

October 29, 2017

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19

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, &amp; 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

## Welcome, Dr. Tod Bolsinger

This morning we welcome PC(USA) professor and pastor Dr. Tod Bolsinger. Dr. Bolsinger has written an award-winning book on how the church can best embrace the unknown future.

## Winter Warmth Drive Through Nov. 19

We are **collecting the following winter clothing** for NPC local mission partners serving the homeless in our community:

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

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

#### Adults

- Answering God, *Church Room 105*
- Looking at Luke, *Church Room 110/111*
- The History of the Church in the Reformation Era, *Agencies Room 105*
- Men's Class: Zechariah, *Church Room 5*
- The Power of Communal Prayer, *Culbertson Library*
- Community Bible Study, *Church Rm 106*
- Parent 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.

### 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*

### Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

*8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

## 5th Grade Milestone

Members of our 5th grade Sunday School class will lead today's scripture reading in worship as their "Milestone in Worship Education." Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our Reformed liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshipping community today.

## Music at National 5 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Master Chorale presents *Youthful Indulgence: Early Masses of Mozart and Martin*. Tickets and info: [www.washingtonmasterchorale.org](http://www.washingtonmasterchorale.org)

## "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.

## November Donations: 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 Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her late father, Franklin S. Forsberg who was born on October 21st and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg who joined him in heaven on October 21st.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God by Carole S. Kinney and family in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Charles Steadman, especially remembering her mother's October 29th birthday.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Michael Praetorius  
Brandon Straub, guest organist

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We bow before you in worship and praise, O Lord. Be merciful to our offences. Our debt to you is great. You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, so help us to love you and our neighbors so much the more. Be our Father, our Captain, and our Defender in all temptations. Hold us by your powerful hand. Deliver us from our sins, so we may always live in the sanctifying honor of your holy name.

John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation

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

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!" *And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.* The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. For to his angels he's given a command, to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Joanna Jones, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

*Old Hundredth*

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

Dr. David Renwick

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:15-19

5th Grade Milestone

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

SERMON

Adventure or Die  
Philippians 3:10-15

Dr. Tod Bolsinger

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein' feste Burg*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel

# 10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONGS	Holy Spirit For Your Glory	Bryan Torwalt Tasha Cobbs
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Labrada Gore

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE	You Are My Vision	Rend Collective
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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

We bow before you in worship and praise, O Lord. Be merciful to our offences. Our debt to you is great. You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, so help us to love you and our neighbors so much the more. Be our Father, our Captain, and our Defender in all temptations. Hold us by your powerful hand. Deliver us from our sins, so we may always live in the sanctifying honor of your holy name.

John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE	This Is Amazing Grace	Phil Wickham
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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 43:15-19	Cate McCrory
The Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		

SERMON	Adventure or Die Philippians 3:10-15	Dr. Tod Bolsinger
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## 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 <i>offering received</i>	Lord, Do What You Want To	Jacob Scooter
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▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# 11 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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PRELUDE

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Michael Praetorius

Brandon Straub, guest organist

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 138 *verses 1-3* Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Nicaea*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 138, verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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Be merciful to our offences. Our debt to you is great.

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so help us to love you and our neighbors so much the more.

Be our Father, our Captain, and our Defender in all temptations.

Hold us by your merciful hand.

Deliver us from our sins,

so we may always live in the sanctifying honor of your holy name.

John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone prevaleth.

*Aus tiefer Not*

Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

For none can glory in thy sight, all must alone confess thy might, and live alone by mercy.

Martin Luther, leader of the German Reformation

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

**Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this**

**covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love.**

**In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptism

Sylvia Grace DeHaan

*Daughter of Cheryl Elizabeth DeHaan and Robert Alexander DeHaan*

Celeste Lastrapes Pierson

*Daughter of Eugenia Edwards Pierson and Mathews Edward Pierson*

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:15-19

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

Jamie Levinson  
5th Grade Milestone

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Tod Bolsinger

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is fullness of light and wisdom. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth, for Christ's sake. Amen.

John Calvin, leader of the Swiss Reformation

SERMON

Adventure or Die  
Philippians 3:10-15

Dr. Tod Bolsinger

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 218 *verses 1&3* New Songs of Celebration Render  
Verse 1 *Choir* Verse 3 *Congregation*

*Rendez à Dieu*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. David Renwick  
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.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Desert Shall Rejoice

Roger C. Wilson

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Say to them that are fearful of heart, "Be strong, and fear not! Behold, your God will come and save you!"

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Isaiah 35

▲ 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 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein' feste Burg*

▲ BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Duke Street*

Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;  
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Military Ministry

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 12:15 p.m., Parlor**

All who are interested in issues affecting the military are invited for a special speaker and a light lunch.

## Service of Remembrance

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 12:15 p.m.,  
Columbarium/Church Room 5**

We will honor those who are inurned or memorialized in the Columbarium, remembering the legacy of NPC members who have died in the past year, and celebrating our eternal union in Jesus Christ.

## Music at National

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 4:30 p.m.**

The City Choir of Washington presents Barber, "Adagio for Strings" | Bruckner, "Mass in F Minor." Tickets and info: [www.citychoir.org](http://www.citychoir.org).

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 5 p.m.**

Fairfax Choral Society presents *Bravi, Tutti!: Celebratory Concert to Honor Dr. Mears on his Retirement*. Tickets and info: [www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org](http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org)

*Greeter opportunities are available.*

*Contact: Carolann Haley, [chaley@nationalpres.org](mailto:chaley@nationalpres.org)*

## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 12:15 p.m.,  
Sanctuary**

All members of the congregation are encouraged to stay after the 10:50 and 11 a.m. services for a meeting of the congregation to elect church leaders.

## Reading Martin Luther

**Thursdays Nov. 2 & 9, 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. On Nov. 2 and 9 we will discuss *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*. Learn more: [nationalpres.org/book-study](http://nationalpres.org/book-study)

## After All These Years: Perspectives on the Reformation

**Nov. 17–18 (all day Friday through noon, Saturday), Sanctuary**

This major conference will explore and reflect on the impact of the Reformation and all that has ensued the past 500 years. Information and registration (\$35-\$125): [reformedinstitute.org](http://reformedinstitute.org).

## Reformation Concert

**Friday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

All are invited to this free concert featuring works inspired by the Reformation.

## 50 Hours of Service

As we celebrate 50 years at Nebraska Avenue, we also celebrate a tradition of service. Over the next year, we are challenging the entire congregation to focus on service and celebrate what we learn from serving others by serving 50 hours. Add your voice and your story: [nationalpres.org/50](http://nationalpres.org/50)

## Financial Report through September 2017

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
Faith Giving	\$1,813,618	\$1,760,794
Total Income	\$3,244,168	\$3,315,794
Total Expenses	\$3,658,000	\$3,790,181
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(413,832)	\$(474,387)

*Thank you for your sustained giving! For information on setting up a recurring gift, visit [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving), or call 202.537.7495.*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

*We are so glad you are here today.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Year 1*

**Oct. 29 – Nov. 5**

### **Sunday**

Psalms 108; 23

Haggai 1:1-2:9

Acts 18:24-19:7

Luke 10:25-37

### **Monday**

Psalms 62; 9

Zechariah 1:7-17

Revelation 1:4-20

Matthew 12:43-50

### **Tuesday**

Psalms 12; 17

Ezra 5:1-17

Revelation 4:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9

### **Wednesday**

Psalms 96; 134

Ezra 6:1-22

Revelation 5:1-10

Matthew 13:10-17

### **Thursday**

Psalms 116; 130

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Revelation 5:11-6:11

Matthew 13:18-23

### **Friday**

Psalms 84; 40

Nehemiah 2:1-20

Revelation 6:12-7:4

Matthew 13:24-30

### **Saturday**

Psalms 63; 90

Nehemiah 4:1-23

Revelation 7:4-17

Matthew 13:31-35

### **Sunday**

Psalms 103; 139

Nehemiah 5:1-9

Acts 20:7-12

Luke 12:22-31

**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 8:30 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

Jim Milam

DeVier Pierson

*We celebrate the marriage of:*

Mark Alden and Liz Ung on October 21, 2017.

*We pray for our mission partners, including:*

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF)

*Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*



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