

July 23, 2017

Welcome  
to the  
NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

*Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

Psalm 139:1

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Dr. David Renwick
<b>Associate Pastors</b>	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
<b>Parish Associate</b>	Dr. Nancy Fox
<b>Music</b>	Dr. Michael Denham ( <i>Director</i> ), William Neil ( <i>Organist</i> ) Hilda Labrada Gore ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )
<b>Ministry Directors</b>	J. Theodore Anderson ( <i>Library, Archives, &amp; 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: Matthew Taylor

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.

**Next week:** Tamara Shaya Hoffmann (NPC Member): "Pursuing Peace: Lessons from Around the World" *see p. 7*

## Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

### Disney: *Cheaper By the Dozen*

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

## Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners.

## Guest Preacher Craig Meek

Craig W. Meek is a member of NPC and has been a seminarian "under care" of our Session since March 2011, receiving financial support through our Cannon Fund for Theological Education. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2014, and has served the past two years as a non-ordained Ministry Associate at Ashburn Presbyterian Church. Following his ordination by National Capital Presbytery next week, Craig and his wife Jill will move to Edinburgh, Scotland where Craig will begin work as part-time Assistant Minister at St. Giles Cathedral while he pursues graduate studies in theology at New College, the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh. Craig is married to Jill Meek, who has been NPC's Director of Children's Ministries for the past 8 years.

## Summer Sandwich Making Noon, Stone Hall

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

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### 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 Marjorie Williams Wright in loving memory of Walter L. Wright, III (Tony) remembering their anniversary on July 27.

### 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*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

After and Old French Air

Percy Whitlock  
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Eric Thiman  
1 John 1:5

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and eternal God,  
Light of minds that know you,  
Joy of hearts that love you,  
Strength of wills that serve you,  
Forgive our sins, and cleanse us, we pray.  
Grant that we may come to know you more,  
That we may truly love you,  
And fully serve you,  
Whom to serve is perfect freedom.

Augustine of Hippo

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

Gloria Patri

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

Then Job answered the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
'Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.'  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### *Choir*

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand;  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.

*Sursum corda*  
from Psalm 139

### *Congregation*

If I should say, "Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night,"  
Surely the darkness is not dark to you: The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Ian Pitt-Watson

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Open My Eyes

Gilbert Martin

*Choir*

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp, and set me free.  
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*  
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear everything false will disappear.  
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Congregation*

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.*  
*Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Choir*

Amen.

▲ 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Gilbert Martin

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Crown Imperial  
*Coronation March (1937)*

William Walton

▲ 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!*

### **Adult Sunday School Plenary: Tamara Shaya Hoffman** *Sunday, July 30, 9:30 a.m.* **Stone Hall**

**Pursuing Peace: Lessons from  
Around the World**

NPC member Tamara Shaya Hoffmann is a conflict specialist for the United States Agency for International Development, supporting peace programs in the Middle East.

### **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 New College, the School of Divinity at the 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.
- On July 30 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, Craig will be ordained by the National Capital Presbytery.

### **Men's Breakfast** *Saturday, August 5, 8–9:30 a.m.* **Stone Hall**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Stuart Showalter on the theme "Reading the Bible is Dangerous." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

### **Feed the Hungry in DC** *Thursday, August 17* **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.*

### **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](http://www.nationalpres.org/refugees)*

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS 2017 was a huge success! Our 104 children, 38 volunteers and staff, and 42 youth had a wonderful time hearing about the Apostle Paul's underground church and learning about God's love. Each day after VBS, 30-35 youth served alongside our mission partners. They made trail mix with Martha's Table, played kickball with kids from Unique Learning Center, cleaned and organized at A Wider Circle, and took a tour of the facilities at Central Union Mission.

### **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.*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

*We are so glad you are here today.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Year 1*

July 23–30

### Sunday

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

### Monday

Psalms 135; 112  
1 Samuel 24:1-22  
Acts 13:44-52  
Mark 4:1-20

### Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86  
1 Samuel 25:1-22  
Acts 14:1-18  
Mark 4:21-34

### Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4  
1 Samuel 25:23-44  
Acts 14:19-28  
Mark 4:35-41

### Thursday

Psalms 36; 27  
1 Samuel 28:3-20  
Acts 15:1-11  
Mark 5:1-20

### Friday

Psalms 130; 139  
1 Samuel 31:1-13  
Acts 15:12-21  
Mark 5:21-43

### Saturday

Psalms 56; 111  
2 Samuel 1:1-16  
Acts 15:22-35  
Mark 6:1-13

### Sunday

Psalms 67; 93  
2 Samuel 1:17-27  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 25:31-46

**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.

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**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:*

Our middle school youth, who will be at The Great Escape, a middle school conference on July 24-29. Pray that they grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

*We celebrate the birth of:*

Claire Lindsay Granville on July 12, 2017  
to parents Kelsey and Dana Granville

*How can we pray for you? [nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)*



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