



July 9, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Long before God laid down earth's foundations,
he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love,
to be made whole and holy by his love.*

Ephesians 1:4, The Message

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
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TODAY AT NATIONAL

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Ward Holder

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, an ordained Presbyterian minister, is Associate Professor of Theology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. He will be the second in our series of speakers to talk about the Reformation this summer, as we move toward the observance of the 500th anniversary. He is the author of *John Calvin and the Grounding of Biblical Interpretation: Calvin's First Commentaries*.

Next week: Bruce Douglass, "The Reformation and the Origins of the 'Reformed' Movement" *see p. 7*

Summer Sandwich Making Noon, Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the summer to be distributed through mission partner Martha's Table.

Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

"The Lion King: Remember Whose You Are"

Parents, teens, and kids: come enjoy breakfast, and see how popular family-friendly films express truths about our faith. *There is optional childcare for kids under age 4 with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org*

Studying Ephesians This Summer

Want to read Paul's letter to the Ephesians and to know its background in depth?

Dr. Renwick recommends *Ephesians (The Story of God Bible Commentary)*, by Fuller Seminary professor, Dr Mark D. Roberts.

Set Up Online Giving

Setting up your recurring giving helps us to keep going through the summer!

- 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

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.

Refugee Prayer Group

2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.
Elson Parlor

Drop in to pray silently or aloud for our refugee family, the Zeidos.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God to honor all of the men and women who serve and have served our country and protect our freedoms, with gratitude from the Saltzman family.

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

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

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | O Come to the Altar
Good, Good Father | Steven Furtick
Chris Tomlin |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Dr. David Renwick |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | Hilda Labrada Gore |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | 10,000 Reasons | Matt Redman |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION | | Dr. Nancy Fox |
| Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with love beyond our understanding.
You have blessed us in ways we fail to recognize.
You have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we stray from your way.
We sin against you in thought, and word, and deed.
In repentance we remember the lavish gift of your grace;
We therefore humbly thank you that you forgive us yet again.
Strengthen us to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. | | |
| SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | Intentional | Travis Greene |

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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| SCRIPTURE | Ephesians 1:1-14 | Dr. David Renwick |
| SERMON | The Best Life | Dr. David Renwick |

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | Dr. Nancy 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. | | |
| PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| CLOSING SONG | <i>offering received</i> My Lighthouse | Rend Collective |
| ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |
| ▲ POSTLUDE | Your Love Awakens Me | Phil Wickham |

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Air in D Major
from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 478 *verses 1-3* Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 478, *verse 4*

Angels, help us to adore him: Ye behold God face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and merciful God,
You have loved us with love beyond our understanding.
You have blessed us in ways we fail to recognize.
You have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we stray from your way.
We sin against you in thought, word, and deed.
In repentance we remember the lavish gift of your grace;
We therefore humbly thank you, that you forgive us yet again.
Strengthen us to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.

SILENT CONFESSION

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. David Renwick

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

²**Grace to you and peace** from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has **blessed us in Christ**
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

⁴just as he **chose us** in Christ
before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

⁵He destined us for adoption as his children
through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
⁶to the praise of **his glorious grace**
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In him **we have redemption** through his blood,
the **forgiveness** of our trespasses,
according to **the riches of his grace**
⁸that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight
⁹**he has made known to us** the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

¹⁰as a **plan for the fullness of time,**
to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also **obtained an inheritance,**
having been destined according to the purpose of him
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might **live for the praise of his glory.**

¹³In him you also, when you had **heard the word of truth,**
the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him,
were **marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;**
¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward **redemption**
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Choir

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Congregation

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Nancy 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

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

Trinitarian Blessings

K. Lee Scott

May the Blessing One sing in you, may the Seeking One walk with you,
 May the Greeting One stand by you in your gladness and in your grieving.
 May the Gifting One relieve you, May the Given One retrieve you,
 The Redeeming One receive you, in your falling and your restoring.
 May the Binding One unite you, the Beloved One invite you,
 May the Loving One delight you, Three-in-One, joy in life unending.

Brian Wren, alt.

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- ▲ HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

▲ BENEDICTION

- ▲ CHORAL AMEN John Rutter

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ POSTLUDE Finale Alexandre Guilmant
 Sonata No. 1 in D Minor

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

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!

Vacation Bible School

This Week: July 10–14

VBS is taking place this week! This year, children will travel back to ancient Rome to learn all about the Apostle Paul and make daily discoveries about God's love. Please keep them and our youth and parent volunteers in your prayers.

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Bruce Douglass

Sunday, July 16, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"The Reformation and the Origins of the 'Reformed' Movement"

Bruce Douglass is Associate Professor and Political Theory Field Chair in the Department of Government of Georgetown University, and the director of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington.

Jill & Craig Meek: Farewell and Ordination

Sunday, July 30

Jill and Craig Meek will soon leave for Scotland, where Craig will be pursuing his Ph.D. 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. At 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Craig will be ordained by the National Capital Presbytery.

Refugee Family Update

The Zeido family enjoyed a 4th of July party with NPC members and were delighted to meet visitors from Kurdistan last week. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers. *Check our website for current stories from the family:* www.nationalpres.org/refugees

Share Your Photos and Stories!

As NPC approaches **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 for us to share on our 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 22. *Contact: Jessica Mullery, JMullery@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7574*

Summer Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Choir Room

Participate as often as your schedule permits! Just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service; no midweek rehearsals.

Contact: Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org or Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.

NPC Online: View Your Giving Statement

Did you know that you can access your own confidential giving statement any time from 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 on your name to open your profile, and find your giving statement under the financial tab.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

July 9 – July 16

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
1 Samuel 14:36-45
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 22:1-14

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23
Acts 9:19b-31
Luke 23:44-56a

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
1 Samuel 15:24-35
Acts 9:32-43
Luke 23:56b-24:12

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Acts 10:1-16
Luke 24:13-35

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
1 Samuel 16:14-17:11
Acts 10:17-33
Luke 24:36-53

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
1 Samuel 17:17-30
Acts 10:34-48
Mark 1:1-13

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
1 Samuel 17:31-49
Acts 11:1-18
Mark 1:14-28

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4
Romans 10:4-17
Matthew 23:29-39

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:

Mal MacKinnon Cheryl Nyiri

We pray for our missionaries, including:

Fraser and Liz Bennett, who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators to train translators of every nationality so that they have the necessary knowledge and skill to translate God's Word well. *Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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