

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.

▲ HYMN 37 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *Polish Carol*

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.

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE I Wonder as I Wander William Phemister

*An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.*

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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 Advent Vespers Communion

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become  
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 Together in God's World*



**Senior Pastor** Dr. David Renwick  
**Associate Pastors** Rev. Donna Marsh  
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 Rev. Katie Francis  
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# VESPERS IN ADVENT

7 PM SANCTUARY AND ONLINE WORSHIP

ADVENT VESPERS COMMUNION

PRELUDE 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Joseph M. Martin  
Todd Fickley, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively* Rev. Donna Marsh

*One:* The Spirit and the Church cry out,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*One:* All who await his appearance pray,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*One:* The whole Church prays,

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

▲ HYMN I Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.  
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION Rev. Marsh

O God of the ages and ages to come,  
make us watchful as we await the coming of your Son our Savior.  
When he comes, may he not find us sleeping in sin,  
but awake, and rejoicing in his praises.  
Bring to light things hidden in darkness, even the shadows of our hearts.  
Forgive our sins, we pray. Then cleanse and renew us,  
that we may walk in your light and glorify your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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!  
Call us one and calls us all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:27-31

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Waiting for the Coming Dr. Renwick

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Aberystwyth*

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy of hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution and Distribution  
Music Meditation

To Thee My Heart I Offer Elaine Hagenberg

To thee my heart I offer, O Christchild sweet and dear,  
Upon thy love relying; be thou ever near.  
O take my heart and give me thine,  
And may it be forever mine,  
O Jesus, holy, undefiled,  
My Savior meek and mild.

What brought thee to the manger, O Christchild sweet and dear?  
Thy love for me, a stranger; be thou ever near.  
O Lord, how great thy perfect love,  
That reaches from the heav'ns above.  
Thy love for us by sin defiled,  
That made thee, God, a child.

Let me be thine forever, O Christchild sweet and dear;  
Uphold me with thy mercy, be thou ever near.  
Thy hand bestows thy gifts to me  
And all I have I offer thee!  
My heart, my soul, and all I own;  
Let these be thine alone.