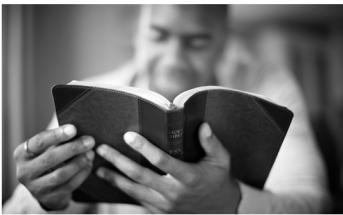


May 21, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*"Father of orphans and protector of widows"
is God in his holy habitation.*

Psalm 68:5



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 Labrada 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 Marienau Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

Members of the congregation are requested to stay after worship for a meeting of the congregation and The National Presbyterian Church, Inc. Agenda:

- Meeting of the Corporation
- Review of Annual Report 2016
(available at the information table)
- Facilities Master Planning Update
- Changing Pastor Terms of Call

Welcome Alice Lloyd College

This morning we welcome The Voices of Appalachia of Alice Lloyd College, from Pippa Passes, KY.

2nd Grade Milestone

9 a.m. worship

Today our 2nd graders recite the **Apostles' Creed** in worship for their Milestone in Worship Education. Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshipping community.

Music at National

4 p.m., Sanctuary

The Heritage Signature Chorale presents its 17th Anniversary Concert. Tickets are available at the door and greeter opportunities are available. *Contact Carolann Haley: CHaley@NationalPres.org*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues, *Agencies Building Lower Level*
TODAY: Dr. Roy Clouser, Christian philosopher, "One or Two Books of God?"
- 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.

"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.

May 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 Edmund E. Pendleton, Jr. by his family.

Thanks to the following Easter Garden donors: Adele Jackson and Evangeline Taylor.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Voices of Appalachia from Alice Lloyd College
Richard Bowers, Music Director

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 186

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

Tallis' Ordinal

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and one another that we have entered your presence with many prayers, but with hearts not fully open to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Forgive our sins, O Lord. Forgive our lack of faith, and pardon our unjust acts, 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 *see p. 5*

Gloria Patri

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

2nd Grade Milestone

said by children, and then by congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Love God *from Ruth*

Sue Farrar

Love God with your heart and soul and mind, and he will bless you, and keep you, and make his face shine upon you, for you are his own. Love God, and obey his word, and he will prosper your way, day by day, as you walk through his world; for he loves his own. May his lovingkindness cover you, his mercies comfort you as you seek his ways. In the night his song of hope will lift your soul, and you will praise his name. Love God with your heart and soul and mind, and he will bless you, and keep you, and make his face shine upon you, for you are his own.

Joanna Jones

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

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

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Great Day of Service

JOYFUL NOISEMAKERS

Earth and All Stars

Dexter

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorm sing to the Lord a new song! God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song! Steel and machines, loud pounding hammers sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams, loud building workers sing to the Lord a new song! Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band, loud cheering people sing to the Lord a new song! Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom sing to the Lord a new song. Daughter and son, loud praying members sing to the Lord a new song.

Directed by Mandy Brown with Joanna Jones, piano

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE *see insert*

Dottie Seep

Selections from Psalms and Deuteronomy

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

SERMON

Welcoming the Stranger

Dr. David Renwick

Ruth 2; Matthew 25:31-46

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Erik Suter, organ

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Oceans Joel Houston
 Give Me Jesus Jeremy Camp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Great Is Thy Faithfulness Thomas Chisholm

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and one another that we have entered your presence with many prayers, but with hearts not fully open to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Forgive our sins, O Lord. Forgive our lack of faith, and pardon our unjust acts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE How Can It Be? Jason Ingram

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE *see insert*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Selections from Psalms and Deuteronomy

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

SERMON

Welcoming the Stranger
Ruth 2; Matthew 25:31-46

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ 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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received*

I Am

David Crowder

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Songs used by permission: CCLI #100655 and #17315

11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Voices of Appalachia from Alice Lloyd College
Richard Bowers, Music Director

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 186

Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord

Tallis' Ordinal

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Seek the Lord

John Yarrington

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and one another
that we have entered your presence with many prayers,
but with hearts not fully open to your grace.

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in ways of evil.

We have rehearsed your commandments,
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
Forgive our sins, O Lord.

Forgive our lack of faith, and pardon our unjust acts,
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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great Day of Service

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE *see insert*

Janet Weber

Selections from Psalms and Deuteronomy

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Welcoming the Stranger
Ruth 2; Matthew 25:31-46

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Don't Be Weary, Traveler

H. T. Burleigh
Spiritual

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

My feet were lost along the road, a stranger with a heavy load.

Where to go I did not know, whence my home I did not know.

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

with Sheri Jackson, soprano and Joanna Jones, piano

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

Whither Thou Goest

Flor Peeters
Ruth 1:16-17

Whither thou goest, I will also go also; and where thou dwellest, there will I dwell.

Thy people be my people, thy God be mine!

Where thou diest, I too will die; and where they lay thee, there will I be lain;

And nought but death shall part thee from me.

Whither thou goest, I will also go also; and where thou dwellest, there will I dwell.

With thee will I go.

Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ 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 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Erik Suter, organ

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 12:15 p.m. in Stone Hall

Members of the congregation are requested to stay after 11 a.m. worship for a meeting of the congregation and The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 3, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall
Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Don Meeks** on the theme “Feeding on God's Word.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Book Discussion: *The Abolition of Man* by C.S. Lewis

May 25, 7:15–9 p.m., Elson Parlor
Dr. Quinn Fox concludes a three-part study of this short classic with a discussion of Chapter 3.

Music at National

Sunday, June 4, 3 p.m., Sanctuary
Washington Symphonic Brass presents “Back in the USSR!” with music of Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and more. *Tickets at the door or wsbrass.com.*

Vacation Bible School: “Rome”

July 10-14, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Vacation Bible School (for children age 4–rising 5th grade) is a week packed full of faith and fun, with service projects, games, crafts, music, and Bible stories. *Register at nationalpres.org/vbs or contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*

Online Giving

It's easy and secure to give a one time or recurring gift online or from your phone!

- Go to www.nationalpres.org/giving and click “Make a Gift” OR
- Text the letters NPC to 77977 and follow the prompts

Questions? Contact the finance office at 202.537.7495 or MSmith@NationalPres.org

Join the A/V Team

Bring the Gospel to others through video and audio production. Our volunteers span all ages, and training is provided! *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcNett@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7576.*

Summer Worship

June 11

Doxology Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Bring a friend to this glorious service filled with music. Join your hearts and voices to a beautiful array of choirs and instruments. *There will be one service at 10:45 a.m.*

June 18

Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

The summer schedule begins June 18 and runs through Labor Day:

8:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
Worship in Jones Hall (School Gym)	Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30 A.M.	
Sunday school for all ages	

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

Sundays beginning May 28
9:30 a.m. Stone Hall

Summer Sunday School plenaries for adults will begin next week.

- **May 28:** “Who is My Neighbor? Hospitality in a Climate of Fear” *Todd Green*
- **June 4:** “The Unintended Reformation” *Joseph Small*
- **June 11:** “Good Sports: Reflections of a (Presbyterian) Pioneer in Sports Journalism” *Christine Brennan*

Summer Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen

Sundays, June 11–September 3
9:30–10:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Come enjoy breakfast, and see how popular family-friendly films express truths about our faith. There will be optional childcare for ages 4 and under. *Contact: Amy Thompson, AThompson@NationalPres.org.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

May 21 – 28

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Matthew 13:24-34a

Monday

Psalms 97; 115

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

James 1:1-15

Luke 9:18-27

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

James 1:16-27

Luke 11:1-13

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118

Deuteronomy 19:1-7

James 5:13-18

Luke 12:22-31

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113

Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28

Hebrews 2:5-18

Matthew 28:16-20

Friday

Psalms 96; 138

Ezekiel 1:28-3:3

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Luke 9:28-36

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114

Ezekiel 3:4-17

Hebrews 5:7-14

Luke 9:37-50

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117

Ezekiel 3:16-27

Ephesians 2:1-10

Matthew 10:24-33, 40-42

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 (take a right out of the Sanctuary and down the hall) 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 | 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 celebrate:

The marriage of Jennifer Zelle and Christopher Wilson on
Saturday, May 13, 2017

We pray for:

Refugees, forced to flee their countries due to persecution, war, or violence. *31-day missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

How can we pray for you? nationalpres.org/prayer



4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
www.nationalpres.org