



February 5, 2017

# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Jesus has in every respect been tested as we are,  
yet without sin; although he was a Son,  
he learned obedience through what he suffered.*

Hebrews 4:15, 5-8

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| 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 ( <i>Director</i> ), William Neil ( <i>Organist</i> )<br>Hilda Gore ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )   |
| Ministry Directors | J. Theodore Anderson ( <i>Library, Archives, &amp; Older Adults</i> )<br>Kristin Franke ( <i>Youth</i> ), Jill Meek ( <i>Children</i> )<br>Leslie Saum ( <i>Connections</i> ), John Turpin ( <i>Serve</i> ) |

# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Refugee Family Project Volunteer Make Up Training

*12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor*

If you are interested in helping the refugee family to be hosted by NPC and were unable to make the Lutheran Social Services training in January, please come today. Attending does not obligate you to volunteer; you can come just to learn more. *Contact: John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

## Youth: Big Game Watch Party

Middle and high schoolers are invited to bring their favorite football food and watch the game together. *Contact: Kristin Franke, KFranke@NationalPres.org.*

## Confirmation Meeting

*12:15 p.m., Agencies Building Room 105*

**Parents** and youth (9th grade and older) are invited to an informational meeting to kick off this year's Confirmation course.

*Contact: Kristin Franke at KFranke@NationalPres.org.*

## 4th Grade Milestone

Today we welcome our 4th graders as they receive communion alongside their church family. They have been learning about communion in Sunday School as their "Milestone in Worship Education." Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our worship liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshipping community.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

*9:30–10:30 a.m.*

#### Adults – NEW Classes Begin!

- The History of the Church in the High and Late Middle Ages, *Church Room 110/111*
- A Journey through the Book of Acts and Our World Today, *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class  
*Culbertson Library*
- Looking at Luke: An "Orderly Account" of Jesus' Life and Ministry  
*Agencies Building Room 105*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues, *Agencies Building Lower Level*  
**TODAY:** Christians with 30+ years of experience working in the U.S. and Africa on the relationship between Christians and Muslims will share their experiences.
- Parents' Gathering  
*10–10:30 a.m., Elson Parlor*

#### Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)  
*Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade)  
*Agencies Bldg. Room 101*
- High School (9th–12th grade)  
*Youth House*

#### Children

- Age 2–5th grade: Drop off/pick up at the National Presbyterian School building.

### Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

*Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., School Bldg*

### "Across the Aisle" Young Professionals

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

All young professionals (ages 22–35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

### January Donations: Canned Fruit

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table.

### Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

Write postcards to NPC members and friends who are in need of encouragement. *Supplies are available in Stone Hall.*

### Today's Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of General Reginald C. Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer. **The flowers in the Court of Flags** are given to the glory of God, honoring the marriage over 80 years ago this month between Helen Chittick and Edward L.R. Elson. Their children, among them, Eleanor Heginbotham and Beverly Elson, remember the blessings they were to each other during their 52 years of marriage, and to NPC and the DC area during the 30 years Dr. Elson served as NPC's Senior Pastor.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

A Trumpet Minuet

Alfred Hollins

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:1-3

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Sovereign and gracious God, you have exalted your crucified and resurrected Son.  
Let his glory so shine in our hearts and minds that we bow before you in repentance  
of our sins. Let us ever more clearly comprehend our Lord's sufferings, that we may  
courageously pass through our own; for his sake, who with you and the Holy Spirit live  
and reign, one God, forever and ever.

Eric Milner-White

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*

Psalm 23

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 6*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ 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.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*Children (grades K-5) may leave now for Sunday School. Leaders will escort children to the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m.*

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:14-15; 5:8; 12:1-3 Deacon Alfreda Robinson Bennett

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

SERMON

What If God Suffers Too?

Dr. David Renwick

*The Apostles' Creed sermon series: "Suffered under Pontius Pilate"*

Philippians 2:1-13; Romans 8:28, 35-37; Isaiah 43:1-3a

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*Perfect Love*

*Choir*

Lord, when the cup you give, is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
We take it thankfully and without trembling out of so good and so beloved a hand.

*Congregation*

Yet when again in this same world you give us, the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
We shall remember, all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1944), translated by Fred Pratt Green

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6*

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN *see p. 6*

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

*Unser Herrscher*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Ronald Arnatt

# 10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONG                      Holy Spirit, Gift of God                      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Grace Chimes

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-3

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE              My Worth Is Not In What I Own                      Keith & Kristyn Getty  
Michael Ford and David Bridgeman

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let his glory so shine in our hearts and minds that we bow before you in repentance  
of our sins. Let us ever more clearly comprehend our Lord's sufferings, that we may  
courageously pass through our own; for his sake, who with you and the Holy Spirit live  
and reign, one God, forever and ever.                      Eric Milner-White

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE              Lead Me to the Cross                      Brooke Ligertwood

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SERMON                      What If God Suffers Too?                      Dr. David Renwick  
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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH              Psalm 23                      Rev. Evangeline Taylor  
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green  
pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in  
the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Gift of Finest Wheat

arr. Sondra Tucker

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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received*              Lay Me Down

Chris Tomlin

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Theodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed  
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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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Elder Mary Beth Nethercutt

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 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Nearer, My God, to Thee Dan Forrest  
*Bethany*

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee, ev'n though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
*Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee.*  
 O let the way appear leading to heav'n, all that thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n.  
*Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer my God to thee.*  
 There in my Father's home, safe and at rest, there in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.  
*Age after age to be nearer, my God to thee.* with Dottie Seep, piano and Marion Baker, cello

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation Savior, Source of Every Blessing W. A. Mozart  
*Ave verum corpus, K 618*

Savior, source of every blessing, sent from God, and of the Virgin born,  
 Truly thou hast suffered greatly, once broken on the cross for man.  
 Thou the crucified, from whose pierced side freely water and blood did flow;  
 Savior, thou hast become the first fruits of all who belong to God.

Prayer of Response 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.

▲ HYMN Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus *Unser Herrscher*

- 1 Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names,  
 Reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, pow'rs and claims;  
 Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!
- 2 Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
 Who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain;  
 Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace.
- 3 Sacrifice and suff'ring over, now he sits at God's right hand,  
 Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, his preeminence long planned;  
 Such a great high priest we have, strong to help, supreme to save.
- 4 Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end,  
 Pioneer of our salvation, mighty advocate and friend:  
 Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

Christopher M. Idle

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Fanfare Ronald Arnatt



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

*Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.*

*Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of Daniel's prayer for his nation. Stay after to write cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

## Celebrate 20 Years of Mike Denham's Ministry at NPC

*Sunday, Feb. 12, 12:15, Stone Hall*

Join the whole church family for a reception to thank Dr. Michael Denham for 20 years of service as NPC's Director of Music Ministries.

## Wrestler's Sunday School Class

*Sunday, Feb. 12, 9:30–10:30 a.m.*

*Agencies Building Lower Level*

Lew Crenshaw, NPC Fund board member and retired Vice Admiral, will present "What I learned Over Bagdad One Night."

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

*Monday, Feb. 13, Noon, Stone Hall*

Dr. John Y. Cole, Historian at the Library of Congress, will share his thoughts about "The World's Greatest Library." Dr. Cole has been affiliated with the Library for 50 years and brings a wealth of information. Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800. *(Pay at the door; \$15 with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)*

## AARP Smart Driver Course

*Monday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Receive discounts on your insurance and learn important skills for operating vehicles safely at this one-day class designed especially for drivers age 50+, sponsored by NPC's Older Adult Ministry. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

## Spring Small Groups

*March & April; Sign up begins Feb. 12*

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the DC area? Become part of a small group! Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and study. *For more information, visit: [nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://nationalpres.org/small-groups) or call Amy Thompson at 202.552.4252.*

## Sign Up for the Annual Women's Retreat

*April 28–30, Ellicott City, MD*

Guest speaker and author Lucinda Secrest McDowell will lead this year's retreat theme of "Breathe," encouraging us to evaluate all the places in our lives where we can make space for God. *Register today in Stone Hall or online: [nationalpres.org/womens-retreat](http://nationalpres.org/womens-retreat)*

## Book Discussion: "The End of White Christian America"

*Thursdays, 7:15 p.m. Elson Parlor*

Dr. Fox will lead a discussion of chapter 5 of Dr. Robert P. Jones' new book. *Contact: 202.537.7527 or [Grow@NationalPres.org](mailto:Grow@NationalPres.org).*

## Youth and Children's Internship

The Youth and Children's internship is a 10 week paid, full-time, summer position. Intern(s) will work closely with the children's and youth ministries to plan and implement summer programs for children and youth, including weekly programs and special events (VBS, mission trip, camp). Intern(s) will also be expected to spend time learning about and growing in their own vocational discernment. Applications will be received until March 1, or until the position(s) are filled. *Contact Jill Meek, [JMeek@NationalPres.org](mailto:JMeek@NationalPres.org) or Kristin Franke, [KFranke@NationalPres.org](mailto:KFranke@NationalPres.org).*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

February 5 – 12

### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
Isaiah 57:1-13  
Hebrews 12:1-6  
John 7:37-46

### Monday

Psalms 5; 29  
Isaiah 57:14-21  
Galatians 6:11-18  
Mark 9:30-41

### Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133  
Isaiah 58:1-12  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Mark 9:42-50

### Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33  
Isaiah 59:1-21  
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13  
Mark 10:1-16

### Thursday

Psalms 97; 62  
Isaiah 60:1-22  
2 Timothy 2:14-26  
Mark 10:17-31

### Friday

Psalms 51; 65  
Isaiah 61:1-9  
2 Timothy 3:1-17  
Mark 10:32-45

### Saturday

Psalms 104; 98  
Isaiah 61:10 - 62:5  
2 Timothy 4:1-8  
Mark 10:46-52

### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
Isaiah 62:6-12  
1 John 2:3-11  
John 8:12-19

*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. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ's light in the world, serving and caring for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

**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.

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

**Childcare** | Available 8:45 a.m.–12:15 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 at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately 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:*

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church.

*Prayer requests: [nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)*



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