

March 4, 2018

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

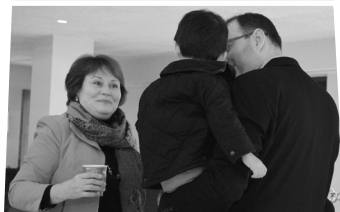
*Leading People to Become  
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ  
Together in God's World*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Now those who were scattered went from place to place,  
proclaiming the word.*

Acts 8:4

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

## Vacation Bible School

**July 9-13, 2018; Register now!**

Vacation Bible School is a week packed full of faith and fun, including service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. **Register online** at [nationalpres.org/children](http://nationalpres.org/children)

## Children in Worship

If you have a little one with you in worship, pick up a **"Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary!** Please return the bags after the service.

## Celebrate Hilda Gore's Ministry

Hilda Gore has been our Contemporary Worship leader for the past six years, and today is her last Sunday in this position, as she discerns her call to an expanding ministry relating health and faith. Come worship in Jones Hall at 10:50 a.m. and celebrate Hilda's ministry.

## Thank You, Linda!

Join us in sharing your thanks with Linda Botsford, who has led our communion preparation team for many years.

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

Washington Master Chorale presents *Passion and Praise*, featuring the music of Bernstein and Fishbein.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m. (No classes on March 11)

#### Adults

- The Church in an Age of Enlightenment and Revival, *Agencies Building Room 105*
- Men's Bible Class, *Church Room 5*
- Answering God, *Church Room 105*
- The Book of Acts, *Church Room 110/111*
- Parent Gathering, 10–10:30 a.m., *Elson Parlor*
- Financial Peace, 9–10:30 a.m., *Culbertson Library*
- Wrestlers, *Agencies Lower Level*  
**MARCH 18:** Heather Rice-Minus from Prison Fellowship: "Outrageous Justice"  
*No class on March 11.*

#### Youth

- 6th grade: *Multipurpose Room*
- 7th grade: *Youth House Basement*
- 8th grade: *Multipurpose Basement*
- 9–10th grade: *Youth House*
- 11–12th grade: *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*

### "Across the Aisle" Young Professionals 12:15 p.m., Church Room 105

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

### Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and with gratitude for Linda Botsford's service to the church, by the Sacraments Committee.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness  
BWV 654

J.S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Hanover*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we worship you today, for through the mighty resurrection of your Son our Savior, you have liberated us from the power of darkness, and have brought us into the kingdom of your light. Yet we willfully turn from you and fall into sin. Ever look mercifully upon us, O Lord. Forgive and cleanse us. Through the power of your Spirit, help us walk in newness of life, to your everlasting glory, and in grateful praise of Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by a soloist, then the congregation*

Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN RESPONSE *see p. 5*

Hymn 362

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed *see p. 6*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Howard Helvey

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Spiritual

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

Ethan Greene & Joanna Jones

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Donna Marsh

*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

John 11:1-6; 17-27

Deacon Susan Julius

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

SERMON

Good Things In Bad Times  
Acts 8:1-8

Rev. Donna Marsh

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 108 *verses 1&2*

Christ Is Alive!

*Truro*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6*

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

My Jesus Calls to Me, Op. 122, No. 1

Johannes Brahms

## 10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ▲ WELCOME SONG            | My Worth Is Not in What I Own | Keith and Krystin Getty |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |                               | Dr. David Renwick       |
| CALL TO WORSHIP           |                               | Hilda Labrada Gore      |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE        | In Christ Alone               | Keith and Krystin Getty |

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we worship you today, for through the mighty resurrection of your Son our Savior, you have liberated us from the power of darkness, and have brought us into the kingdom of your light. Yet we willfully turn from you and fall into sin. Ever look mercifully upon us, O Lord. Forgive and cleanse us. Through the power of your Spirit, help us walk in newness of life, to your everlasting glory, and in grateful praise of Christ our Lord.

## SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE For Your Glory Tasha Cobbs

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SCRIPTURE John 11:1-6; 17-27

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON                      Good Things In Bad Times                      Rev. Donna Marsh  
   Acts 8:1-8

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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

## Reckless Love

Caleb Culver

## 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*    Build Your Kingdom Here    Rend Collective

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness  
BWV 654

J.S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 477 *verses 1-3* Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*Hanover*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 477, verse 4

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we worship you today,  
for through the mighty resurrection of your Son our Savior,  
you have liberated us from the power of darkness,  
and have brought us into the kingdom of your light.  
Yet we willfully turn from you and fall into sin.  
Ever look mercifully upon us, O Lord. Forgive and cleanse us.  
Through the power of your Spirit, help us walk in newness of life,  
to your everlasting glory, and in grateful praise of Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
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LENTEN RESPONSE

Hymn 362

*Soloist or Choir*

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.  
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

*Congregation*

I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and chased my grief away.  
O let my heart no more despair, while I have breath to pray.

Isaac Watts

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-6; 17-27

Elder Lewrene Glaser

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

SERMON

Good Things In Bad Times  
Acts 8:1-8

Rev. Donna Marsh

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

## CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord, "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

There Is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Spiritual

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

with Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Savior, Source of Every Blessing

W. A. Mozart

Savior, source of every blessing, sent from God, and of the Virgin born,

*Ave verum corpus*, K. 618

Truly thou hast suffered greatly, once broken on the cross for man.

Thou the crucified, from whose pierced side truly water and blood did flow;

Savior, thou hast become the first fruits of all who belong to God.

Prayer of Response 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.

### ▲ HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL AMEN

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ▲ POSTLUDE

My Jesus Calls to Me, Op. 122, No. 1

Johannes Brahms

▲ Congregation standing, as able



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NEXT SUNDAY March 11: Capital Campaign Kickoff

Bring the whole family to this joyful morning as we celebrate the Spirit's calling to serve Christ by renewing and equipping our church and community for generations to come. *Don't forget to set your clocks forward as we "spring ahead" on March 11!*

- **10:45–11:00 am:** Prelude concert with the Stillman College Choir.
- **11:00 a.m.–Noon:** One worship service in the Sanctuary with joyful music.
  - After the Time for Children in worship, children ages five through 5th grade will leave for a special children's program in Jones Hall with fun, games, and food. Children will return to the Sanctuary during the presentation at 12:20 p.m. Childcare will be available for infants through age four from 10:45 a.m. through 1 p.m.
  - Youth are encouraged to join their families in worship.
- **Noon–12:30 p.m.:** Campaign progress update (*find out how much we've already raised!*)
- **12:30–1:00 p.m.:** Reception with light lunch in Stone Hall

## Wednesday Worship in Lent: "Proclaiming the Cross"

**7–8 p.m., Chapel**

Come for a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment with music, prayer, Communion, and preaching by Dr. David Renwick. Light snacks will be available before the service begins.

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, March 19, Noon, Stone Hall

NPC Interim Organist Todd Fickley will present a demonstration of our organ's capabilities. Since 2005, Fickley has served as Associate Music Director, Chorus Master, and Organist of the Cathedral Choral Society. *Reserve your place by March 15; sign up in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

## 50 Hours of Service: Lenten Focus

Your many gifts can all glorify God! NPC member Jane Gore volunteers regularly at Sibley Hospital as a patient advocate, listening to the concerns of patients and their families as patients face hospitalization. *Where can God use you? Visit [nationalpres.org/50](http://nationalpres.org/50) to tell your story of service.*

## Support Our Easter Garden

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. *You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

## Women's Conference "Stories of Hope: Then & Now"

**Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Experience the stories of Ruth and Sarah brought to life with guest speaker Rebecca Mitchell. We'll hear and discuss stories of hope from the Bible and participate in a hands-on service project. Register online (\$20): [www.nationalpres.org/womens-ministry](http://www.nationalpres.org/womens-ministry) *Contact: Amy Thompson, [athompson@nationalpres.org](mailto:athompson@nationalpres.org), or 202.537.7483.*

## It's Easy to Give Online!

It's easy and secure to give a one-time or recurring gift from your computer or tablet:

- Go to [www.nationalpres.org/giving](http://www.nationalpres.org/giving) and click "Make a Gift."
- Text the letters NPC to 77977 and follow the simple prompts.

*Questions? Contact the finance office at 202.537.7495 or [msmith@nationalpres.org](mailto:msmith@nationalpres.org).*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 4–11

### Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Genesis 44:1-17

Romans 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

### Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6

Genesis 44:18-34

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Mark 5:21-43

### Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91

Genesis 45:1-15

1 Corinthians 7:32-40

Mark 6:1-13

### Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51

Genesis 45:16-28

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 6:13-29

### Thursday

Psalms 27; 102

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34

1 Corinthians 9:1-15

Mark 6:30-46

### Friday

Psalms 22; 130

Genesis 47:1-26

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Mark 6:47-56

### Saturday

Psalms 43; 143

Genesis 47:27-48:7

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Mark 7:1-23

### Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Genesis 48:8-22

Romans 8:11-25

John 6:27-40

*We are so glad you are here today.*

**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 pray for:*

Gabriel Montgomery, son of Sarah and David Montgomery

*We pray for our missionaries and servants including:*

John Wagner, Young Life's Senior Vice President  
for Global Cities.

*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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