

January 28, 2018

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

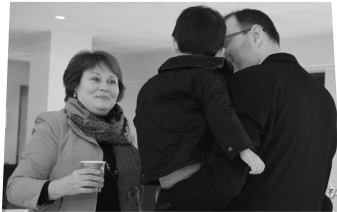
*Leading People to Become  
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ  
Together in God's World*

*Moses said:*

*"Keep these words I am commanding  
you today in your heart.  
Recite them to your children  
...at home...and away."*

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
Music	Dr. Michael Denham ( <i>Director</i> ), Todd Fickley ( <i>Interim 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

## "Vintage Saints and Sinners" Plenary with Dr. Karen Wright Marsh

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

When we take a closer look at the lives of saints, we learn that they also experienced struggle, doubt, and heartache. Dr. Karen Wright Marsh will share surprising lessons in everyday spirituality from these "saints," who lived and breathed, and failed and followed God. Copies of her new book, *Vintage Saints and Sinners*, will be available for purchase and signing. Dr. Marsh is Executive Director of Theological Horizons, a campus ministry at UVA.

## Parent Gathering

10–10:30 a.m., Elson Parlor

Join other parents for coffee, conversation, and a brief study. Today, Betty Elliott will lead a discussion on the Reformation.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults (see above); Spring classes begin next week, February 4.

#### Youth

- Middle School: *Multipurpose Room*
- High School: *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.

- Infants and Crawlers: *Church Room 16*
- Walkers: *Church Room 7*

### 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 Room 105

## Kindergarten Milestone

Today our Kindergartners will sing the Doxology at 9 a.m. as their Milestone in Worship Education. The Milestone component of Sunday School teaches kids about our worship liturgy and helps them to lead in what they have learned. Next week, 4th graders will celebrate their Communion Milestone.

## Welcome, Rev. Mark DeVries

Mark DeVries served as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN for 28 years. Rev. DeVries holds a B.A. in English and Greek from Baylor University, and an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary where he now serves on the Board of Trustees. Mark is the author of a number of books, including *Sustainable Youth Ministry* and *Family-Based Youth Ministry*. Mark lives in Nashville with Susan, his wife of over 30 years. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

## "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.

## February 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 and in loving memory of Amy and Clarence Lee, with deep appreciation of their love for the Lord and the dedication and the legacy they left to the NPC Flower Ministry.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Pastorale, Op. 19

César Franck  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 461 *verses 1-3*

God Is Here!

*Abbots Leigh*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we adore you: for like a father, you have compassion on us your children.

You know how we were made, and remember we are only dust.

You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

As far as the east is from the west, so far you remove our transgressions from us.

O Lord, you have commanded us to remember you from the days of our youth,  
and promise that whenever we seek you, we shall find you.

So cleanse us from our sin, make our vision bright, and our service loyal.

Through Jesus Christ, who even as a child always sought to do your will.

from Psalm 103 and John R. W. Stott

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

Apostles' Creed *see p. 6*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 6*

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

*Old Hundredth*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Donna Marsh

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kindergarten Milestone: The Doxology

*Children (grades K-5) may leave now for Sunday School. Leaders will escort children to the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m.*

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Deacon Alan Prebyl

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

SERMON

Planting Oak Trees

Rev. Mark DeVries

Hebrews 12:1-2

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

▲ HYMN *see p. 6*

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

*Stuttgart*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174

Dieterich Buxtehude

## 10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | King of My Heart | John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan |
|                 | Psalm 121        | Brian Doerkson                     |

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cate McCrory

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Labrada Gore

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE      Your Love Awakens Me      Phil Wickham

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Hilda Labrada Gore

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You know how we were made, and remember we are only dust.

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## SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE      Reckless Love      Caleb Culver

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SERMON

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostles' Creed      Cate McCrory

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 received*

Ever Be

Bobby Strand

- ## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# 11 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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PRELUDE

Pastorale, Op. 19

César Franck  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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▲ HYMN 461 *verses 1-3*

God Is Here!

*Abbot's Leigh*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 461, verse 4

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we adore you: for like a father, you have compassion on us your children.  
You know how we were made, and remember we are only dust.  
You do not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far you remove our transgressions from us.  
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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

Nathan August Forbes Ashford

*Son of Antoinette Marie Forbes and Russell Patrick Ashford*

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Lou Crenshaw Jr.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*Dunfermline*

*Choir*

How blest the one who in God’s law finds goodness and delight,  
And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

*Congregation*

That one is nourished like a tree set by the river’s side;  
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure: The works of such abide.

*The Psalter, 1912*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles' Creed	Dr. Quinn Fox
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
*Lord of all to thee we raise this, our joyful hymn of praise.*  
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.  
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends on earth, and friend above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Off’ring up, on every shore, sacrifice of praise and love.

9 a.m. Sheri Jackson and Mary Ellen Cain  
11 a.m. Chancel Choir

▲ DOXOLOGY	<i>Old Hundredth</i>
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	O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer	<i>Stuttgart</i>
O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God’s name; Bless the Savior, and forget not all God’s mercies to proclaim. Blest be all who keep God’s cov’nant and are steadfast in his way, Faithful ones who still remember God’s commandments, and obey. As it was in the beginning, so it lasts without an end; To our children’s children ever shall God’s righteousness extend.		

*Book of Psalms, 1871*

▲ BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

*Duke Street*

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE	Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174	Dieterich Buxtehude
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## New Small Groups Forming Now

**Sign up by Jan. 31**

We invite you to discover how Christian community can be life-giving and life-changing! Anyone can join a group; all ages and stages gather at different times and locations—just let us know your preferences. *Learn more: [nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://nationalpres.org/small-groups) or call 202.537.7483.*

## Book Discussion

**Thursday, February 1**

**7:15–8:45 p.m., Elson Parlor**

On February 1 we will discuss *That Hideous Strength*, part 1, from C.S. Lewis's "space trilogy." *Learn more at [nationalpres.org/book-study](http://nationalpres.org/book-study)*

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday, February 3, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **four-time NFL Pro Bowl Lineman Charles Mann** on the theme "In His Grip." *Reserve your place: [men@nationalpres.org](mailto:men@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7527.*

## Youth: Big Game Watch Party

**Sunday, February 4**

Middle and high schoolers are invited to bring their favorite football food and watch the game together. *Contact: Kristin Franke, [kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org).*

## Toys Refresh in Nurseries

Are you hoping to declutter and find outgrown toys a good home? The nurseries are in need of new or gently used, wipeable toys for toddler and infants. *Contact Melanie Lenhard (202.552.4252 or [mlenhard@nationalpres.org](mailto:mlenhard@nationalpres.org)) to coordinate drop-off.*

## Youth and Children's Summer Internships

This internship is a 10-week paid, full-time position. Interns will work closely with the children's and youth ministries to plan and implement summer programs and events. Interns will also be expected to spend time learning about and growing in their own vocational discernment. *Contact Kristin Franke, [kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org) or Cate McCrory, [cmccrory@nationalpres.org](mailto:cmccrory@nationalpres.org).*

## Serve this Season

- **Ushers**

Dates are flexible, and ushers are needed at all worship services. *Contact: Walt Hampton, [jesse506@verizon.net](mailto:jesse506@verizon.net), or talk to an usher on a Sunday morning.*

- **A/V Team**

Serve on our video and audio production team. *Contact: Bill McNett, [bmcnett@nationalpres.org](mailto:bmcnett@nationalpres.org).*

- **Sacraments**

Help prepare communion once a month. *Contact: Faith Burton, [burtonperry@verizon.net](mailto:burtonperry@verizon.net) or 202.244.4027.*

*Over 100 service stories have been collected. Share yours at [nationalpres.org/50](http://nationalpres.org/50)*

## Finance Report: Thank You!

Thanks to your generous financial support, NPC had a strong finish in 2017. Preliminary numbers show total operating expenditures for the church were under budget at \$5,017,000. Congregational giving to the operating budget totaled \$2,862,000, an increase of 4% over 2016. Additional revenues from facilities use, special income, bequests, exceptional giving, and budgeted transfers from our investment accounts will enable us to end the year with a small surplus. *Thank you for your support of God's work in and through National!*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

*We are so glad you are here today.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

January 28–February 4

### Sunday

Psalms 108; 23  
Genesis 18:16-33  
Galatians 5:13-25  
Mark 8:22-30

### Monday

Psalms 62; 9  
Genesis 19:1-29  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:27-40

### Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 6:41-51

### Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 6:52-59

### Thursday

Psalms 116; 130  
Genesis 23:1-20  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
John 6:60-71

### Friday

Psalms 84; 40  
Genesis 24:1-27  
Hebrews 12:3-11  
John 7:1-13

### Saturday

Psalms 63; 90  
Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51  
Hebrews 12:12-29  
John 7:14-36

### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
Genesis 24:50-67  
2 Timothy 2:14-21  
Mark 10:13-22

**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.

**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.

**Young Worshipers** | Pick up a "Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary for fun things to help children engage in worship. Please return the bags after the service.

**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** | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting 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 baptism of:*  
Nathan August Forbes Ashford

*We pray for:*  
John Wagner and family in the loss of Gae Wagner

*We pray for our mission priorities, including:*  
The Moldova Marriage Ministry  
*Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*

*How can we pray for you? [nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)*



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