

November 19, 2017

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMITMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
...and be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15

*You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria
and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

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

Youth Family Service Night & Potluck

5–7 p.m., Stone Hall

Middle and high school students, families, and friends are invited to an evening of preparing meals for Martha's Table and then sharing a potluck meal together.

Winter Warmth Drive *Collection bins outside the Sanctuary and Stone Hall*

Today is the last day to drop off your winter clothing donations for NPC local mission partners serving the homeless in our community!

Commitment Celebration Sunday

Each year on Commitment Sunday, we renew our commitment to God to support his work in and through NPC. **Please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in our church in 2018, and return your commitment card as an act of worship during today's service.** *Extra cards are available in the baskets at the ends of the pews.*

Sandwich Making **10:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Stone Hall**

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

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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.

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, 12:15–1 p.m., Agencies Rm 105

"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 annual fruit and vegetable arrangement is given by the NPC family and friends in thanksgiving to God for his love and many blessings to us and our nation, and in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the Glory of God, in honor of Virginia Barney, who is celebrating her birthday today on November 19, by friends of Virginia.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

from *18 Leipzig Chorales*

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We worship you with grateful hearts, O Lord, our Creator and Sustainer. What shall we render to you for all your blessings to us? You will accept only our whole selves, all that we have, and all that we are. But we harbor a sin of fear which tempts us to hoard our lives. So we humbly ask for your mercy. Forgive us. Wash us thoroughly. Graciously grant us such a clear vision of heaven, that any narrow selfishness may be swept away, lost in the expanse of your love. Clement of Rome, 1st century Christian leader

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 *see p. 5*

Gloria Patri

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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With What Shall I Come Before the Lord

John Ness Beck

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Micah 6

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Donna Marsh

THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Joshua 4:1-7

Dottie McKnight

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

SERMON

Telling Grateful Tales

Dr. David Renwick

Sermon Series IX: *On the Road with Jesus*

Mark 5:1-20; John 4: 7-10, 28-30; 1 Chronicles 29:14-19; Micah 6:8

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

March Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | My Worth Is Not in What I Own
Ever Be | Keith & Kristyn Getty
Bobby Strand |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Turpin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Labrada Gore

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Cornerstone Reuben Morgan

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE I Will Offer Up My Life Matt Redman

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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed John Turpin

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 and commitments received*

Endless Praise

Joth Hunt

- ## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

- ## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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CHIMES

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▲ HYMN 551 *verses 1-3* Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 551, verse 4

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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our Creator and Sustainer.
What shall we render to you for all your blessings to us?
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
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RESPONSE

Llanfair

Choir

Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, *Alleluia!* Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, *Alleluia!*

Age to age and shore to shore, *Alleluia!* Praise God, praise forevermore! *Alleluia!*

Congregation

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, *Alleluia!* Praise God's providence and grace, *Alleluia!*

All that God for us has done, *Alleluia!* All God sends us through his Son, *Alleluia!*

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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,
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 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;
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Micah 6

▲ 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 555 *verses 1-2*

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 555, verse 3

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

To Father, and to Son, and Spirit now be given.

The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,

The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

March Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Thursday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.

Rev. Evangeline Taylor will preach and **donations of non-perishable food will be collected** during the service.

Thanksgiving Dinner Outreach

Do you know of an NPC family in need of a complete Thanksgiving dinner?

Contact our Care Ministries office at 202.537.7537 for ways we can help.

High School Retreat

December 1–3, Greencastle, PA

Sign up today for this fun retreat to Joy El Conference Center! *Register by Nov. 20 at www.nationalpres.org/teens*

National Presbyterian School Applications

NPC families receive special consideration for applications to NPS! Applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-K are due Nov. 20.

Contact: Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 2, 8–9:30 a.m.

Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dave Brown on the theme "What's the Big Idea?: Worldviews in Conflict." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

50 Hours of Service Opportunity: Ornaments

Sunday, Dec. 3, 8 a.m.–1 p.m.

Stone Hall

Come and help prepare giveaway ornaments for our many guests who come to our annual Messiah concert. All ages are welcomed and can help for one hour, or more! *Contact: Leslie Saum, lsaum@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7494.*

Advent Workshop

Sunday, Dec. 3, 4:30–6 p.m.

Chapel and Stone Hall

Families of all ages are invited for an evening of worship, Advent crafts, and pizza. Mark your calendars and invite a friend! *RSVP at nationalpres.org/children*

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Mission Gifts for Christmas provides an opportunity to give to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker!

- Volunteer to be a cashier, help with hospitality, decorate Stone Hall, or clean up. *Sign up: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*
- Visit the exhibits in Stone Hall and make your donations on Dec. 10 and 17.
- Shop online December 1–30: *nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

Handel's "Messiah" Concert

Sunday, Dec. 10, 5 p.m.

Make plans to bring your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of Handel's beloved masterpiece. No tickets are required; an offering will be received.

Childcare (age 5 and under) available with RSVP to: childcare@nationalpres.org.

Facilities Master Plan

Did you know....

- Over 510 individuals attended a focus group to learn about the proposed plans.
- 378 families were represented.
- Over 100 were willing to help volunteer for a capital campaign.
- Over 70% are already willing to support a capital campaign financially. Only 2% said they were unwilling to contribute.

Copies of the Readiness Assessment report are available in the libraries and at NPC Online.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

November 19–26

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93

Ezra 7:1-26

Acts 28:14b-23

Luke 16:1-13

Monday

Psalms 157; 47

Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36

Revelation 20:7-15

Matthew 17:1-13

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99

Ezra 9:1-15

Revelation 21:1-8

Matthew 17:14-21

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91

Ezra 10:1-17

Revelation 21:9-21

Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116

Nehemiah 9:1-25

Revelation 21:22-22:5

Matthew 18:1-9

Friday

Psalms 88; 20

Nehemiah 9:26-38

Revelation 22:6-13

Matthew 18:10-20

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63

Nehemiah 7:73-8:3-18

Revelation 22:14-21

Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23

Isaiah 19:19-25

Romans 15:5-13

Luke 19:11-27

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:

Lucille Smiley

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Birzeit Senior Center, providing nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem. *Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

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



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