



March 19, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*God has put all things under Christ's feet,
and has made him the head of all things
for the church which is his body.*

Ephesians 1:22

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

Welcome, Dr. Alan Meenan

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Dr. Alan Meenan, Founder and President of "The Word is Out" (thewordisout.org). Originally from Northern Ireland, Alan has studied at Queen's University, Asbury Seminary, and Edinburgh University. Alan's focus in ministry following 30 years as a pastor in the U.S. has been to support the non-Western church in teaching, training, and evangelism, anywhere in God's world.

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:

Samantha Afnan, Isabel Brown, Lillian Cadou, Andrew Cibor, Abigail Clark, Lauren Dickey, Lilly Fromer, Ivaylo Guenov, Evan Kendall, Adele Muoio, Henry Perry, Daniel Pihon, Alexandra Rohrbaugh, Jack Ryan, Dorothy Sim, Matthew St. John, Henry Stewart, James Velasco, William White.

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues, *Agencies Building Lower Level*
TODAY: "The Forgotten Pillar of the Reformation" Hugh Welchel, Director of The Institute for Faith, Work and Economics
- 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, *Agencies Bldg 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

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support.

Refugee Prayer Group

Church Room 105, 10:35–10:50 p.m.

Drop in to pray silently or aloud for the Refugee Family Project.

"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 in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer. **The flowers in the Court of Flags** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Flute Sonata in E Flat Major J. S. Bach

William Neil, organ and Alice Weinreb, flute

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, Lord of the universe, and Giver of Life, in whose presence angels and archangels bow the knee; and before whom people of every tribe and nation will one day declare that Jesus Christ is Lord: we would join our voices with theirs, even as we confess that our vision of your glory has often been small, and the smallness of our vision has often hindered your work. Forgive us, Lord; and grant us eyes of faith, with hands of love, and feet of hope, that even we might be ambassadors of your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by a soloist, then the congregation*

Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ LENTEN RESPONSE

Stuttgart

Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been;

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 6* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Praise the Lord, All Ye People

W. A. Mozart

Praise, O praise the Lord, all ye people. For he has shown us evermore his merciful kindness.

His truth endureth forevermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Sheri Jackson and Joanna Jones

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

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

Dr. David Renwick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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Responsive Reading *see p. 5*

Third Grade Milestone

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

Acts 2:37-47

John Neely

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

SERMON

One Holy, Catholic Church

Dr. Alan Meenan

The Apostles' Creed sermon series: "One Holy, Catholic Church"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 443 *verses 1 & 2* O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | Lord I Need You
No Other Name | Matt Maher
Joel Houston |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

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| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | Sovereign | Chris Tomlin |
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Lord of the universe, and Giver of Life, in whose presence angels and archangels bow the knee; and before whom people of every tribe and nation will one day declare that Jesus Christ is Lord: we would join our voices with theirs, even as we confess that our vision of your glory has often been small, and the smallness of our vision has often hindered your work. Forgive us, Lord; and grant us eyes of faith, with hands of love, and feet of hope, that even we might be ambassadors of your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | I Am | David Crowder |
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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | Dr. Quinn Fox |
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- 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 <i>offering received</i>	He Reigns	Peter Furler
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- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ HYMN 423 *verses 1-4*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 423, verse 5

Let every creature rise and sing honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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Responsive Reading

Third Grade Milestone in Worship Education

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.

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 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!

Excerpted from 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 119, 19, and 9 and Isaiah 40

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

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Elder Faith Burton

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God, and from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. David Renwick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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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.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,

One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope:

One Lord, baptism and faith; one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,

we are given to each other for the unity of faith,

that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. with Woody English, trumpet

Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

▲ 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.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 443 verses 1-3

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 443, verse 4

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead

Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.

The Lord of all creation his heav'nly kingdom brings,

The final consummation, the glory of all things.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

William Neil, organ and Woody English, trumpet

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday Mar. 20, Noon, Stone Hall

National Presbyterian School **Head of School, Malcolm Lester** and **NPS Chaplain Rev. Jen Dunfee** will share about our school and its relationship to the church. The National Presbyterian School Chorus will also present special musical selections. 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.)*

Last Week to Sign Up for the Annual Women's Retreat!

April 28–30, Ellicott City, MD

Guest speaker and author **Lucinda Secret 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 now through March 26 in Stone Hall or online: nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Worship: 7–8 p.m., Chapel

Come for a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment with music, prayer, preaching, and Communion. Light snacks will be available before the service begins.

"A.C.T.S. of Prayer"

March 22 "Confession: My Bad"

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

March 29 "Thanksgiving: Really Grateful"

Rev. Donna Marsh

April 5 "Supplication: Ask Away"

Dr. David Renwick

Wrestler's Sunday School Class

Sunday, Mar. 26, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Agencies Building Lower Level

Next Sunday **Dr. Michael Denham**, NPC's Music Director, will speak on "Reverberating Word: Powerful Worship."

Spring Small Groups

March & April; Still time to sign up!

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the DC area? Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and study. *Visit: nationalpres.org/small-groups or call Amy Thompson at 202.552.4252.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Apr. 1, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a family-focused presentation by David and Gene Thompson on "The Christian Family in the Secular City." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Palm Sunday Concert:

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Sunday, Apr. 9, 5 p.m., Sanctuary

The National Presbyterian Festival Choir, soloists, and orchestra, with special guests The Loudoun County High School Concert Choir present the music of Schubert, Mendelssohn, and Brahms. **Invite a friend!**

No tickets required; a voluntary offering will be received. *Complimentary childcare is available for children 4 and under with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Easter Sunday

Apr. 16, 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Special music including choir, organ, brass, and timpani.

Family Celebration 10 a.m. in Jones Hall

Family-friendly Easter message and play, familiar and contemporary songs, and Easter egg hunt on the playground.

Support Our 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.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

March 19 –26

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Jeremiah 6:9-15

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mark 5:1-20

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6

Jeremiah 7:1-15

Romans 4:1-12

John 7:14-36

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91

Jeremiah 7:21-34

Romans 4:13-25

John 7:37-52

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51

Jeremiah 8:4-7, 18-9:6

Romans 5:1-11

John 8:12-20

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102

Jeremiah 10:11-24

Romans 5:12-21

John 8:21-32

Friday

Psalms 22; 130

Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-17

Romans 6:1-11

John 8:33-47

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143

Jeremiah 13:1-11

Romans 6:12-23

John 8:47-59

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Jeremiah 14:1-22

Galatians 4:21-5:1

Mark 8:11-21

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. Classes and groups for all ages are offered 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, support, and service projects.

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 our members and friends:

Shelley Barr

We grieve the deaths of:

Edith H. Patterson, mother of Reid Patterson, on March 14

Ilona Bako on March 14

We pray for NPC mission partner:

Birzeit Senior Center provides nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem. *31-day missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*



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