

July 16, 2017



Welcome
to the
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



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



*For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Ephesians 2:8-9



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



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Bruce Douglass

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

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

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

Next week: Matthew Taylor, "Christian and Muslim Fundamentalism: A Complex History" *see p. 7*

Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Disney: *Frozen*

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.*

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors in providing spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, illness, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one, discussion and prayer about whatever issues a person may be facing. Each Stephen Minister has completed a 50-hour training program. *For more information on how to receive this care, please contact the Care Office at 202.537.7540. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Glenn Schmitt at 703.924.9246.*

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.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kim Keriakos in loving memory of Van Angello Keriakos on the anniversary of his birthday.

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

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

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune
Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness

Frederick Swann
J. S. Bach/arr. Metzger
Samuel Metzger, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 416 *verses 1-3* Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 416, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear us,
and grant us mercy as we confess our sins before you:
Forgive us when we think we can find the good life on our own
– without your strength and guidance.
Forgive us when we think we must earn or buy your love and favor
– as if your grace was not sufficient for us.
Forgive us for not listening to the voice of your Spirit,
and for not fully believing the love shown to us in the death of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And so bring to us, by that same Spirit, an abiding conviction that we are your children,
adopted into your family, and embraced with a love that will never ever let us go.

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

Vacation Bible School

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Dr. Renwick and Elder Glenn Schmitt

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:7-8, 2:1-10

Deacon Lewrene Glaser

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

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

SERMON

God at Work – For You!

Dr. David Renwick

Ephesians 2:11-22; Luke 15:11-32; Matthew 18:21-35

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Wondrous Love

Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy for my soul.

Congregation

To God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I AM,”
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

▲ 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

An Offering

Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,

But poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss

That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross?

Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in fear or pride

What you, who gave yourself for me, now bid me lay aside?

To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,

A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if, behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,

Teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost.

A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face,

My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

Eileen Berry

with Dottie Seep, piano

▲ 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

And Can It Be

Saginaw

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him, to death pursued.

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain *Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

Refrain

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold, I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Refrain

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Albert Travis

Samuel Metzger, organ

- ▲ 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!

Feed the Hungry in DC

Thursday, July 20, 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.*

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Matthew Taylor

Sunday, July 23, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

**Christian and Muslim Fundamentalism:
A Complex History**

Matthew Taylor is a Ph.D. Candidate in Theology and Religious Pluralism at Georgetown University. He is the facilitator of Young Adult Programs at 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 School of Divinity, New College, University of Edinburgh.

- Following worship on July 30, there will be a reception for Jill in Stone Hall where we will thank her for her eight years of shaping our children's faith as our Director of Children's Ministries.
- One June 30 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Craig will be ordained by the National Capital Presbytery.
- On July 23, Craig will preach at the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Refugee Family Update

The Zeido family has now been in the U.S. for two months! Dad Sif is in his second session of an English class for refugees and is eagerly seeking a job. 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 via email 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

Come and sing 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: Add A Photo

Help others in the church get to know you by adding a picture of yourself 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 on your name to open your profile, click "edit profile" and upload a headshot or a directory photo.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

July 16 – 23

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
1 Samuel 18:5-30
Acts 11:19-30
Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
1 Samuel 19:1-24
Acts 12:1-17
Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
1 Samuel 20:1-23
Acts 12:18-25
Mark 2:13-22

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
1 Samuel 20:24-42
Acts 13:1-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
1 Samuel 21:1-15
Acts 13:13-25
Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
1 Samuel 22:1-23
Acts 13:26-43
Mark 3:19b-35

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
1 Samuel 23:7-18
Romans 11:33-12:2
Matthew 25:14-30

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:
Cheryl Nyiri

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Habitat DC, a Christian nonprofit organization that works with NPC volunteers to provide honorable housing and sustainable solutions for our poorest neighbors.

Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.

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



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