



# Neighbor Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



*And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years,  
and in divine and human favor with God and people.*

Luke 2:52



# Welcome to National

*We are so glad you are here today.*

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here—a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups are offered for all ages for us to better know God and one another. There are many opportunities to serve and care for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally. I hope you will join us again next Sunday!



Blessings always,

*David Renwick*

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor*

## Today After Worship

### Food Trucks

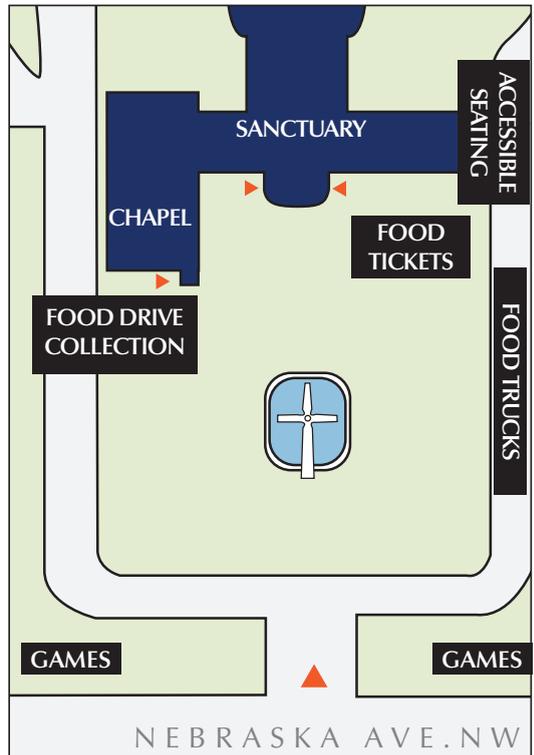
- Enclosed in your bulletin you will find a Picnic Pass. Please fill out one per family or couple.
- After worship, head outside through the Court of Flags to the ticket lines. You'll trade your Picnic Pass for two food truck tickets per person.
- Each ticket will get you a half portion at one of our delicious food trucks!
- The food is free but donations are gratefully accepted at the ticket lines. If you are with us for the first time, please be our guest for lunch!

### Food Drive

Drop off your non-perishable items for local food banks at the Chapel entrance and help box and sort donations! Forgot your donations? We collect nonperishable goods every week, so bring them any time.

### Family Fun

Head over to the front lawn for games and fun for all ages!



# 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Preamble and Fugue in E Major

Vincent Lübeck  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Coronation*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Harold Best

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise God's name, I'm fixed upon it, name of all-redeeming love.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it: Seal it for thy courts above!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and most merciful God,  
we confess that we have failed to be obedient:  
We have not done your will.  
We have broken your holy law.  
We have rebelled against your love.  
We have not heard the cry of the needy.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us for these and all our sins, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND MUSIC MEDITATION

*Sung first by the Choir, then the Congregation as directed*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying... Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying... Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he have us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: Great things he hath done.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick and  
Cate McCrory, Director of Children's Ministries

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

Dr. Joyce Emery

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Pew Bible pp. 833-834*

SERMON

Growing Up  
Luke 1:1-4

Dr. David Renwick

*"Following Jesus" Sermon Series*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Moses Hogan  
Spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
Lord I want to be like Jesus.

▲ 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.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*Bunessan*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love,  
leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
as it lifts me up to glory, so my Savior then to see.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore.

Joanna Zorack-Greene, singer and pianist with Ethan Lee Greene

### ▲ DOXOLOGY

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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

#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Converse*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

There's no need to be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior—still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you, granting you true solace there.

### ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. David Renwick

### ▲ CHORAL AMEN

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ▲ POSTLUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Richard Elliott

▲ 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.

## FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Our preaching and teaching through next spring centers on **"Following Jesus: The Story of His Life and Ours,"** focusing on the Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke. A weekly reading and reflection guide is available at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults). *Printed copies will be available next Sunday.*

### Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

- **9:00 and 11:00 a.m.:** Traditional worship in the Sanctuary.
- **11:00 a.m.:** Contemporary worship in Jones Hall (the school gym).

### Sunday Classes:

#### 9:30–10:45 a.m.

- Children  
Children gather in Jones Hall (the school gym) before going to their grade-specific classes.
- Youth  
Youth gather from 9:30–9:40 a.m. in the Multipurpose Building before going to their grade-specific classes.
- Adults  
**"Following Jesus: A Call to Discipleship"** led by R.V. Seep: Chapel  
**"Following Jesus: Companions on the Journey"** led by Currie Renwick and Nancy Fox: Church Room 105

#### 10:00–10:45 a.m.

- Discussion in Stone Hall  
**"Following Jesus Together"**  
Explore how the Gospel of Luke helps us become faithful followers of Jesus Christ today. Each week there will be a summary and small group discussion over coffee and light refreshments.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & PROJECT

We are moving ahead! Our architects continue the design development process for our construction project, and work is currently taking place on the Youth House to create a wonderful space for our middle and high school students.

### Help us "Bridge the Gap"

We are delighted with our progress, and we believe we can do even more to make this church a place where future generations will come to know and love Christ. Although the \$13 million in approved projects will make amazing improvements at National, an additional \$2.3 million would allow us to complete additional projects that will enable ministry to thrive in our church home.

Would you be willing to join us in "bridging the gap" as we build together for the next 50 years? *Learn more at [nationalpres.org/buildingtogether](http://nationalpres.org/buildingtogether)*

**Save the date for September 22** at noon in the Sanctuary for an **update on Capital Campaign and Project** and our plans to move forward.



# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Parenting Seminars** *Beginning September 6*

This fall, gather with other parents for study and conversation at the same time your kids meet at church! There will be different groups for parents of elementary, middle, and high school students that meet throughout the year. *Learn more and sign up today at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults) or contact Amy Thompson at [athompson@nationalpres.org](mailto:athompson@nationalpres.org).*

## **Youth Kickoff BBQ** *Sunday, September 8, 5:00–7:00 p.m.*

All youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited to join together for a barbecue at the church to meet each other, learn about the youth programs, and kick off the new school year. *Contact: Kristin Franke, [kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org).*

## **Military Ministry** *Sunday, September 15* *12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

This summer, we have been collecting items for the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC), a program that trains dogs to help wounded veterans. All are invited to hear from representatives of the WCC about the work they are doing for the military community. A light lunch will be served.

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** *Monday, September 16* *Noon, Stone Hall*

NPC Parish Associate Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus will share about his life and work in ministry. Dr. Stoltzfus previously served at Potomac Presbyterian Church as their senior pastor. *Call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 at the door).*

## **Moldova Lunch and Learn** *September 22, 12:30 p.m., Parlor*

The University of Divine Grace in Chisinau, Moldova is strengthening the global church by training workers to help orphans in Eastern Europe and training pastors and evangelists across Europe and Central Asia. Come hear more from NPC short-term missionaries and missionary Rev. Paul Beech.

## **Pathway Membership Class** *Saturday, September 28* *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 by September 18 to register: [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7578.*

## **Supporting Families and Children at the Border**

Thanks to your generosity, National has given \$25,000 to help families and children caught in the Central American migrant crisis. Together, we gave:

- \$15,000 to Catholic Relief Services in Central America, combatting violence, hunger, and poverty, so that people do not have to flee their homes.
- \$10,000 to World Relief's Families Together Project, helping families stay safe, healthy, and unified as they seek asylum.

Please pray for these families as we follow God's call to care for the orphan, the widow, and the foreigners among us (Deuteronomy 10:18).

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

### Scripture Reading for September 2–8

Luke 3:1-38

### Questions for Reflection

- According to John, what are the causes for repentance (vss. 7-9, 16, 17), the nature of repentance (vss. 8, 10-14), and the outcome of repentance (vss. 15-17)?
- What do you think Jesus' baptism, and the voice from heaven, meant to Jesus himself? What did it mean to others present? What does it mean to you?
- What is your practice of prayer? Do you see prayer as a lifeline in your relationship to God? What would it look like for you to pray without ceasing (cf. Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17)? What steps can you take to make prayer more regular?

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

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**Welcome booklets and information** | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary. Come to the bookstore (downstairs, just outside of Stone Hall) for a free daily devotional!

**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 are available in the Chapel to pray with you.

**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 four pews of the Sanctuary.*

## PRAYERS

*We pray for:*

Students, teachers, and faculty as they go back to school

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

Young Life North DC, our local affiliate of Young Life, a Christian international organization that presents the gospel to teenagers and helps them grow in their faith.

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

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