

September 10, 2017

# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*"Whoever serves me must follow me."  
"Follow Me!"*

John 12:26, 1:43

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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# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Facilities Master Plan Focus Group Presentation

**10 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., Parlor**

A draft Facilities Master Plan is now ready to present, and your comments and insights are essential as we shape the final plan! This 25-minute presentation will 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! *See more dates on pg. 7.*

## Sandwich Making

**Stone Hall, 10:15 & 12:15 p.m.**

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless.

## Sunday School Begins

**9:30–10:30 a.m.**

Classes for adults, youth, and children resume today! *Class descriptions: see below and brochures on the info table or [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults).*

## Parent Gathering & Orientation

**10 a.m., Chapel**

Parents of youth and children are invited for Sunday School orientation. Next Sunday, parents will gather in the Parlor weekly at 10 a.m. for a brief 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 introduction to fall activities.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

**9:30–10:30 a.m.**

#### Adults

- 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*
- Community Bible Study, *Church Rm 106*
- Parents’ Gathering (10–10:30 a.m.) *Chapel (next week: Parlor)*

#### Youth

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Agencies Bldg Lower Level*
- Grade 8: *Agencies Building Room 101*
- Grades 9/10: *Agencies Bldg Room 102*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House*

#### Children

- Age 2–5th grade: Drop off/pick up at the National Presbyterian School building.

### Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

**8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### Children’s Choirs (K–5th grade)

*Sundays beginning Sept. 17*  
**10:30–10:55 a.m., School Bldg**

### Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

*Sundays beginning Oct. 1, 5:30–6:30 p.m.*  
**Agencies Bldg Room 105**

### “Across the Aisle” Young Professionals

**12:15 p.m., Church Room 105**

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

### 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 by Donald and Marcia F. Bini in loving memory of their mothers, Hilda E. Bini and Ione S. Freeman, remembering their September birthdays.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters  
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, we worship and adore you, for your mercy is over all. Take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh: a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, a heart to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake. Ambrose of Milan

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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 6* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Close to Thee

*Close to Thee*

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee. Close to thee ... all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee. Not for ease or worldly pleasure, not for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee. Close to thee ... gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee. Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea; thru the gate of life eternal, may I enter, Lord, with thee. Lord, with thee ... thru the gate of life eternal, may I enter Lord with thee. Michael Ford and Ethan Greene, with Joanna Jones, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

*Old Hundredth*

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6*

Dr. Quinn Fox

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*Youth and children K-5th grade may leave now for Sunday School. After worship, parents are invited to attend an orientation in the chapel before picking children up in the school building at 10:30 a.m.*

SCRIPTURE *see insert* Selections from Gospels of Matthew and John

Deacon Eric Young

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

SERMON

A Person Worth Following

Dr. David Renwick

*Sermon Series: "On the Road With Jesus"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Angel's Story*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

## 10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | 10,000 Reasons                     | Matt Redman  |
|                 | Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) | Chris Tomlin |

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE      Come Thou Fount      David Crowder

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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## SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Happy Day Tim Hughes

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

SERMON

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*Sermon Series: "On the Road With Jesus"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ 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 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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received*

## My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

- ## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

- ## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

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# 11 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 142 *verses 1-3* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 142, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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for your mercy is over all.  
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and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.  
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The Word of the Lord.

Elder Dianne Tingley

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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Dr. David Renwick

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 396

O for a Closer Walk with God

*Caithness*

*Verses 1 & 3 Soloist & Choir*

*Verse 4 Congregation*

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles' Creed                      Dr. Quinn Fox

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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.  
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    the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
    the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Christ, Who Called Disciples to Him

S. Drummond Wolff  
*Westminster Abbey*

Christ, who called disciples to him from their nets beside the sea,  
    Taught and trained the twelve who knew him by the shores of Galilee.  
    Still he calls us to his service, saying, "Come and follow me!"  
Christ, whose touch was life and healing, sight to blind, and strength to lame,  
    Deed and word alike revealing mercy evermore the same.  
    Still he calls us to his service, strong in faith to bear his name.  
Christ, in whom for our salvation God's unchanging love is shown,  
    Risen now in exaltation, reigning from the Father's throne;  
    Still he calls us to his service, and to make his gospel known.  
Christ, whose calling knows no ending, no reserve and no delays,  
    By his Spirit's pow'r defending those who follow in his ways;  
    We will come to be his servants, faithful now and all our days.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

▲ DOXOLOGY                      *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 388                      O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Angel's Story*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Bourbon*

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciples be;  
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE                      Hornpipe

G.F. Handel  
William Neil, organ



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Reading Martin Luther

**Thursdays, 7:15–8:45 p.m.**

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his “95 Theses,” we’ll take the opportunity to read some of his key shorter works. This week we’ll discuss Martin Luther’s 95 Theses. *Learn more: [www.nationalpres.org/book-study](http://www.nationalpres.org/book-study)*

## 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.*

## Music at National

**Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.**

NPC’s 2017-2018 concert series opens with Washington Bach Consort presenting *Foundation: Bach and the Reformation*. For tickets and info, visit [bachconsort.org](http://bachconsort.org). *Greeter opportunities available; contact Carolann: [CHaley@NationalPres.org](mailto:CHaley@NationalPres.org).*

## Pathway Membership Class

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

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC from pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Sept. 14 to register: [KRakiatu@NationalPres.org](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org), 202.537.7578.*

## Women's Ministry

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

- MOMS Group: Wednesdays, 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., Church Room 105.
- Afternoon TEA: Wednesday, Sept. 20, Elson Parlor, 1–2:45 p.m.

*Contact: Amy, [AThompson@NationalPres.org](mailto: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:*

- **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

## 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Continuing the Reformation October 28 & 29

On Reformation Sunday weekend we will consider the challenges facing the church in the years ahead. Leading us will be Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger, a PC(USA) professor and pastor who has written an award-winning book on how the church can embrace the unknown future through adaptive change.

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

*We are so glad you are here today.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Year 1*

**September 10–17**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

Psalms 5; 29  
1 Kings 13:1-10  
Philippians 1:1-11  
Mark 15:40-47

**Tuesday**

Psalms 42; 133  
1 Kings 16:23-34  
Philippians 1:12-30  
Mark 16:1-20

**Wednesday**

Psalms 89:1-18, 33  
1 Kings 17:1-24  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Thursday**

Psalms 97; 62  
1 Kings 18:1-19  
Philippians 2:12-30  
Matthew 2:13-23

**Friday**

Psalms 51; 65  
1 Kings 18:20-40  
Philippians 3:1-16  
Matthew 3:1-12

**Saturday**

Psalms 104; 98  
1 Kings 18:41-19:8  
Philippians 3:17-4:7  
Matthew 3:13-17

**Sunday**

Psalms 19; 113  
1 Kings 19:8-21  
Acts 5:34-42  
John 11:45-57

**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 downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

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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 celebrate the marriage of*

Joanna Jones and Ethan Greene on Friday, September 8

*We grieve the deaths of:*

**Jo Schoolfield** on August 25, 2017. A memorial service will be held on September 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Colin Frederikson** on July 22, 2017. A memorial service will be held on September 13 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel.



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