

August 20, 2017

Welcome
to the
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.
Put on the whole armor of God.*

Ephesians 6:10, 11

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



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Adult Sunday School Plenary: Saliba Sarsar

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"Jerusalem: One Holy City, Three Monotheistic Faiths"

Saliba Sarsar is Professor of Political Science & Sociology at Monmouth University. He is the author of several articles and commentaries on relations, democracy, and foreign policy in the Middle East.

Next week: "Summer Reports" *see p. 7*

Online Giving in Summer

Set up your giving 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

Faith on the Big Screen

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Harry Potter

Parents, kids, and teens: come enjoy breakfast, and see how themes from the Harry Potter movies express truths about our faith. *There is optional childcare for ages 4 and under.*

Share Your Photos and Stories!

Do you have any favorite memories from National? As we approach 50 years at Nebraska Ave, send in your stories, photos, and videos for us to share on our 50th Anniversary Celebration in October.

Contact: Jessica Mullery, JMullery@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7574.

Refugee Family Update

Sif continues to get more hours at work! Please pray for the whole family as they have dental work done, get care for minor medical issues and work their way through health insurance and finding doctors.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

- Plenary in Stone Hall
- Family Hour in Jones Hall

August 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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for his blessings by David and Roz Mack to celebrate the anniversary of their wedding in Jerusalem.

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on *Ein Feste Burg*

Johann Pachelbel
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 260 *verses 1-3*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 260, verse 4

God's Word, above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

All praise and glory are yours, Almighty God,
For you are slow to anger and abound in mercy—
and on your mercy our lives depend:
For we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts,
and have not resisted evil as we ought:
Too often we have allowed anger to triumph over love;
Too often we have judged some by the color of their skin;
Too often we have forgotten that all people are made in your image;
Too often we have ignored our savior, who gave his life for people
of every tongue and tribe and nation.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
And by your Spirit, renew our lives,
that we may serve your will and purposes, now and forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

RESPONSE

Adoro te devote

Choir

O God, we bear the imprint of your face:
the colors of our skin are your design,
and what we have of beauty in our race
as man or woman, you alone define.

Congregation

O God, we share the image of your Son
whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin,
in humanity we find our own,
and in his family our proper kin.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-20

Elder Dennis Burgart

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Right Fight

Dr. David Renwick

Revelation 7:9-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Terra beata

Choir

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

Congregation

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the Battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. M. B. Babcock

▲ 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

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

O God, Beyond All Praising

Richard Proulx

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The depth of night is passing, the dawn is nearly come,

And nearer our salvation than when we first began;

So lay aside the works of deep darkness for the right,

And let us then be girded with armor of the light;

Our struggle is not earthly: the battle is the Lord's

Through power of the Spirit and God's most holy Word.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

We will triumph through our sorrows, and rise to praise you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry, 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 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Heinrich Schütz

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Finale (Sonata No. 1 in D Minor)

Alexandre Guilmant

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Sunday Schedule Beginning September 10:

9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:50 A.M.
Jones Hall Worship

11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

Kids are always welcome in all worship services!

Sunday School Plenary: "Summer Reports"

Sunday, Aug. 27, 9:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Join us for a presentation and stories from our youth and children about Family Hour, Vacation Bible School, The Great Escape middle school conference, and the high school mission trip.

Summer Sandwich Making *Sunday, Aug. 27, Noon, Stone Hall*

Fall Celebrations

This fall we celebrate exciting milestones:

- **September 3:** No "Pray, Eat, Love" picnic, but an expanded time of fellowship on our terrace to get know your church family. Dr Scott Sunquist, professor of mission at Fuller Seminary will preach.
- **October 22:** 50th Anniversary at Nebraska: Dr. Earl Palmer will preach, and there will be exhibits and a luncheon to celebrate the anniversary of the unveiling of the cornerstone of our church home.
- **October 29:** Reformation Sunday: Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger will present at a free conference recognizing the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Job Opening

We are seeking a full time **Administrative Assistant for Grow Ministries** to provide administrative support and program coordination for our vibrant discipleship programs for children, youth, adults, and families, and a growing small group ministry. *For details, visit nationalpres.org/jobs*

Come See and Help Finalize A Facilities Master Plan Proposal

Over the past two years, our Facilities Master Planning Team and Session have listened to your ideas. A **draft facilities plan is now ready to present to the congregation**, and your comments and insights are essential as we shape the final plan!

In focus groups this fall, there will be a 25-minute presentation to share proposed facility plans that will serve our congregation and city well into the future. Opportunities for questions and comments will follow.

We want every member of the church to share in this opportunity, ***so please save the date to attend at least one focus group:***

- **Wednesday, Sept. 6:** 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 10:** 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 10:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 14:** 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 17:** 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 17:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 19:** 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 24:** 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Sept. 24:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 27:** 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 1:** 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 1:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 5:** 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 8:** 10 a.m.
- **Sunday, Oct. 8:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 10:** 7 p.m.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

August 20 – 27

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
2 Samuel 17:1-23
Galatians 3:6-14
John 5:30-47

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 21:1-14
Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
2 Samuel 18:19-33
Acts 23:23-35
Mark 12:13-27

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
2 Samuel 19:1-23
Acts 24:1-23
Mark 12:28-34

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
2 Samuel 19:24-43
Acts 24:24-25:12
Mark 12:35-44

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17
Acts 25:13-27
Mark 13:1-13

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25
Galatians 3:23-4:7
John 8:12-20

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 to 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 grieve the death of

Shirley Fowler. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 2 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Middle East Missionaries with the PC(USA), who serve in a majority Muslim context that is home to large numbers of displaced people from the region. *Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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