

January 26, 2020

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Indeed, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.*

Luke 13:30

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>)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Building Together for the Next 50 Years

Through mid-February, **most of our coat racks along the Chapel hallway and in the narthex** will be removed and the terrazzo repaired to make our hallways more bright, open, and accessible. During this process, the Chapel hallway will be narrowed to three feet. The entrance at the covered driveway provides greater accessibility during construction.

Visual Arts at National 12:30 p.m., Church Room 5

Are you a painter, sculptor, photographer, floral designer, weaver, quilter, or multimedia artist? Come join others in the visual arts for a brief conversation!

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Session

12:15 p.m., Agencies Lower Level

Learn more about this summer's inter-generational mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 27-July 3. We will serve with our mission partner Foundation for Peace and local churches in the DR. *Contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org.*

Learn More About Small Group Leadership

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

You can invest in life-giving Christian discipleship as a small group leader for just a few hours a month. Learn more at this lunch and training session. *Contact Amy Thompson: athompson@nationalpres.org.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **"Following Jesus" Together**
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
- **"Following Jesus:"
A Call to Discipleship**
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel
- **"Following Jesus:"
Companions on the Journey**
9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105

Youth 9:30–10:45 a.m.

Gather 9:30–9:40 in the Multipurpose Building

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Youth House Basement*
- Grade 8: *Multipurpose Building Basement*
- Grades 9/10: *Youth House Main Room*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Game Room*

Children 9:30–10:45 a.m.

- Age 2-5th grade: Children may come directly from the 9 a.m. service or be dropped off at the school building. Pick up children in the school building.

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.

Roaring 20s Small Group

12:15 p.m., Agencies Building Room 102

Young adults in their early- to mid-twenties are invited for weekly lunch, conversation, and Bible study.

January Food Collection: Canned Fruit

You may drop off donations upstairs at the information table and downstairs outside of Stone Hall.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alfred S. Perry and with gratitude for his grandson, Perry Bulkley Fager.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio

César Franck

from *Fantasia in C Major*

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy God, we praise you, for you shine your light before us and within us, strengthening us to live in the face of our stumbling or straying. When we do miss your way, you graciously move to convict us of our sins, and to cleanse our hearts and minds so that we might live for you again. Guide us when we are lost. Kindle our spirits us when we are cold. Comfort us when we are in sorrow. Knit us together when we are at odds with you or others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed *see p. 5*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Don't Be Weary, Traveler

H. T. Burleigh

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Spiritual

My way was lost along the road (come along home to Jesus),

pilgrim with a heavy load (come along home to Jesus).

Near to Jesus every day (come along home to Jesus),

follow in the narrow way (come along home to Jesus)!

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 5*

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-17

Deacon Eric Young

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: Slowly Losing Our Way

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 13:22-30, 14:25-33; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Finale in D Major

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Unser Herrscher

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 1

8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Gregg Gochnour entitled "How's Your Comfort Zone?" *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Mission Partner Opportunities

The Mission's "SuperSoul" Party

Sunday, February 2

65 Massachusetts Ave. NW

Next Sunday, help staff at Central Union Mission's SuperSoul gameday party at their shelter. You can volunteer to set up from 3:30-4:30 p.m., or staff the party from 6:00-9:30 p.m.

To volunteer, email Marc at mobrien@missiondc.org.

Little Lights' Race Literacy 101 Class

Wednesdays, March 4–June 3

760 7th St. SE

Our Capital Campaign mission partner runs small groups dedicated to addressing the history of race in America from a Christian perspective. *For more info, email raceliteracy@littleglights.org.*

Military Ministry Special Event

Sunday, February 9, 12:30 p.m.

Stone Hall

Jennifer Bennett, a survivor of the Navy Yard shooting on September 16, 2013, attributes her amazing recovery to her faith. All are invited to hear Jennifer's survivor story and how God played a personal role in it. All are welcome to join, and a light lunch will be served. *RSVP to Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org.*

Grief Support Group

Beginning February 16, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Do you need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? GriefShare is a seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Mary Romano and Dr. Joyce Emery will lead for 10 weeks on Sundays and one Saturday retreat. *Contact Liz Martin to register: Lmartin@nationalpres.org.*

Prepare for Marriage Course

Saturday, March 7, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

During this one-day course, learn the skills you will need to thrive in your marriage. 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: mlenhard@nationalpres.org or 202.552.4252.*

Expert Advice for Older Adults and their Families

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at National. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

Youth and Children's Summer Internships

Applications are now open to serve at National this summer with our youth and children's ministries. *Learn more at nationalpres.org/jobs.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for
Jan. 27- Feb. 2, 2020

Luke 15

Questions for Reflection

- What problem do the Pharisees and teachers of the law have with Jesus' actions (vss. 1-2)? What might Christians do today that would cause people to ask, "Why are you doing that?"
- Would you go after the one, leaving the 99 vulnerable? Can you think of an example of this?
- When have you been the one lost sheep (vs. 4)? How did Jesus find you and what changed as a result?
- When do we rejoice with others at their restoration or transformation? When are we tempted to grumble about them instead of celebrate them?
- With which character do you identify in the third parable (vss. 11-32)? What was the lesson for the Pharisees in vss. 25-32?

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! Please pick up a welcome gift at one of the entrances to the church. 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.

The Pew Crew, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Head to the Parlor after the 9 a.m. service, or come downstairs to Stone Hall after the 11 a.m. services, to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

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 grieve the deaths of:

Chaplain David Chambers on January 15, 2020

Louise Pinckernell on January 17, 2020

Charlotte McComas on January 19, 2020

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Ted and Joy Carr, who lead ProVision International in Southern Africa.

Please submit prayer requests to:

Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.



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