

March 18, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:44-45

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>) Joanna Jones (<i>Interim 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

Campaign Progress Update

Our Capital Campaign kicked off last Sunday with an exciting start: over \$8.2 million already pledged from our first 125 families towards our goal of \$14.3 million!

We intend to visit with everyone in our church community in the coming months to share more about the plans for National, and how we can each support the vision of glorifying God by building together for the next 50 years. **Are you ready for your visit?** Sign up today at the information table, in Stone Hall, or online at nationalpres.org/buildingtogether

Please keep in mind as you prayerfully consider your own support of the campaign, that support of our annual operating budget remains our first priority. The pledges above reflect commitments over and above annual church support.

Youth Family Service Project 5–7 p.m., Jones Hall

Bring and sort donations for A Wider Circle and make sandwiches for Martha's Table! Each family should bring a dish to contribute to the evening potluck: (A-L main dish, M-S side dish, T-Z dessert).

One Great Hour of Sharing *Offering collected on Palm Sunday*

Kids and adults can help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and empowerment to the poor and oppressed through the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Pick up a coin bank or envelope at the info table or in the literature racks to contribute. *The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected next week.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

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
- NEXT WEEK:** Claire Levy, NPC Refugee Ministry, "Work with Refugee Placement"

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 in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins, and to the memory of Colin Perkins, his son.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D minor
BuxWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude
Todd Fickley, organ
Dr. David Renwick

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious and most merciful God, as we worship you, we confess to you and to one another, that we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but with hearts closed to your grace; we have lifted our hands to you in praise, but we still walk in the ways of evil; we have rehearsed your commandments, but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Lord, forgive our lack of faith, and pardon our unjust and callous acts. Fill us with your encouraging and welcoming Spirit, to help us come alongside others you call us to serve.

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

Spiritual

Soloists

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

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed *see p. 6*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
see p. 6 for text

Virgil Thomson
Michael Ford & Todd Fickley

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

GRACE NOTES CHOIR Praise Him All Ye Little Children

Dede Sweeney, Director

Children (grades K-5) may leave for Sunday School in the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m. Youth (grade 6-12) are also invited to leave for Sunday School, meeting in the multipurpose building for food and fellowship prior to their classes.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:23-31

Deacon Alfreda Bennett

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

SERMON

Welcoming a Stranger

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A minor

Johannes Brahms

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS You Are My Vision Rend Collective
Sovereign Chris Tomlin
Joanna Jones, Worship Team Leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Wide as the Sky Kristin Stanfill

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE How He Loves David Crowder

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SERMON Welcoming a Stranger Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ 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.

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* Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE I Will Fill This House with Glory

Eric Thiman

"I will fill this house with glory," saith the Lord of hosts.

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HYMN

Woodworth

Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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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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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson
Resignation

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways;
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still a table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my works be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts

▲ 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. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak *Canonbury*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in A minor Johannes Brahms

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Palm Sunday Concert **Next Sunday, March 25, 5 p.m.**

The NPC Chancel Choir Soloists & Orchestra presents "Promise of Glory," featuring Gabriel Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Requiem* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O Clap Your Hands*. No tickets are required; invite a friend!

Maundy Thursday **March 29, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Remember the first Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to love one another.

Good Friday **March 30, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Reflections in word and music on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday **Sunday, April 1**

8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.: Sanctuary Services

Identical worship services with special music including choir, organ, brass, and timpani. Dr. David Renwick will preach.

10 a.m.: Family Celebration

Families celebrate the risen Lord with a family-friendly Easter message and play, familiar and traditional music, and an egg hunt on the playground.

Support Our Easter Garden

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

Adult Fellowship Luncheon **Tomorrow, March 19, Noon** **Stone Hall**

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

50 Hours of Service

Your many gifts can all glorify God! NPC member Ruth Smith is a faithful volunteer with Meals on Wheels, helping to address senior hunger and isolation. *Where does God use you? Visit nationalpres.org/50 to tell your story of service.*

Pathway Membership Class **Saturday, April 21** **8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu **by April 18** to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Women's Conference **"Stories of Hope: Then & Now"** **One day: Saturday, April 28** **9 a.m.–3 p.m., Stone Hall**

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 *Contact: Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpres.org, or 202.537.7483.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 18–25

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Exodus 3:16-4:12

Romans 12:1-21

John 8:46-59

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6

Exodus 4:10-31

Corinthians 14:1-19

Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91

Exodus 5:1-6:1

1 Corinthians 14:20-40

Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51

Exodus 7:8-24

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102

Exodus 7:25-8:19

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Psalms 22; 130

Exodus 9:13-35

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Mark 10:32-45

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143

Exodus 10:21-11:8

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

Mark 10:46-52

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Zechariah 9:9-12

1 Timothy 6:12-16

Zechariah 12:9-11,

13:1, 7-9

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.

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:
Ruth McKelvie

We pray for our missionaries and servants including:
Foundation for Peace, and the NPC mission team working with them in the Dominican Republic this June.

Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.

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



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