

August 27, 2017

# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
as you come to know him,  
and that you may know the immeasurable greatness  
of his power for us who believe.*

Ephesians 1:17, 19

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> )
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# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## 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 to the Dominican Republic.

**Next week:** Dr. Scott Sunquist, "Joy in Jesus Amidst Religious Pluralism" *see p. 7*

## Refugee Family Update

The latest joys and prayer requests for the Syrian refugee family being sponsored by the NPC family: The boys will meet their teachers this week, and start school on September 5. Dad Sif continues to succeed and be given more hours at his tailoring job!

## 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.

## The Sunday Morning Cookie Team Needs You!

Could you help to prepare and serve the cookie trays once a month, or just once in a while on a Sunday that works for you? The magic happens from 9–9:30 a.m. and during coffee hour time, no need to miss Sunday School or worship! *Contact: Rick Hawthorne at [rickbety@starpower.net](mailto:rickbety@starpower.net).*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Summer Sunday School

**9:30–10:30 a.m.**

- Combined Plenary in Jones Hall

### September Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

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 loving memory of Walter C. McCabe in celebration of his August 20th birthday by his wife Nancy and family.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert H. Harbers and MaryAnne Harbers Suriano, by their sister Margaret Harbers Johnson with thanksgiving to God for a loving family.

## Financial Report through July 30, 2017

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	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
Faith Giving	\$1,453,456	\$1,372,270
All Other Sources	\$991,372	\$1,130,833
Total Income	\$2,444,829	\$2,503,103
Total Expenses	\$2,601,824	\$2,829,622
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(156,995)	\$(326,519)

*Thank you for your sustained giving through the summer! For information on setting up a recurring gift, visit [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving), or call 202.537.7495.*

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | O Breath of Life | Trevor Hodge |
|                 | Give Me Jesus    | Jeremy Camp  |

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dr. David Renwick
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CALL TO WORSHIP	Hilda Labrada Gore
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| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | In Christ Alone | Keith & Krystin Getty |
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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION	Dr. Quinn Fox
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We adore you, most gracious and merciful God. We confess that, time after time:  
We have entered your presence with countless prayers, but our hearts have been  
closed to your call; We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still  
walked on paths of our own choosing; We have heard your commandments, but  
have failed to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Lord, forgive our sins,  
pardon our unjust acts, and strengthen our lagging faith. Grant us the healing that  
comes only from the presence of your Spirit, and from the cleansing of your all-  
powerful Word; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | King of My Heart | Sarah McMillan |
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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 1:15-23; 6:10-11, 18-20
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SERMON	Powerful Prayers	Dr. David Renwick
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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH   | Apostles' Creed | Dr. Quinn Fox |
| I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus<br>Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the<br>Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he<br>descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into<br>heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he<br>shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy<br>catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection<br>of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. |                 |               |

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Dr. Quinn Fox
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CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i>	
(Lord) Do What You Want To	Jacob Scooter

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Dale Wood  
Brandon Straub, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 489

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

*Unser Herrscher*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Floyd Hawkins

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us in this hour;

Let the presence of the Holy Spirit now abide with us in pow'r.

Our Father, hear now our prayer! O hear us! Hear now our prayer!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most gracious and merciful God, we confess that, time after time:

We have entered your presence with countless prayers,

But our hearts have been closed to your call;

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,

But our feet have still walked on paths of our own choosing;

We have heard your commandments,

But have failed to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.

Lord, forgive our sins, pardon our unjust acts, and strengthen our lagging faith.

Grant us the healing that comes only from the presence of your Spirit,

and from the cleansing of your all-powerful Word;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. David Renwick

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

**Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love.**

**In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptisms

Amelie Brooks Griffin  
Daughter of Piper Griffin and Page Griffin

Madelyn Mary Healy  
Daughter of Caitlyn Healy and Gene Healy

Mateo Samuel Marquez  
Son of Lalla Marquez and Diego Marquez

Prayer of Response

HYMN 492 *verses 1 & 3*

*Bunesan*

*Choir*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise—faithfully now God's praises we sing.

*Congregation*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of one Father, we are his children—joyfully now God's praises we sing.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23; 6:10-11, 18-20

Elder Linda Botsford

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Powerful Prayers

Dr. David Renwick

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Converse*

*Choir*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

*Congregation*

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
There's no need to be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

▲ 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

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

Our God Is a Rock

Katherine K. Davis

Our God is a Rock, and a tower of salvation, a shield and a stronghold, protecting from harm.  
He sends forth his power to the ends of creation, upholding the worlds by the strength of his arm.  
We thank thee, O God for thy goodness and mercy; thy power and thy presence assure us through fear.  
Though trouble surround us, it shall not confound us; our hearts will be strong, for we know thou art near.  
With songs of thanksgiving repeat we the story of all thou hast done and of all thou hast been.  
For thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen and 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 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

*Assurance*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Tony Payne

And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more with knowledge and depth of insight—  
so that you may be able to tell what is best, and can be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,  
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist BWV 651/1

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### Labor Day Celebration: "Known By Name"

Come and dress casually next Sunday for:

- A family potluck, photo booth, and time on the playground from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- A relaxed time of fellowship, fun, special refreshments, and a photo booth on the terrace after 10:45 a.m. worship.
- Nametags and communion in worship

*Come and get to know your church family!*

### Guest Preacher & Plenary Speaker: Scott Sunquist

Scott Sunquist is the Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies and Professor of World Christianity at Fuller Theological Seminary. He has written widely on world mission, pluralism and world Christianity.

**Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

"Ministry of Life Revealed in Death"

**Plenary: 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall**

"Joy in Jesus Amidst Religious Pluralism"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 10

In two weeks, we will shift back to our fall schedule:

- **Worship:** 9, 10:50, 11 a.m.
- **Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, Sept. 9, 8–9:30 a.m.  
Stone Hall**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Dr. David Renwick** on the theme "The Essentials of Godly Men." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

### Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, Sept. 11, Noon, Stone Hall

Rev. Evangeline Taylor will share a special interview presentation about her life and ministry. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for reservations.*

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 22

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.

### 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.
- *...more to come in October!*



# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

*We are so glad you are here today.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Year 1*

**Aug. 27 – Sept. 3**

### **Sunday**

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

### **Monday**

Psalms 57; 47  
1 Kings 1:1-31  
Acts 26:1-23  
Mark 13:14-27

### **Tuesday**

Psalms 54; 99  
1 Kings 1:32-2:46b  
Acts 26:24-27:8  
Mark 13:28-37

### **Wednesday**

Psalms 65; 91  
1 Kings 3:1-15  
Acts 27:9-26  
Mark 14:1-11

### **Thursday**

Psalms 143; 116  
1 Kings 3:16-28  
Acts 27:27-44  
Mark 14:12-26

### **Friday**

Psalms 88; 20  
1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 6:7  
Acts 28:1-16  
Mark 14:27-42

### **Saturday**

Psalms 122; 63  
1 Kings 7:51-8:21  
Acts 28:17-31  
Mark 14:43-52

### **Sunday**

Psalms 108; 23  
1 Kings 8:22-40  
1 Timothy 4:7b-16  
John 8:47-59

**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.

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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 bad vase** | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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## PRAYERS

We pray for all members and friends of  
National Presbyterian Church.

*We pray for our mission partners, including:*  
**Ted and Joy Carr**, leading ProVision International in Southern Africa. *Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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