

October 22, 2017

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AT NEBRASKA AVENUE

*We always give thanks to God for you...
for you received the Word of the Lord with joy,
inspired by the Holy Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, 6

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox
Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)
Hilda Labrada Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Cate McCrory (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Marienau Turpin (*Serve*)



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Today we celebrate 50 years of ministry here at Nebraska Avenue!

Schedule of Events

- **9:00, 10:50, and 11 a.m.:**
*Sanctuary Worship (9 & 11 a.m.)
Jones Hall Worship (10:50)*
Dr. Earl Palmer is our special guest preacher and former interim pastor at National.
- **9:30–10:45 a.m.:**
Children & Youth Program
Jones Hall
 - **9:30-10:00 a.m.:** Children (K-5th grade) can enjoy an extended Chapel time in Jones Hall. There are regular Sunday School classes for 2-4 year olds.
 - **10:00-10:45 a.m.:** Children and youth are invited for a fun scavenger hunt, beginning in Jones Hall! Children ages 2-4 are invited to join, with parent supervision. Please pick up children at 10:45 on the NPS Playground.
- **10:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.:**
Program and Refreshments
Stone Hall
Hear from Dr. Renwick about God's work in our church and enjoy a video about our history and our future.
- **All Morning:**
Anniversary Exhibit
Court of Flags
Explore history in pictures and stories.
- **All Morning:**
Facilities Renderings
Elson Parlor
See the new facilities proposals.

Sunday School classes for adults and youth will not meet this morning as we celebrate together.

Winter Warmth Drive

Collection bins outside the Sanctuary & Stone Hall

We are **collecting the following winter clothing** for NPC local mission partners serving the homeless in our community:

- New or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for men, women, and children
- New heavyweight socks and thermal underwear

50 Hours of Service

As we celebrate 50 years at our current campus, we also celebrate a tradition of service. Over the next year, we are challenging the entire congregation to focus on service and celebrate what we learn from serving others by serving 50 hours. *Add your voice and your story: www.nationalpres.org/50*

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the October 21st wedding of Elizabeth Ung and Mark Alden.

50th Anniversary Floral Arrangements

The flowers in Jones Hall and around the pulpit in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of our varied forms of worship, praise, and adoration of God, and to the witness the congregation and NPC staff provide to our local and global community.

The flowers in the Elson Parlor are given in honor of the Facilities Master Planning Team for their remarkable work on behalf of our congregation, as we use God's gift of the Nebraska Ave. campus to lead people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world.

The floral arrangement in Stone Hall is given to honor our current and former pastors for their dedication and service to our NPC family as we celebrate God's blessings upon our church on the 50th Anniversary at the Nebraska Avenue campus.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return again to you.

from Psalm 51

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 *see p. 5*

Gloria Patri

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 6* Apostles' Creed

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

The National Family

William K. Brehm

Open your hearts and shout, "Hallelujah!" We are the National Family!

Come share your love with sisters and brothers. We are the National Family!

O how we love the Lord, we want to serve the Lord, joining our hearts in love.

O how we praise the Lord, we want to know the Lord, Jesus, the One we love!

Joyful Noisemakers and Youth Choir, directed by Mandy Brown with Joanna Jones, piano

Children grades K-5 may leave now for a program and scavenger hunt. Please pick up children at the school playground at 10:45 a.m. Youth grades 6-12 may stay in worship, and join the scavenger hunt at 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.

from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Lasst uns erfreuen

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6*

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

John Neely

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

SERMON

Sudden Turn of Joy: Living Good News in a Capital City

Dr. Earl Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand Choer Dialogue

Eugène Gigout

Brass Quintet with William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 430 Come Sing, O Church, with Joy!

Darwall's 148th

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Let Us Sing for Joy

William K. Brehm

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord! Now let us shout unto the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with a song!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return again to you.

from Psalm 51

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

René Clausen

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

"Come home, come home, you who are weary come home."

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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SCRIPTURE

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Elder Lora Tredway

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sudden Turn of Joy: Living Good News in a Capital City Dr. Earl Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

This Is God's House

Anton Bruckner

This is God's house, a temple he has made,
with Christ the cornerstone and firm foundation
worthy of his glorious name.

Locus iste

based on Ephesians 2:20-22

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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 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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from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85

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▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Ludwig van Beethoven

from *Mass in C*, Op. 86

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur Dialogue

Eugène Gigout

Brass Quintet with William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

We welcome our instrumentalists this morning. Brass: Woody English, Chuck Seipp, Rick Lee, Matt Niess, Jack Tilbury. Timpani: Don Spinelli

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reformation 500th Anniversary Celebrations

NPC Annual Conference
Next Saturday, Oct. 28
10–11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

The Reformation Continues: Faithfully Embracing Change

PC(USA) professor and pastor **Dr. Tod Bolsinger** will lead us in considering the changes we face as the church in the years ahead. Dr. Bolsinger has written an award-winning book on how the church can best embrace the unknown future. *This is a free event and no tickets are needed...bring a friend!*

5th Grade Milestone *Next Sunday, Oct. 29*

On Reformation Sunday morning, members of our 5th grade Sunday School class will lead the scripture reading in worship as their “Milestone in Worship Education.” Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our Reformed liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshipping community today.

After All These Years: Perspectives on the Reformation

Nov. 17–18 (all day Friday through noon, Saturday)

This major conference will explore and reflect on the impact of the Reformation and all that has ensued the past 500 years. *Information and registration (\$35-\$125): reformedinstitute.org.*

Reformation Concert *Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

All are invited to this free concert featuring works inspired by the Reformation.

Summer Travels with NPC

Dominican Republic Intergenerational Mission Trip *June 16–22, 2018*

All ages are invited to partner in ministry and construction with a church and an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. *Contact John Turpin, jturpin@nationalpres.org; 202.537.7505.*

High School Summer Trip *June 18-23, 2018*

Contact Kristin Franke, kfranke@nationalpres.org; 202.537.7520.

Middle School: The Great Escape *July 23-29, 2018*

Contact Kristin Franke, kfranke@nationalpres.org; 202.537.7520.

Music at National

Sunday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m.

Washington Master Chorale presents *Youthful Indulgence: Early Masses of Mozart and Martin*. Tickets and info: www.washingtonmasterchorale.org

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

The City Choir of Washington presents Barber, “*Adagio for Strings*” | Bruckner, “*Mass in F Minor*.” Tickets and info: www.citychoir.org

Sunday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m.

Fairfax Choral Society presents *Bravi, Tutti!: Celebratory Concert to Honor Dr. Mears on his Retirement*. Tickets and info: www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org

Greeter opportunities are available.
Contact: Carolann Haley, chaley@nationalpres.org.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

October 22–29

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Acts 16:6-15
Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Monday

Psalms 57; 47
Jeremiah 44:1-14
1 Corinthians 15:30-41
Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99
Lamentations 1:1-12
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday

Psalms 147; 91
Lamentations 2:8-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Matthew 12:1-14

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116
Ezra 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Matthew 12:15-21

Friday

Psalms 88; 20
Ezra 3:1-13
1 Corinthians 16:10-24
Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63
Ezra 4:7, 11-24
Philemon 1-25
Matthew 12:33-42

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7
Luke 10:25-37

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. Classes and groups for all ages are offered for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ's light in the world – serving and caring for one another through prayer, support, and service projects.

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Childcare | Available 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for infants through age four in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7. *Children are always welcome in worship!*

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 | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit 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 six pews of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS

We pray for:

Shelley Barr Jim Milam DeVier Pierson

We celebrate the births of:

Andrew Fritz and Colin Asher to
Heather and David Horniak on Friday, October 6

We pray for our mission priorities, including:

Justice for the Oppressed, a part of the mission that the Lord announced for himself in Luke 4. *Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*



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