

September 17, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Now the Lord said to Abram,
"Leave your country and your relatives
and your father's house and go to the land
that I will show you.
I will bless you, so that you will be a blessing."*

Genesis 12:1-2

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>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Kristin Franke (<i>Youth</i>), Cate McCrory (<i>Children</i>) Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>), John Marienau Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Facilities Master Plan Focus Group Presentation

10 a.m. (Chapel) & 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!

If you plan to attend today, please leave immediately after the Passing of the Peace.

See more dates on pg. 7.

Sign Up for Small Groups Today

See details on pg. 7.

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

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

Music at National 3 p.m., Sanctuary

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

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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.), *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, 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 and in loving memory and thanksgiving for the life of Jo Schoolfield, by her NPC Sunday School class.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Max Reger

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice the Lord is King!

Darwall's 148th

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we praise you, for you are gracious and merciful. In worship and repentance we bow before you, for our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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* Heidelberg Catechism - Question 1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give you your heart's desires.

Commit your ways unto him, and trust in him; and worry not yourself, uncertain of your future.

Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Youth and children K-5th grade may leave for Sunday School. After worship, parents are invited for study and conversation in the Parlor before picking children up in the school building at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:14-22

Deacon Alfreda Bennett

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

SERMON

Letting Go: Saying Goodbye

Dr. David Renwick

Matthew 10:34-39, 19:4-6

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

▲ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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Trumpet Voluntary in D Major

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10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | Thy Will
Oceans | Hillary Scott
Joel Houston |
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CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE How He Loves John McMillan

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE My Worth Is Not in What I Own Keith & Kristyn Getty

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SERMON Letting Go: Saying Goodbye Dr. David Renwick
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism - Question 1

One: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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* Build My Life Brent Younker

- ## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Lift High to God a Song of Praise

G. F. Handel

Lift high to God a song of praise, and give him glory all our days. In loud acclaim we sing.
Blessing and honor to the Lord, and glory be to God adored. A song we gladly bring.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Congregation

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Out of the Deep

John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: Therefore shalt thou be fear'd.

I look for the Lord: My soul doth wait for him, and in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeeth unto the Lord: Before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption;

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Psalms 130

with Danielle Cho, cello

▲ 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Reading Martin Luther

Thursdays, 7:15–8:45 p.m., Parlor

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*

50th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! Sunday, Oct. 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.

Join a Small Group

Find friendship and grow spiritually. NPC small groups gather throughout the year (September-June) at different 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 UP ONLINE TODAY.** *www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email: athompson@nationalpres.org.*

NPC Online: View the NPC Directory

Did you know you can find members and friends of the church on a password-protected congregational directory on NPC Online? Go to www.nationalpres.org, click “NPC Online” at the top or bottom of the page, and then click “Sign Up” (or log in). Click “people” in the left column and search by name (first or last). You can also edit your information and privacy settings by clicking on your name on the top right of the page.

Continuing the Reformation October 28 & 29

On Reformation Sunday weekend that annually celebrates the work of Protestant reformers we will consider the changes 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 best embrace the unknown future.

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 being presented to the congregation**, and your comments and insights are essential as we shape the final plan!

In focus groups this fall, there is a 25-minute presentation to share on 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 plan to attend at least one focus group:*

- **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

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

September 17–24

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
1 Kings 21:17-29
1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Matthew 4:12-17

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
1 Kings 22:1-28
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Matthew 4:18-25

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
1 Kings 22:29-45
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
Matthew 5:1-10

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
2 Kings 1:2-17
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:11-16

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
2 Kings 2:1-18
1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Matthew 5:17-20

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
2 Kings 4:8-37
Acts 9:10-31
Luke 3:7-18

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.

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 birth of:

Celeste LaStrapes Pierson on August 17, 2017,
to Eugenia and Mattew Pierson

Breck Edward Bailey on August 28, 2017
to Heather and Bradley Bailey

We grieve the death of:

Ted Farrar on September 3, 2017

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



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