

December 24, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY NATIVITY
5 P.M.

*Opening their treasure chests,
they offered Jesus gifts...*

Matthew 2:11

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



We are delighted that you have joined us to celebrate the birth of our
Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas Eve.

Please join us for worship on Sunday, December 29:

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

You are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 5:

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.



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

5:00 P.M.

Please move to center of pews to allow for maximum seating.

Story of the Birth of Our Savior

PRELUDE

Variations on a French Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin

Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME

Dr. Quinn Fox

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law.

***All:* Born to redeem those that were under the law
so that we might receive adoption as children of God.**

Galatians 4:4-5

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Marissa Murphy and Mark Sherrard with Bryan

Isaiah Foretells the Coming of Christ

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

THE PROPHECY

Angels Visit Mary and Joseph

ANGEL TO MARY

ANGEL TO JOSEPH

Mary and Joseph Travel to Bethlehem

SOLO

A Cradle in Bethlehem

Sara Groves

Sing sweet and low a lullaby, till angels say Amen; a mother tonight is rocking a cradle in Bethlehem.

Wise men follow through the dark, a star that beckons them; a mother tonight is rocking a cradle in Bethlehem.

A little Child will lead them, the prophets said of old; in storm and tempest heed him until your bell is tolled.

Sing sweet and low a lullaby, till angels say Amen; a mother tonight is rocking a cradle in Bethlehem.

Joanna Zorack-Greene

The Birth of Jesus

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

O Little Town of Bethlehem
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
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 the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

St. Louis

Angels Visit the Shepherds

ANGEL TO SHEPHERDS

HEAVENLY HOST

CHOIRS

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

Grace Notes Choir

The virgin Mary had a baby boy. The virgin Mary had a baby boy.

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, and they say that his name was Jesus!

Refrain *He came from the glory! He came from the glorious kingdom!*

The angels sang when the baby was born. The angels sang when the baby was born.

The angels sang when the baby was born and proclaimed him the Savior Jesus! **Refrain**

David Bridgeman, piano

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

Joyful Noisemakers

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

It will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain *Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. **Refrain**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly for his bed a cattle stall;

Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing,

Tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new.

Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing

Greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

Tessa Green, violin

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *please remain seated*

The First Noel

First Nowell

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the king of Israel! (repeat)

Three Wise Men Follow the Star

ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN

HEROD QUESTIONS PRIEST AND WISE MEN

WISE MEN FIND JESUS

HYMN

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

Three Kings: verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia sounds the earth and skies.

Congregation: *Joining in the final refrain*

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

We Present Our Gifts

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

Like the magi, we present our own gifts. Your gifts support the ministries and mission of National.

OFFERTORY

Advent Hymn

Christy Nockels

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the everlasting light,
Son of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er these shades of night.
Come, thou long-awaited One in the fullness of your love;
loose this heart bound up by shame, and I will never be the same.
So here I wait in hope of you, my soul's longing through and through.
Dayspring from on high be near, Daystar in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn 'till your love in me is born.
Joyless is the evening sun 'till Emmanuel has come.

Joanna Zorack-Greene

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World!

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BLESSING AND INVITATION TO THE MANGER

Dr. Quinn Fox

POSTLUDE

Carillon on "Joy to the World"

Mary Beth Bennett

= *Congregation standing as able*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 4

8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Michael Denham entitled “God Sends His Singers.” *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

Sunday, January 12, 12:15 p.m.

Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless.

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, January 25

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at National, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Family Winter Camp

February 14–16, 2020

Falling Waters, WV

Families with teens and young children are invited for a fun-filled weekend at Potomac Retreat Center—just 30 minutes to Whitetail Ski Resort, where you can spend an optional day of skiing or tubing. Speaker Jeff Dunn-Rankin will help us discover how using love languages can lead to family flourishing. We will meet at the retreat center on Friday evening and will head back to DC on Sunday afternoon. *Register: nationalpres.org/retreat*

“Following Jesus” Preaching and Teaching in 2020

Our preaching and teaching through spring 2020 centers on “Following Jesus: The Story of His Life and Ours,” focusing on Jesus’ life as told in the Gospel of Luke. We will consider in depth the life, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we read through the entire Gospel of Luke. *Pick up a copy of the weekly reading guide on the information table outside of the Sanctuary to the right, or online at: nationalpres.org/adults.*

Prepare for Marriage Course

Saturday, March 7, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

Learn the skills you will need to thrive in your marriage during this one-day course. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at National. *Contact Melanie Lenhard to register: mlenhard@nationalpres.org or 202.552.4252.*

Mission Gifts for Christmas

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 Dec. 31: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts

Join the Jordan Mission Trip Early August 2020

You can help our Capital Campaign partner in Amman Jordan with a medical clinic, teacher training, and English language by joining National’s refugee ministry team. *For more information, contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org or John Bernbaum at jbinternatl@gmail.com.*

2020 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching, joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another.

A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

“Following Jesus” for Adults, Youth, and Children resumes January 5

Know and grow in God’s word through preaching and Sunday School opportunities following the Gospel of Luke each week.

Youth

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.

Vacation Bible School

A week long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city.

Youth Summer Trips

Middle school students will travel to The Great Escape conference with speakers, worship, and plenty of fun and high school students will spend a week hiking in the Laurel Highlands.

Mission Trips

Teams from National will serve alongside mission partners in the Dominican Republic and Amman, Jordan.

Great Day of Service

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community in May.

Care and Support

Those going through a difficult time can receive a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of transition or grief.

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org

CAST

Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

Isaiah

Peter Crumley

Holy Family

The Franke Family

Angels

Caroline Dickey

Lauren Levinson

Abigail Rakow

Wise Men

Will Muoio (*Myrrh*)

Luke Schauer (*Frankincense*)

Benny Thompson (*Gold*)

Priest

Weston Muoio

King Herod

Joshua Dickey

Shepherds

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

Heavenly Host

Grace Notes Choir

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Choir Directors

Mandy Brown (*Joyful Noisemakers*)

Cate McCrory (*Grace Notes*)

Pianist & Soloist

Joanna Zorack-Greene

Piano for Grace Notes Choir

David Bridgeman

Organ

Todd Fickley

Choir Violin Solo

Tessa Green

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Marissa Murphy

Mark Sherrard

Bryan Sherrard

Rehearsal Director

Cate McCrory

Costumes

Gerri Hall and Kathy Byus

Technical Director

Bill McNett

Audio

Brandon Breazeale

Lighting

Walker Borgmann

Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

Set

Bill McNett, Jeff Jacobs, Victor Garcia,
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Set Decorator

Cate McCrory

Head Usher

Walter Hampton

Room Reservations

Kristi Teems



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