

May 12, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

*"Keep these words that I am commanding you today  
in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk  
about them when you are at home and when you  
are away, when you lie down and when you rise."*

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associate	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> )
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# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth lead worship services (*there is no 11:00 a.m. Jones Hall service today*). In 11 a.m. worship we will receive this year's Confirmation class as new members.

**Participate in a special offering** in support of youth missions: please place checks in the youth collection envelopes in the pews or give online at [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving).

**There will be a reception** in Stone Hall following worship.

## K - 2nd Sunday School *Parlor during 9 a.m. Service*

Kindergarten through 2nd grade please join us after **A Time For Children** to create a special gift for Mom. Parents may pick up their children after the service.

## Special Teaching Session with Dr. Emery *Chapel at 9:30*

Come explore five major biblical themes that thread their way from Genesis to Revelation. Each theme is magnified at the cross of Christ and relevant to our life today as believers.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages will resume next week, May 19th.

### Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Church Rooms 16 and 7/8

### "Across the Aisle" Young Professionals

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

## Sandwich Making

### *Stone Hall at Noon*

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

## Vacation Bible School:

### Sign up to Volunteer!

Help us create a one-of-a-kind experience for our kids at Vacation Bible School, July 8-12! Sign up in Stone Hall after worship to help for an afternoon or for the week.

[www.nationalpres.org/vbs](http://www.nationalpres.org/vbs)

## Third Grade Milestone

Congratulations to the following third grade Sunday school students who are receiving personalized Bibles today as part of their Milestone in Worship Education:

Lydia Adcock, Beatrix Becker,  
Valencia Carr, Emerson Ela,  
Paisley Fromer, Marko Guenov,  
Isabella Iordache, Margaret Kendall,  
Pemphero Mtika, Brianna Nya,  
Ella Perry, McKyle Pierce,  
Harrison Rohrbaugh,  
Abraham Schestopol, Andrew St. John,  
Victoria Tirajoh, and Jaiden Wells.

## Today's Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are dedicated to the glory of God in recognition of the 30th wedding anniversary of Gerri Hall and David Nickels and in memory of their parents, Helen and Randy Hall, and Evelyn and Horace Nickels.

*"In my life, Scripture has played an important role. When I am confused about something, I can find a verse about it and how I should move on."*



*"I am so excited that I get this amazing opportunity to stand before our church family and prove that I am ready to serve God however He calls me to do so. I have such a desire and thirst to learn more about God each day, and I have even more of a desire to become a better disciple of God."*

## Confirmation Faith Statements

*"When I was meeting with my mentor, we read about the day of Pentecost and how the Spirit traveled through the bodies of so many people. That is when I started to understand that the Holy Spirit is a force that brings us all together at church when we are praying, singing, or just listening to the Scripture."*

Congratulations to today's confirmands, who have spent the past several months exploring a deeper understanding of their Christian faith during their confirmation preparation. Thank you to their Sunday School teachers, parents, mentors, and this faith community for encouraging them in their journey of discipleship with Jesus Christ.

*"Though our relatively sinful nature pushes us further from what God wants of us, He still yields an unlimited grace and boundless love that forgives and cleanses us of our sin."*

*"I believe in the loving Father, Jesus Christ the Messiah, and the eternal Holy Ghost. They are all real, all distinct, but all one God. Why do I believe this? Because to have faith is to believe in something even when you cannot see it, and I can see God at work in my life, because without God, I would not have the words to express his overwhelming goodness."*



# 9 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Partita on "Nicaea"

Charles Callahan

Todd Fickley

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

9 a.m. Noah Detlor, 11 a.m. Sydney Theis

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *please be seated*

Lord, we come before you, broken and sinful.

9 a.m. Benny Thompson

We continue to distance ourselves from you  
through the things we should not have done  
and the things we know we should have done.

11 a.m. Felicia Bailey

Sin forces us to suppress and separate ourselves from you.

We continue to fall deeper into our worldly consumption.

We come before your boundless love and oceans of grace asking for you to save us.

We cannot fight the evils of this world alone,

only through you and your Son can we endure the hardships of this world.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Good Good Father

Chris Tomlin

O I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,  
but I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night;  
and you tell me that you're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good Father, it's who you are; and I'm loved by you, it's who I am.*

O I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide;  
'cause you know just what we need before we say a word.

You are perfect in all your ways, you are perfect in all your ways to us.

O it's love so undeniable, I can hardly speak;  
peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think,  
as you call me deeper still into love...

High School Girls Small Group

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 a.m. Shanwai Lin, Lucas Velasco, Stuart Waymack

11 a.m. Lauren Levinson, Caroline Dickey, Caroline Stewart

9 A.M. A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADE MILESTONE

Responsive Reading (*led by third graders*)

*One* All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.

**All** Indeed the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow.  
**It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**  
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.  
**I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them.**  
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
**The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.  
**Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

Presentation of Bibles

Susan Lockwood, Robert Levy, Magruder Dent

## I I A.M. CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

Dr. David Renwick and Confirmation Class

Calvin Atchison

Jackson Buss

Derick Denecke

Caroline Dickey

Grant Freeman\*

Cate Goodin

Caroline Hold

Mira Kisslinger

Lauren Levinson

Samantha McNett\*

Weston Muoio

Anna Person

Willie Piho

Ana Schlumberger

Katie Skinner

Caroline Stewart

Owen Teems

Sydney Theis

Matthew Tirajoh

*\*baptism*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

9 a.m. John Henry Waymack

The Word of the Lord.

11 a.m. Luke Schauer

**Thanks be to God.**

## I I A.M. A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Regan Puryear

### TESTIMONIES AND SENIOR SOLO

Madeleine Murphy, Allyn Abbott (*Be Thou My Vision*), and Charlie Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Led by Cate McCrory

Director of Children's Ministries

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,

that he should give his only Son to make a wretch a treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss--the Father turns his face away,

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;

ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;

his dying breath has brought me life--I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no power, no wisdom;

but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward: I cannot give an answer;

But this I know with all my heart--his wounds have paid my ransom.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9 a.m. Willie Pihon

11 a.m. Meghan Thompson, Jamie Levinson

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

9 a.m. Susannah Gordon

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

11 a.m. Will Muonio

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

9 a.m. Jack Forlines, Robert Forlines

11 a.m. Parker Theis

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional Folk Tune

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way,  
and who shall wear the starry crown--good Lord, show me the way!

*O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down;*

*O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way,  
and who shall wear the robe and crown--good Lord, show me the way!

HS Boys Small Group

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing Grace*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Seniors

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace!

Craig Phillips  
Todd Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able



# Great Day of Service

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**



**SIGN UP TODAY**

**[www.nationalpres.org/greatday](http://www.nationalpres.org/greatday)**

Bring friends and family for this fun and meaningful day of service in and around our city. Projects include:

- Packing meal kits for hungry people across the world (great for all ages!)
- Helping to serve dinner at Central Union Mission
- Reading one on one and lunch with kids from Little Lights
- Joining a Habitat for Humanity build
- Setting up a new apartment for a formerly homeless family

*We will also collect clothes, children's books, baby supplies, and household goods from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on May 18.*

*Childcare is available for onsite projects with RSVP to [childcare@nationalpres.org](mailto:childcare@nationalpres.org)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### "Building Together for the Next 50 Years"

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

**Sunday, May 19, 12:15 p.m.**

#### **Sanctuary**

In 2018, members and friends of National committed \$13 million towards an exciting Capital Campaign. With designs from our architects, Beyer, Blinder, Belle, and with estimates from our contractor, MCN Build, Inc., it's time for action!

The Session, Capital Project Steering Committee, and Facilities Master Planning Team are excited to present their recommendations to the congregation on May 19. All members of the church are encouraged to attend as we "Build Together for the Next 50 Years"! *Learn more at [nationalpres.org/buildingtogether](http://nationalpres.org/buildingtogether).*

### **Book Discussion:**

#### **"You Are What You Love"**

**Thursday, May 23, 7:15-8:45 p.m.**

#### **Elson Parlor**

Dr. Quinn Fox resumes a weekly discussion of James K.A. Smith's "You Are What You Love." We will discuss chapter 6 on May 23.

### **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**Monday, May 20, Noon**

#### **Stone Hall**

Dr. David Renwick will share about his recent trip to our church mission partners, Marka Church in Jordan and Forman Christian College in Pakistan.

*Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529. (Pay at the door; \$15 with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)*

### **Your Recommendations Needed**

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. *Submit recommendations online: [nationalpres.org/nominate](http://nationalpres.org/nominate).*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read  
Chapter 29 of "The Story."

### **Sunday**

Acts 13-14 (pp. 407-411)

### **Monday**

Acts 16-18 (pp. 411-416)

### **Tuesday**

1 Thessalonians 1-5, Acts  
18 (pp. 416-421)

### **Wednesday**

Acts 19-20 (pp. 421-424)

### **Thursday**

1 Corinthians 1; 3; 5-6;  
10; 12-13; 15-16 (pp.  
424-429)

### **Friday**

Galatians 1; 3 (pp. 429-432)

### **Saturday**

Galatians 5-6 (p. 432-437)

### **For reflection:**

- Paul's message of Jesus as Messiah received a mixed reception in each city he visited. As you read this week, note how those who opposed it felt and acted. What did they fear? What role does fear play in our culture's experience of faith? Your faith?
- What do you learn about the relationship between faith and suffering from Paul's life and the church at Thessalonica (p. 416ff.)? How might this help you to endure trials and suffering in your life?
- Paul warns the Galatians about trying to obey their way to God's favor. What is the difference between trying to keep God's law on your own power and allowing the Holy Spirit to bring the fruit of the spirit through you?

*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.

**Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you** and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

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

**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 six pews of the sanctuary.*

## PRAYERS

*We pray for:*

NPC Youth, and their families and mentors.

*We pray for missionaries and mission partners, including:*  
**Martha's Table**, seeking to transform lives by engaging the DC community in developing sustainable solutions to poverty.

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7540.



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