

October 1, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORLD COMMUNION

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

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.

Join a Small Group

Whether you are new to NPC small groups or have been in one before, we invite you to discover how Christian community can be life-giving and life-changing! Groups gather throughout the year at different times and locations in the DC-area. **Sign up online today!** www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email: athompson@nationalpres.org.

Christmas is Coming!

Nominate an organization or missionary close to your heart for Mission Gifts for Christmas, the church's Christmas tradition of generosity. *Submit nominations by Oct. 16 at tinyurl.com/NPCmissiongifts*

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: *Youth House Room 1*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Room 2*

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.

"Across the Aisle" Young Professionals

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

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

Notes of Encouragement

Supplies are available in Stone Hall to write to those in need of encouragement.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:30–10:55 a.m., School Bldg

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Agencies Rm 105

October Donations: Canned Tuna

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 on this World Communion Day when we at National partake of Holy Communion with Christians all around the world.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

from *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1 & 2* The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

David Renwick, *Biblical Greek* · Peter Tam, *Cantonese* · Adel Sanchez, *Spanish*

Jesus said, "People will come from east and west, north and south and will eat in the kingdom of God."

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 442, verse 5

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and Most Merciful God, we have tasted that you are good, yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation. Forgive our sins, we pray. Help us remember that we have received your mercy, and have become your people. Strengthen us to endure as we follow you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you according to your calling, proclaiming to all the world your mighty acts—you who calls us out of darkness into light.

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

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hake

Sheri Jackson, Mary Ellen Cain, Michael Denham, Michael Ford, Ethan Green with Joanna Jones, piano

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 13:1-9, 18-23

Deacon Susan Julius

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

SERMON

Staying the Course

Dr. David Renwick

Sermon Series IV: *On the Road with Jesus*

Exodus 14:5-6, 10-13b; 16:1-3, 9-12; Galatians 6:9

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 361 *verses 1 & 5*

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6*

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 379 *verses 1 & 3* My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONG | It Is Well | Horatio Spafford |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Rev. Donna Marsh |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | Hilda Labrada Gore |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | All Creatures of Our God and King | David Crowder |

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Intentional Travis Greene

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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | Rev. Donna Marsh |
| <p>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.</p> | | |

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

- Give Me Jesus
- Jeremy Camp

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* Oceans Joel Houston

- ## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

- ## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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The Church's One Foundation

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Christ Calls Us Forth

K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth from Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim, to all in hopeless pain or need, the glory of his saving Name.

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, to the uttermost ends of the earth."

Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth, to humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria, to those of different clan and race, that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the Word."

Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as the Lord. based on Mark 16:19-20 and Acts 1:8
with brass quartet: Woody English, Dennis Edelbrock, Jeff Cortazo, and Gus Mitchell

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

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▲ HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

▲ BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Choir and Congregation

Called forth from every nation, one people of the Lord,

Proclaiming Christ's salvation, God's reconciling Word,

We serve God's world together, with zealous hearts, and pure,

While sovereignly God gathers a kingdom to endure.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Friday Night Dessert

Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Stone Hall

"Finding Hope in Our Calling"

Guest speaker Dianne Haskett has worked in law, real estate, politics, business and the publishing and film world and has lived in both Canada and Washington, D.C. with her family. Come be encouraged as we hear how she seeks to keep God and His Kingdom as her primary focus in both her professional and personal life. *RSVP: Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7483.*

Women's Ministry

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

- **Women's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m., Church Room 105
- **Wednesday Women:** Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Church Room 105
- **MOMS Group:** Wednesday, Oct. 11 & 25, 10–11:30 a.m., Church Room 107
- **Afternoon TEA:** Wednesday, Oct. 18, 1–2:45 p.m., Elson Parlor

For more info, visit nationalpres.org/women or email athompson@nationalpres.org.

Men's Breakfast

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

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **John Bishop** on the theme "Called Into Battle." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, Oct. 16, Noon, Stone Hall

Dr. William Seale, a historian, author, and editor of the White House Historical Association journal, will speak about his latest book: *A White House of Stone*. Dr. Seale will share about the White House stones and Scottish stonemasons, who in 1795 founded what would become the National Presbyterian Church. Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800. *(Pay at the door; \$15 with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)*

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

There is 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 plan to attend at least one focus group:*

- **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

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.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

October 1–8

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
2 Kings 17:1-18
Acts 9:36-43
Luke 5:1-11

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
2 Kings 17:24-41
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
2 Chronicles 29:1-3,
30:1-27
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
2 Kings 18:9-25
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Matthew 7:13-21

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
2 Kings 18:28-37
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Matthew 7:22-29

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
2 Kings 19:1-20
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
2 Kings 19:21-36
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 8:18-27

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
2 Kings 20:1-21
Acts 12:1-17
Luke 7:11-17

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 grieve the death of:

Caroline Van Mason on September 24, 2017.

We pray for our missionaries, including:

Angela Bednarczyk, training teachers at École Renaissance des Sourds, a Christian school for deaf children in Dakar, Senegal. *Missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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