



July 2, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



COMMUNION

*You know that he was revealed to take away sins,
and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins;
no one who sins has either seen him or known him.*

1 John 3:5-6

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

Adult Sunday School Plenary: John Lee

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"Contemporary American Evangelicalism:
For Love of God and Country"

John Lee is Lead Pastor at The Rock Presbyterian Church, a PC(USA) congregation in Bethesda. He is also the Academic Dean at The John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Arlington, VA. Dr. Lee is part of the Company of Teachers of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington.

Next week: Ward Holder, "Why Should Anyone Care about the Reformation?: Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of Protestantism" *see p. 7*

Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

"Beauty and the Beast: What's in Your Heart?"

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." – 1 Samuel 16:7

Parents, teens, and kids: come enjoy breakfast, and see how popular family-friendly films express truths about our faith.

Middle East Missionaries Lunch and Learn

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

NPC's missionaries to the Middle East will share their experiences proclaiming Christ and serving the vulnerable in a heavily conflicted part of the world. Learn more about the background of the ethnic group from which our Syrian refugee family comes, and praise God for his work in the Middle East.

Joining Us Today in Worship Cate McCrory

Cate McCrory, our incoming Director of Children's Ministries, will be working alongside Jill Meek for the month to ensure a smooth transition. She comes to NPC from St. James Presbyterian Church in Littleton, CO, where she served as the Director of Children's Ministries and Community Life.

Dr. Larry Greenslit

Dr. Larry Greenslit is a retired U.S. Navy Captain who served for 27 years as a chaplain. A graduate of Gordon College in Wenham, MA, he received his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Greenslit will be assisting with pastoral care during the summer.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

- Plenary in Stone Hall
- Family Hour in Jones Hall

July Donations: Canned Tuna

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.*

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by a grateful citizen in celebration of the 241st birthday of the United States of America.

Jones Hall (School Gym)

- ## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Labrada Gore

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| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | No Other Name | Joel Houston |
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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, your ancient prophets proclaimed that all nations will one day acknowledge you and bow before you. Yet we remain calloused to the truth and power of your word. Forgive the hardness of our sinful hearts. Help us to see that our need of you is not partial, but total. In mercy and in grace, strengthen us to obey and follow you, until that day when justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Build My Life

Brent Younker

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Dr. Larry Greenslit
Captain, USN (Ret)

SERMON

A Declaration of Dependence

Proverbs 3:5-6

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Give Me Jesus

Jeremy Camp

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR THE NATION *see p. 6*

CLOSING SONG *offering received*

Endless Praise

Joth Hunt

- ## CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- # PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Variations on *America*

Charles Ives
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

One Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

All We wait in hope for the Lord;
God is our help and our shield.
Let your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

Dr. Larry Greenslit
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Psalm 33:12, 20, 22

▲ HYMN 262 *verses 1-3* God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 262, verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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that all nations will one day acknowledge you and bow before you.
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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

Dr. Quinn Fox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Geneva

Sovereign Lord of all creation, ground of being, life, and love;

Height and depth beyond description only life in you can prove:

You are mortal life's dependence: Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;

Yours is every hour's existence, sovereign Lord of time and space.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Robert Russell Bennett

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for Pilgrims' feet, whose stern impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears.

America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Choral Meditation

This Is My Song

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy Kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as a heritage.

We humbly ask that we may always be a people mindful
of your favor, glad to do your will.

Bless our every honorable endeavor.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion.

Keep us from pride and arrogance.

Protect us from every evil way.

Shape us into a united people,

a multitude out of many nations, tribes, and tongues.

Let a spirit of wisdom rest on all to whom we entrust the authority of government,

that there may be justice and mercy at home,

and that peace may prevail throughout the earth.

In prosperous times, we lift our thankful hearts.

In days of trouble, we trust alone in you. Amen.

▲ HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing;

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

▲ POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

Adam Green, timpani and William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*We invite you to join us outside on the terrace after
worship to meet one another and enjoy refreshments.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Schedule Through Labor Day:

8:30 A.M.
Jones Hall Worship

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

Kids are always welcome in all worship services!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 8, 8–9:30 a.m.

Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Craig Meek on the theme, “Manna: Food For the Journey.” Reserve your place: *Men@NationalPres.org* or call 202.537.7527.

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Ward Holder

Sunday, July 9, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"Why Should Anyone Care about the Reformation?: Martin Luther and the 500th Anniversary of Protestantism"

Rev. Dr. Ward Holder is Associate Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. He is the author of *John Calvin and the Grounding of Biblical Interpretation: Calvin's First Commentaries*.

Jill & Craig Meek: Farewell and Ordination

Sunday, July 30

Jill and Craig Meek will soon leave for Scotland, where Craig will be pursuing his PhD at the University of Edinburgh New College. On the morning of July 30, we will thank Jill for her eight years of shaping the faith of our children as our Director of Children's Ministries. There will be a reception for Jill in Stone Hall following worship. Later that afternoon in the Sanctuary, Craig will be ordained by the National Capital Presbytery.

Refugee Family Update

The Zeido boys started summer camp this week. One of the boys scored the first goal in a camp soccer game! The family is eager to learn and become independent, and is quickly adjusting to life in the U.S. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers. *Check our website for current stories from the family: www.nationalpres.org/refugees*

Feed the Hungry in DC Third Thursday of the month 10 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Each month a team from NPC helps prepare food at Martha's Table to feed the homeless and hungry of DC, and we'd love for you to join us! *Contact Marge Bernbaum: 301.520.7253 or mbernbaum@gmail.com.*

Share Your Photos and Stories!

As we approach 50 years at Nebraska Ave, we would love to hear your favorite memories of National over the years. Send in your stories, photos, and videos via email for us to share on our 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 22. *Contact: Jessica Mullery, JMullery@NationalPres.org.*

NPC Online: View the Directory

Did you know you can view a password-protected congregational directory on NPC Online? Go to www.nationalpres.org, click “NPC Online” at the top or bottom of the page, and then click “Sign Up” (or log in). Click “people” in the left column and search for members and friends of the church by name (first or last).

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

July 2 – July 9

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93

1 Samuel 10:1-16

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 21:23-32

Monday

Psalms 57; 47

1 Samuel 10:17-27

Acts 7:44-8:1a

Luke 22:52-62

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99

1 Samuel 11:1-15

Acts 8:1b-13

Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91

1 Samuel 12:1-25

Acts 8:14-25

Luke 23:1-12

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116

1 Samuel 13:5-18

Acts 8:26-40

Luke 23:13-25

Friday

Psalms 88; 20

1 Samuel 13:19-14:15

Acts 9:1-9

Luke 23:26-31

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63

1 Samuel 14:16-30

Acts 9:10-19a

Luke 23:32-43

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23

1 Samuel 14:36-45

Romans 5:1-11

Matthew 22:1-14

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 outside on the terrace after worship to meet others and enjoy refreshments.

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 pray for:

Shelley Barr, Sue Lockwood, Mal MacKinnon, Ruth McKelvie

We pray for our missionaries, including:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush in the Philippines, who are committed to providing academic resources and training for Bible translation organizations.

Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.

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



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