony Morton will use literature and the arts to address end-of-life issues in a presentation entitled "Telling It Slant." *Reserve your place: [men@nationalpres.org](mailto:men@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7527.*

## Handel's Messiah *Sunday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.*

Make plans to bring your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of "Born for Us: Our Coming Savior" in Handel's *Messiah*. No tickets are required; an offering will be received. A brief reception will follow. *Childcare (age 4 and under) available with RSVP to [childcare@nationalpres.org](mailto:childcare@nationalpres.org).*

## NPS Open House *Friday, December 13*

Join NPS for an Open House! NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for nursery (age 3) through 6th grade. *Visit [www.nps-dc.org](http://www.nps-dc.org) for more information.*

## Christmas Eve at National *Tuesday, December 24*

We will have three services on Christmas Eve:

### **5 p.m. Family Nativity Worship**

Kids, teens, and adults bring the Bible's nativity story to life. Families welcome!

### **8 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Worship**

This beautiful evening candlelight service reverently ushers in Jesus' birth.

### **10 p.m. Candlelight & Carols Worship**

A carol-filled worship service joyfully celebrates the birth of our Lord.

## Welcome our Christmas Guests

You can help show the love of Christ to our many visitors over the holidays—both on Christmas Eve and at the *Messiah* concert—by handing out ornaments after worship. It is a fun and easy way to make a difference! *Contact: Leslie Saum, [LSaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7494.*

## Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference

**Thank you!** Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please consider supporting Christ's ministry in and through National.

### **Make a gift from your computer or tablet**

- Go to [www.nationalpres.org/giving](http://www.nationalpres.org/giving)

### **Make a gift from your phone**

- Text the letters NPC to 77977.

### **Make a 2020 commitment**

- Go to [nationalpres.org/2020](http://nationalpres.org/2020)

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

### Scripture Reading for December 2–8, 2019

Luke 1:39-2:20

#### Questions for Reflection

- Jesus' first earthly worshippers, the shepherds, were just as unremarkable as his mother, yet they too were chosen by God to be the recipients of an angelic visit. What do the angel's message to the shepherds, and the rejoicing of the heavenly host the shepherds witnessed, indicate about Jesus' birth?
- Note the response of Mary and of the shepherds. How do you think Luke knew that Mary "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"? What does this mean for your understanding of Luke's narrative of Jesus' birth?
- When you have a sense of God doing something important, are you more likely to "ponder it in your heart" (like Mary), or glorify and praise God for what you have heard and seen (like the shepherds)?

*A weekly reading guide is available at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults)*

*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.

**Our Pew Crew team, wearing blue badges, is here to welcome you** and answer any questions. Head to the Parlor after the 9 a.m. service, or come downstairs to Stone Hall after the 11 a.m. services, to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

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**Welcome booklets 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 celebrate the birth of:*

Esther Kegan Pietrobon on November 19, 2019  
to parents Amelia Kegan and Allen Pietrobon

*We grieve the death of:*

Dick Schaefer on November 18, 2019. A memorial service will take place on December 9 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel

*We pray for our mission partners, including:*  
Young Life North DC



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