



February 26, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We have known and believed the love God has for us.

1 John 4:16

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

TODAY AT NATIONAL

New Member Connections Sunday

Join in welcoming our newest members into the NPC church family at a reception in Stone Hall after worship.

NPC welcomes the following new members:

- Howard Davis, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Susan Gardner, *Arlington, VA*
- Marion Hart, *Arlington, VA*
- Sarah Naranch, *Washington, DC*
- Stu Naranch, *Washington, DC*
- Sam Shin, *Washington, DC*
- Jacqueline Toppings, *Washington, DC*
- Janet Weber, *Arlington, VA*
- John Weber, *Arlington, VA*
- Gerry Woods, *Washington, DC*

Interested in church membership at National? *Contact: Kemet Rakiatu: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.*

Music at National

5 p.m., Sanctuary

The Washington Chorus presents music by outgoing Artistic Director Julian Wachner in "New Music for a New Age." Enjoy the celebration of this highly regarded director, composer, and conductor. *Tickets and information: thewashingtonchorus.org or 202.342.6221.*

Spring Small Groups

March & April; Sign up today!

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 or call Amy Thompson at 202.552.4252.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues, *Agencies Building Lower Level*
TODAY: "What Does Calvin Have to Do with Luther?" Dr. Ward Holder Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College
- 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 Bible Class: Experiencing Prayer Power, *Culbertson Library*
- Looking at Luke: An "Orderly Account" of Jesus' Life and Ministry
Agencies Building Room 105
- 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

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 10:20–10:50 a.m. Church Bldg, Rm 5

"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.

March Donations: Cereal

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 memory of Louise McKenzie recognizing what would have been her 100th birthday on February 27th. Bamboo and pine are symbols of longevity, virtue, and growth, and we use these symbols in the arrangement today to

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Choral Prelude on *A Mighty Fortress* Johann Pachelbel
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord our God, we bless and bow before you, for you know who we are: people with good consciences, and with bad; people who are content, and discontent; people who believe, and struggle with belief. We are here with all our differences, and yet we are united in our common cry for mercy. We acknowledge that all of us have wronged you and one another, and would be lost without your promised grace, given to us freely in Jesus Christ our Lord. Karl Barth (adapted)

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* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In My Father's House

Craig Courtney

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▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6* *Old Hundredth*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6* Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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 10:11-25 Elder Donna Duss
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Clearing Your Conscience Dr. David Renwick
The Apostles' Creed sermon series: "Crucified, Dead, Buried, Descended"
Hebrews 12:1-10, 1 Peter 1:13-22

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 563 Lift Every Voice and Sing *Lift Every Voice*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Frederick Swann

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS O Love That Will Not Let Me Go George Matheson
 I Give Myself Away William McDowell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE No Other Name Joel Houston

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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Karl Barth (adapted)

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Brokenness Aside David Leonard

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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Evangeline Taylor
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received* My Lighthouse Rend Collective

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PRELUDE

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Johann Pachelbel
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CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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- ▲ HYMN 260 *verses 1-3* *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Ein' feste Burg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 260, verse 4

God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

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SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me.

Johannes Brahms

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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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust. To the glory of your name. Amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

René Clausen

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling "O sinner, come home. Come, home, come home. You who are weary, come home."

Thompson

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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Pamela Martin

Chancel Choir and Youth Choir

▲ 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.

▲ HYMN 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 outside of Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

Wrestler's Sunday School Class

Sunday, Mar. 5, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Agencies Building Lower Level

Next Sunday Quinn Fox will speak on "The Reformation: What Can You See When You Look Back 500 Years?"

GriefShare

Sundays beginning Mar. 5, 12:30 p.m.

Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor.

Each class is self-contained, so you may attend whenever you are able. *To register, please contact: Liz Martin, LMartin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7540.*

Wednesday Women

Bible Study & Prayer Group

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Church Rooms 110/111 & 105

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple. Stay after to write cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

Support This Year's Easter Garden!

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.

Penn State President's Concert with Organist William Neil

Thursday, Mar. 16, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Bill Neil, NPC organist and Penn State alumnus of the year, will perform alongside Penn State School of Music's most outstanding instrumentalists and vocalists. The concert is free and open to the public. *More information at: www.music.psu.edu/presidents-concert*

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 outside of the Sanctuary or online: nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

Youth and Children's Internship

The Youth and Children's internship is a 10 week paid, full-time, summer position. Intern(s) will:

- Plan and implement summer programs for children and youth, including weekly programs and special events
- 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. *To apply, contact Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org or Kristin Franke, KFranke@NationalPres.org.*

AV Internship

The internship is a 15 hour per week position with a stipend. The intern will assist the Operations/AV Services Manager in the regular operation and maintenance of the various AV systems throughout the NPC campus. *To apply, contact Bill McNett at BMcnett@NationalPres.org.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

February 26 – March 5

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Corinthians 3:1-9
John 12:27-36a

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Deuteronomy 6:1-15
Hebrews 1:1-14
John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Deuteronomy 6:16-25
Hebrews 2:1-10
John 1:19-28

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Hebrews 12:1-14
Luke 18:9-14

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Titus 1:1-16
John 1:29-34

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Deuteronomy 7:12-16
Titus 2:1-15
John 1:35-42

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Deuteronomy 7:17-26
Titus 3:1-15
John 1:43-51

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Mark 2:18-22

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:

Parkash Samuel, Shelley Barr, and Wayne Zeigler

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer



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