

September 3, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*For while we live, we are always being given up to death
for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible
in our mortal flesh.*

2 Corinthians 4:11

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 (<i>Director</i>), William Neil (<i>Organist</i>) Hilda Labrada Gore (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
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TODAY AT NATIONAL

Labor Day Celebration: "Known By Name"

- Nametags and communion in worship both services
- **After the 8:30 service:** Family Hour potluck, photo booth, and time on the playground from 9:30–10:30 a.m.
- **After the 10:45 service:** A relaxed time of fellowship, fun, special refreshments, and a photo booth on the terrace.

Come and get to know your church family!

You're Invited to Join a Small Group!

Are you looking for a place to find friendship and grow spiritually? NPC small groups gather throughout the year at various times and locations in the DC-area; just let us know your preferences. Whether you are new to small groups or have been in one before, we invite you to discover how Christian community can be life-giving and life-changing. *Sign ups begin today: nationalpres.org/small-groups or email athompson@nationalpres.org.*

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. Dr. Sunquist, a longtime missionary in south Asia, is passionate about Christ's mission through the Church in our changing world, and is a leading expert on the spectacular growth of the Church in south Asia.

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

"Joy in Jesus Amidst Religious Pluralism"

Help Hurricane Harvey Victims

NPC is responding to the needs of flood victims by collecting donations for the Salvation Army's swift, direct relief work in South Texas, which is always a powerful witness. Please make a gift to NPC and write "Harvey" on the check memo line or select 'Hurricane Relief' online. Thank you for your help! *Contact John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7505.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Fall Schedule Begins (See page 6)

Worship

9, 10:50, 11 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

- Plenary in Stone Hall
- Family Hour 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 in celebration of the 65th wedding anniversary of John and Mary Ellen Addams.

Jones Hall (School Gym)

▲ WELCOME SONG	One Thing Remains	Kristian Stanfill
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. David Renwick
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Donna Marsh
▲ SONG OF RESPONSE	O Love That Will Not Let Me Go	George Matheson

Heavenly Father, we thank you for leading us into your light.
We bless you for sending Christ Jesus to call us from death to life.
Yet we also confess before you, that we have been slow to heed his call:
 we have not always sought your power to live the new life to which he calls us.
Forgive us, we pray.
By the power of your Spirit,
 break the bonds of sin that too often reign within our lives.
Grant us grace to follow Jesus each day, until we see him face to face.

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Beautiful Things Lisa & Michael Gungor

SCRIPTURE	2 Corinthians 4:7-18	
SERMON	Ministry of Life Revealed in Death	Dr. Scott Sunquist

▲ 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.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Intermezzo, Op. 80, No. 10

Max Reger
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise the Lord! Praise his name! Praise!

Donald Moore

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for leading us into your light.

We bless you for sending Christ Jesus to call us from death to life.

Yet we also confess before you, that we have been slow to heed his call:

we have not always sought your power to live the new life to which he calls us.

Forgive us, we pray.

By the power of your Spirit,

break the bonds of sin that too often reign within our lives.

Grant us grace to follow Jesus each day, until we see him face to face.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Rev. Donna Marsh

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 939

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ministry of Life Revealed in Death

Dr. Scott Sunquist

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

St. Leonards

Choir

May the mind of Christ our Savior live in us from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling all we do and say.

Congregation

May Christ's light and life shine through us, never hidden, never dim,
to the glory of the Father visible in him.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Charles Villiers Stanford

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;

Engelberg

And our despair he turned to blazing joy. *Alleluia!*

Our mortal flesh shares in his saving death. Reborn we share with him his Easter life

As members of our living head. *Alleluia!*

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.

Baptized we live with God the Three in One. *Alleluia!*

A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe, restored and whole, will sing: *Alleluia! Amen.*

J. B. Geyer, alt.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. David Renwick

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Choral Meditation

The Whisper

Craig Courtney

In the desert, in the wilderness of life, I am searching for the One who searches me.

As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone, I hear God's call. I hear the whisper of my name:

"Come to the table. Your name is written on my hand.

Come to the table. Your name is hidden in my heart.

Come to the table and live."

Susan Bentall Boersma

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.

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| ▲ HYMN 371 | Lift High the Cross | <i>Crucifer</i> |
| ▲ BENEDICTION | | Dr. Scott Sunquist |
| ▲ CHORAL AMEN | | Donald Moore |
| ▲ POSTLUDE | Introduction and Allegro (Concerto No. 2 in B Flat) | G.F. Handel |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |
| ▲ | Congregation standing, as able | |

You are invited out to the terrace for a relaxed time of fellowship, fun, special refreshments, and a photo booth!

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Fall Worship Schedule Begins

Next Sunday, we will shift back to our fall schedule:

- **9 a.m.:** Traditional, Sanctuary
- **10:50 a.m.:** Contemporary, Jones Hall
- **11 a.m.:** Traditional, Sanctuary

Parent Gathering

10 a.m., Chapel

Parents of youth and children are invited for Sunday School orientation. Next Sunday parents gather in the parlor at 10 a.m. for weekly short study and conversation.

Youth Kickoff BBQ

5-7 p.m., Youth House

Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to our annual BBQ and parent orientation.

Sunday School Begins

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Classes for adults, youth, and children
resume next Sunday! Adult classes:

- Answering God: Old Testament Themes for Christian Discipleship, Church Room 105
- Looking at Luke: An "Orderly Account" of Jesus' Life and Ministry, Church Room 110/111
- The History of the Church in the Reformation Era, Agencies Room 105
- Men's Class: Zechariah—The "Major" Minor Prophet, Church Room 5
- The Power of Communal Prayer, Culbertson Library

Class descriptions: nationalpres.org/adults

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Service Project

Friday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Come volunteer at a pop-up market providing free, fresh groceries! We will begin with a light breakfast at NPC at 8:30 a.m., work at the market from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., have lunch together, and return to NPC by 4 p.m. Transportation provided! *Contact Susan O'Banion to sign up: 202.537.7503 or SOBanion@nationalpres.org.*

Men's Breakfast

Sat. 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.*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Sept. 14 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Women's Ministry

Come explore how to find hope in God's word, work, and world.

- Wednesday Women: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Church Rm 105.
- MOMS Group: Wednesday, Sept. 13 & 27, 10–11:30 a.m., Church Room 107. Free childcare.
- Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, Sept. 16, 23 & 30, 9:30–11 a.m., Room 105.
- Afternoon TEA: Wednesday, Sept. 20, Parlor, 1–2:45 p.m.

Contact: Amy, AThompson@NationalPres.org.

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

50th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 22

Dr. Earl Palmer will preach, and there will be exhibits and a presentation with reception after each service to celebrate the anniversary of the unveiling of the cornerstone of our church home.

Reformation Weekend October 28 & 29

Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger will lead a dynamic plenary on Saturday, and preach Sunday, to help us look to the future while we celebrate 500 years of Protestant Reformation.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

September 3 –10

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7
James 2:1-13
Mark 14:53-65

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
1 Kings 8:65-9:9
James 2:14-26
Mark 14:66-72

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
1 Kings 9:24-10:13
James 3:1-12
Mark 15:1-11

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
1 Kings 11:1-13
James 3:13-4:12
Mark 15:12-21

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
1 Kings 11:26-43
James 4:13-5:6
Mark 15:22-32

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
1 Kings 12:1-20
James 5:7-20
Mark 15:33-39

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
1 Kings 12:21-33
Acts 4:18-31
John 10:31-42

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 deaths of:

Jo Schoolfield on August 25, 2017.
Michael Cromartie on August 28, 2017.

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Young Life North DC, our local affiliate of Young Life, a Christian international organization that presents the gospel to teenagers and helps them grow in their faith. *Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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