



February 9, 2020

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Jesus said: No servant can serve two masters...

You cannot serve God and wealth...

Luke 16:13

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

Military Ministry Luncheon 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. A light lunch will be served.

We Want to Hear from You

Take the mission survey today! We're eager to learn how mission fits into your life, and if we can make it easier-- all for the sake of bringing the light and love of Jesus to our city and our world! Visit Stone Hall or this **case-sensitive** link to fill out a survey: bit.ly/ServeSurvey.

Building Together for the Next 50 Years

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

Help Feed the Hungry in DC

We have two opportunities for you to help feed the hungry in our city:

- **After 9:00 a.m. worship:** Come to the Parlor to pick up healthy snacks to give to those in need you meet on the streets.
- **After 11:00 a.m. worship:** Come to Stone Hall to make sandwiches for the homeless.

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

Young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

"Roaring 20s" Small Group

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

Early- to mid-twenties young adults are invited for lunch, conversation, and Bible study.

February Food Collection: Nuts and Trail Mix

Drop off donations upstairs at the info table and downstairs outside of Stone Hall.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Linda Botsford in grateful memory of her parents, Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford who loved and nurtured her and who now enjoy their eternal rest with their Savior and each other.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Improvisation on "Shall We Gather at the River?" Richard Elliott
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing *Madrid*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the house of heaven, with our sins forgiven and our hearts cleansed. Through your mercy alone, may we live with you in that place, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal inheritance; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; forever in the presence of your glory and dominion, and the embrace of your love. John Donne, 1572-1631

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 Glory Be to the Father *see p. 4* Gloria Patri

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Wayfaring Stranger John Jacob Niles

I am a lone wayfaring stranger, along the path on which I go, yet there's no sickness, toil, or danger in that fair land to which I go. I'm going there to see my Father, I'm going there, no more to roam. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home. There may be clouds to gather o'er me, the road—it may be rough and steep—yet beauteous fields lie just before me, where God's redeemed their vigils keep. I'm going there to see my Father, who's there to meet me when I'm come. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home. I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land. I want to shout salvation's story in concert with God's chosen band. I'm going there to meet my Savior, to sing his praise and ne'er be done. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

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* Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31 Jennifer Schottke

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON Following Jesus: Buying Heaven? Dr. David Renwick
Luke 16:1-18

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 391 *verses 1, 4-6* Take My Life *Hendon*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Alla Breve in D Major, BWV 589 J.S. Bach

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Madrid

To God the Three-in-One: Alleluia! Amen!

Father, incarnate Son: Alleluia! Amen!

and Holy Spirit, now with grateful hearts we bow,
worshipping even now: Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the gate and house of heaven,
with our sins forgiven and our hearts cleansed.

Through your mercy alone, may we live with you in that place,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light,
no noise nor silence, but one equal music,
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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.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Elizabeth Grace Schmoll

Daughter of Megan Bell Schmoll and Joseph Henderson Schmoll

Prayer of Response

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Thanks be to God.

Luke 16:19-31

Elder Ginny Taylor

SERMON

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Heaven's Gift

Sola fide

Christ paid the price to set me free: his blood poured out on Calvary's tree.

Now nothing as my own I'll call, for all is Christ's and Christ's my all.

All merit, boasting set aside, by faith alone I'm justified.

Before the throne I'll take my place and rest in God's amazing grace.

J. M. Boice

▲ 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

Jesu, Heaven's Treasure

J.S. Bach

Jesu meine Freude

Jesu, heaven's treasure, more than earthly pleasure, thou art all to me.

Trusting thy salvation, free from condemnation, I seek after thee.

Here, where moth and thief would steal, I give my allegiance to thee, thou who hast redeemed me.

Here thy sweet voice calls me, and what'er befalls me, I hear thy command.

Thou thy word conveying, faith alone obeying, need not understand.

I would rise to follow thee, leave at once all else to find thee, leave the old behind me.

Hence, all thoughts of sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesu, enters in.

Those who love the Father, though the storm clouds gather, still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in thee lies purest pleasure: Jesu, priceless treasure!

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 391 *verses 1, 4-6*

Take My Life

Hendon

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Indelible Grace

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Joyce Emery

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF RESPONSE You Never Let Go Matt Redman

God of This City Chris Tomlin

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* 10,000 Reasons Matt Redman

▲ CLOSING PRAYER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon *Tomorrow, February 10* *Noon, Stone Hall*

Our church has a wonderfully rich history with our predecessor congregations as well as the church today. David Staniunas, Archivist of the Presbyterian Historical Society, will talk about how we will connect with the Philadelphia denominational archives and provide worldwide access to our wide range of archival materials.

Grief Support Group *Beginning February 16* *1:00–2:30 p.m., Elson Parlor*

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.*

Ash Wednesday Worship *Wednesday, February 26* *7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*

There will be Communion and an imposition of ashes for anyone who wishes to receive it.

Lenten Small Group *Sundays, February 23 through* *April 5, 12:15 p.m., Church Room 5*

Join in study and conversation of the Holy Spirit in the book of Luke in this Lenten small group Bible study.

To sign up, contact Amy Thompson at athompson@nationalpres.org.

Save the Date: **Women's Conference** *Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28*

Join us on Friday night for dinner in local homes, followed by a Saturday conference in Stone Hall with speaker Rev. Barbara Heck, senior pastor at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. Childcare will be available.

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.*

Lend a Welcoming Hand **You can help at church on Sundays** for as little as one hour a month!

- **Serve as an usher** by passing out bulletins, and collecting offerings. *Contact library@nationalpres.org.*
- **Serve on the Pew Crew** by engaging with folks at church. *Contact Leslie Saum, lsaum@nationalpres.org.*
- **Serve on the A/V Team** by making possible our online worship; no experience required. *Contact Bill McNett, bmcnett@nationalpres.org.*
- **Serve as a greeter** by welcoming all who enter the church. *Contact: Michael Wiseman, MichaelLWiseman@aol.com.*

NPC Online: Your Congregational Directory

Did you know you can find members and friends of the church on a password-protected congregational directory? Visit nationalpres.ccbchurch.com, and click "request access" to log in. You can search by name (first or last) and edit your own information (including adding a photo!) and privacy settings.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for February 10 – 16, 2020

Luke 17:1-10, 20-37;
21:5-36

Questions for Reflection

- What does Jesus say about temptation and the responsibility of those who cause it?
- What does Jesus teach about forgiveness? How is forgiving someone more like being a servant than a master?
- The disciples realize that they require greater faith than they think they have. What does Jesus teach them about the nature of faith?
- How does 17:7-10 illustrate the appropriate perspective for disciples to have toward God?
- How do you experience the tension between the kingdom being inaugurated by Jesus, but not yet fully realized even now?
- How do Jesus' words speak to followers of Jesus today amidst waiting and difficulties?

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 pray for:

Those attending, organizing, and facilitating the upcoming Family Winter Camp

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Fraser and Liz Bennett, Wycliffe missionaries working with SIL LEAD to promote literacy and publish books that strengthen minority languages and scripture engagement.

Please submit prayer requests to:

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