

December 29, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRISTMASTIDE

*....an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph
in a dream and said,
"Get up, take the child and his mother,
and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you..."*

Matthew 2:13b

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
for worship this morning.

You are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes next Sunday, January 5:

Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary), 11:00 a.m. (Jones Hall)

Classes for all ages: 9:30–10:45 a.m.



11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ 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*

Lord Jesus, your birth means little to us unless we are born from above.
Raise us, O Savior, that we may bow before your glorious throne.
Fill us with a true sense of your grace and glory,
which prevail against all darkness and sin,
even the sinful shadows of our own hearts.
In the afterglow of this holy season, forgive us once again.
May we see afresh your coming among us,
and the way of salvation you open before us.

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
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, God claims us as his own, as we choose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Charlotte Jane Crumpler

Daughter of Jane Kiser Crumpler and Ryan Phillip Crumpler

Harrison William Ikeler

Son of Carly Marie Ikeler and William Thomas Ikeler

Jack McCoy Porter

Son of Katarina Ann Porter and Dennis Jouke Porter

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-23

Elder Fred Byus

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On the Move

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

The Shepherds' Farewell

Hector Berlioz

*As the holy family from L'Enfance du Christ, Op. 25
begins their flight into Egypt*

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling; a humble crib, a stable bare;
Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share.
Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care.
Blessed Jesus, we adore thee with humble love and holy fear.
In the way that lies before thee, we trust that God will hold thee near.
May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to thy heart be dear.
Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou, faithful Joseph, Mary mild!
Guard ye well thy heav'nly treasure, the Prince of Peace the Holy Child!
God go with thee, God protect thee, guide thee safely through the wild.

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ 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 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving
for his constant presence in our lives.*

We warmly welcome back former principal organist Bill Neil as our guest organist this Sunday.

SHARE IN THE JOY OF FAITHFUL GIVING!

Together we can fulfil National's mission to honor and serve Christ in 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.

Your Year-End Gifts Make a Difference

Giving through December 15, 2019

Annual Giving Budget	\$2,943,000
Given to Date	\$2,325,430
Still Needed	\$617,570

- **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. Deliver stock information 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 making distributions from an IRA account, you may want to consider the potential tax advantages of direct payments to NPC from your account.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

“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.*

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.*

Music at National

Sunday, January 5, 4:30 p.m.

The City Choir of Washington presents “A Twelfth Night Concert.” *Tickets and information: citychoir.org.*

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

Sunday, Jan. 12, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

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

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, January 13
Noon, Stone Hall

Dr. David Renwick will share an interesting take on the generosity of our society in a presentation entitled “Newfoundland 9/11: Before and After.” *Call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 at the door).*

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*

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: melenhard@nationalpres.org or 202.552.4252.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for
December 30, 2019–
January 5, 2020

Luke 9:28-45, 51-62;
10:1-24

Questions for Reflection

- What similarities are there between Israel's Exodus journey out of Egypt and Jesus' death on the cross? Between Moses and Jesus as leaders of God's people to salvation?
- Do you see a parallel in the implication of Peter's offer to build "tabernacles" to house the "glory" he beheld (vs. 31) and his recognition of Jesus' true identity when he confessed Jesus as Messiah?
- What did God say from the cloud? How do you hear God's voice speak to you? What does it mean to obey the command, "listen to him!"?
- What lesson was there for the disciples (and us) to learn in what happened after Jesus revealed his glory?

A weekly reading guide is available at 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 downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Welcome gifts | Available at the entrances to the church.

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

We pray for our mission partners, including:

International Association for Refugees, a Capital Campaign partner supporting indigenous churches in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya as they seek to heal the wounds of war and hatred in their midst.

Please submit prayer requests to:

Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.



4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
www.nationalpres.org

 /nationalpres

 @nationalpres