

October 15, 2017

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Jesus said to his followers,
"Come away to a place where we can
be alone and get some rest."*

Mark 6:31

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 (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)
Hilda Labrada Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Cate McCrory (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Marienau Turpin (*Serve*)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Facilities Master Plan Focus Group Presentation

10:10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Chapel

This 25-minute presentation will share proposed facility plans that will serve our congregation and city well into the future. Time for questions and comments will follow. Your comments and insights are essential as we shape the final plan!

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners.

New Member Connections

Join in welcoming our newest members at a reception in Stone Hall after worship.

- Brad Bailey, *Washington, DC*
- Heather Bailey, *Washington, DC*
- Becky Cznadel, *Alexandria, VA*
- Madeline England, *Washington, DC*
- Peter Kozel, *Rockville, MD*
- Joelle Ogg, *Washington, DC*
- Sophie Wagner, *University Park, MD*
- Mia Wright, *Washington, DC*

Interested in church membership or learning more about our Presbyterian tradition? *Contact: Kemet Rakiatu: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

(no classes on Oct. 22; see pg. 7 for details)

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*

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 and in loving memory of Commander Edward Lee Borden, USN by his wife, Gloria and family.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chaconne in E Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We worship and adore you, almighty and merciful God, though we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done. We have done those things we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of your great name.

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Shepherd Seeks

O Waly Waly

I love my Master, for he is kind; so gentle he, and O so meek. He labors long his own to find lost, lonely lambs the Shepherd seeks. I love my Master for he is strong; with watchful eyes he is our stay; all those he calls to him belong; his helpless lambs the Shepherd saves. My Master's love will e'er abide; in pastures green his flock he feeds. His tender hand will be my guide; his little lambs the Shepherd leads.

Dr. Michael Denham with Joanna Jones, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12,15

Carolann Haley

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

SERMON

Slowing Down

Dr. David Renwick

Sermon Series VI: *On the Road with Jesus*

Genesis 28:10-22; Jonah 2:1-3:1; Matthew 6:25-34; Acts 14:24-28

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

▲ HYMN 345 *verses 1, 3&5* Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rest

▲ BENECTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

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Be Still and Know

Psalm 46:10

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

Choir

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, what'er betide thee, to bear you through the passing days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Congregation

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

▲ 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 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach
Sheep may safely graze and pasture as their Shepherd guards them well.
By still waters ere he feeds them, to the fold he gently leads them, where securely they may dwell.

▲ 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, Oct. 16, Noon, Stone Hall

Dr. William Seale, 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.)

Youth Fall Retreats

Youth are invited to spend a weekend at camp learning about how God is faithful in all parts of our lives.

- Middle School: November 3-5, 2017
- High School: December 1-3, 2017

Register ASAP at: nationalpres.org/teens

National Presbyterian School Open House

Friday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.

Learn more about NPS at their fall Open House. NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for nursery (age 3) through sixth grade. *For more info, visit nps-dc.org or contact Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.*

Nominations for Mission Gifts

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*

Winter Warmth Drive Beginning Oct. 22

We will be **collecting the following winter clothing** for NPC local mission partners serving homeless men and women in our community:

- New or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for men, women, and children
- New heavyweight socks

50th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations

Men's "Second Breakfast"

*Saturday, October 21
8-10 a.m., Stone Hall*

We have a special opportunity to hear from former interim pastor Earl Palmer on the topic of "The Power of Goodness."

- **8 a.m.:** Coffee and meal
- **9 a.m.:** Dr. Palmer's presentation

RSVP: men@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7527.

Sunday Celebration

Sunday, October 22

Worship: 9, 10:50, or 11 a.m.

Refreshments & Program:

10:15 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Children's Program: 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Next Sunday we will celebrate 50 years of ministry here at Nebraska Ave. Bring family and friends as we celebrate with:

- **Special Guest Preacher Earl Palmer:** former interim pastor at National, and founder of Earl Palmer Ministries
- **An Anniversary Exhibit:** exploring our history in pictures and stories
- **Refreshments and Program:** hear from Dr. Renwick about God's work in our church and enjoy a video about our history and our future
- **Children's Scavenger Hunt:** extended Chapel time in Jones Hall (9:30) for K-5th graders, followed by a scavenger hunt (10:00). Pick up at 10:45 on the NPS Playground.

There will be regular Sunday School classes for 2-4 year olds. Sunday School classes for adults and youth will not meet as we celebrate together.

Plan ahead for marathon road closures that may add to your travel time; visit marinemarathon.com for details.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

October 15–22

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Jeremiah 36:1-10
Acts 14:8-18
Luke 7:36-50

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
Jeremiah 36:11-26
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
Jeremiah 36:27-37:2
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 10:16-23

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
Jeremiah 37:3-21
1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Matthew 10:24-33

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
Jeremiah 38:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Matthew 10:34-42

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
Jeremiah 38:14-28
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 11:1-6

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
Jeremiah 52:1-34
1 Corinthians 15:12-29
Matthew 11:7-15

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Acts 16:6-15
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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 8:30 a.m.–12:30 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 available 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 pray for:

Shelley Barr Al Duncker

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Unique Learning Center, a Christian ministry to strengthen the educational and spiritual lives of children in the Shaw community of Washington, DC. *Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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