



May 13, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

YOUTH SUNDAY

*Let no one despise your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech and
conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

1 Timothy 4:12

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
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TODAY AT NATIONAL

Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth lead worship services (*there is no 10:50 Jones Hall service today*). In 11 a.m. worship we will receive this year's Confirmation class as new members.

Participate in a special offering in support of youth: please place checks in the youth collection envelopes in the pews or give online at nationalpres.org/giving.

There will be a reception in Stone Hall following worship.

Vacation Bible School: Sign up to Volunteer!

Help us create a one-of-a-kind experience for our kids at Vacation Bible School, July 9-13! Sign up in Stone Hall after worship to help for an afternoon or for the week.

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

Building Together for the Next 50 Years

The Capital Campaign spans five years, which means you can spread out your commitment monthly, quarterly, yearly, or even different amounts each year based on your own circumstances. One of our donors described it as: *"...taking a step of faith to commit what has not yet been seen. And yet it wasn't too much different than the step of faith we took when taking out a car loan for 5 years or a mortgage for 30 years. In all circumstances we need to trust that God will provide."*

You are an important piece of the puzzle. We've already met with 250 families and individuals. Please return the phone call or email you may have received recently from one of our volunteers, or **sign up for a campaign visit today at the display in the Court of Flags.**

Sandwich Making

Stone Hall after worship

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

Classes listings and locations are available in the brochures at the church entrances.

WRESTLERS CLASS (*Agencies Building Lower Level*): MAY 20

Paul Arveson, NPC elder, "Dialogic: A Tool for Resolving Conflicts"

Children & Youth

There will be no Sunday School classes for children and youth today as we celebrate our youth in worship. Sunday School classes will resume next week.

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

"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 recognition of the wedding anniversary on May 20th of Gerri Hall and David Nickels and in memory of their parents, Helen and Randy Hall, and Evelyn and Horace Nickels.

"Through the past couple of months, I have really discovered what it means to be a Christian and who God is... Bottom line is that God is always there, on my side, wearing my colors."

"Rather than being a distant, impersonal figure, God is in my everyday life, working with me and giving me hope and courage... Jesus encourages me to love unconditionally and to put others' wellbeing ahead of my own."



Youth Faith Statements

"You can say you go to a worship service, but if that's all you do, then you aren't adequately praising God. Praising God through worship means taking God's words and applying them to your life."

Congratulations to today's confirmands, who have spent the past several months exploring a deeper understanding of their Christian faith during their confirmation preparation. Thank you to their Sunday School teachers, parents, mentors, and this faith community for encouraging them in their journey of discipleship with Jesus Christ.

"For Lent, I decided to make a list of things that I should and shouldn't do... I felt inspired to do this because of my church community and seeing how God wants us to be living in his image."

"If you asked me why I bothered with God, Jesus, and church, any of it, I would probably answer that I'm scared of facing the world alone, I'm anxious about the things I can and cannot control, and I don't think I could live if I didn't have the spark of hope that I get from believing in God."



9 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Serenade

Isabelle Rakow

Molly Moore, violin and Isabelle Rakow, piano

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Charlie Thompson

One Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make his deeds known to all the people!

All **For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

Sing his praises; tell of his wonderful works, and glory in his holy name!

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

Search for God, and for his strength. Never stop looking for him.

For he is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!

based on Psalm 105:1-4, 7

▲ HYMN 455 *verses 1-3* All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *please be seated*

Lord, you are our Maker and Creator.

9 a.m. Caroline Dickey

You are wonderful, and made us wonderful as well,
to carry your image in the world.

11 a.m. Caroline Holman

We confess that we have tarnished your image.
You have known our thoughts, our actions, our words,
and have seen the worst of us.

We have acted in ways that do not honor you.

We have used our words to hurt others.

Forgive us Lord, in your mercy and grace.

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that nothing can repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number, and mercies without end.

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 a.m. Robert Forlines and Benjamin Thompson
11 a.m. Katherine Greisdorf and Susannah Gordon

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM 11 a.m.

Dr. David Renwick

Felicia Bailey*	Natalie DeSarbo	Noah Detlor
Jack Edens	Jack Forlines	Robert Forlines
Susannah Gordon	Katherine Greisdorf	Campbell Magruder
Imani Nkrumah-Ardayfio	Sarah Nordlinger	Henry Rehr
Zoe Tockman		

**baptism*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-14

9 a.m. Will Muoio

The Word of the Lord.

11 a.m. Madeleine Murphy

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

9 a.m. Benjamin Thompson and Luke Schauer

11 a.m. Parker Theis, Avery Borgmann and Caroline Holman

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1-2

Kristin Franke

The Word of the Lord.

Director of Youth Ministries

Thanks be to God.

SENIOR TESTIMONIES

9 a.m. Isabelle Rakow, Zach Schauer, and Molly Moore

11 a.m. Matthew Brunner, Robert Leshner, and Sophie Wagner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 466 *verses 1 & 4* O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9 a.m. Isabel Afnan and Claire Perry

11 a.m. Peter Crumley

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

9 a.m. Tabitha Johnson

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

11 a.m. Felicia Bailey

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Cornerstone

Hillsong Worship

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in him be found.

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

High School Boys Small Group
with Isabelle Rakow, piano

▲ 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

9 a.m. Abigail Rakow

11 a.m. Zoe Tockman

▲ HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

▲ BENEDICTION

9 a.m. Madeleine Murphy

11 a.m. Lauren Levinson

POSTLUDE *please remain seated*

Awakening

Isabelle Rakow

Molly Moore, violin, Isabelle Rakow, piano, and Moosie Stewart, flute

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ Congregation standing, as able

9 a.m. ushers: Calvin Atchison, Jack Forlines, Caroline Hold, Weston Muoio, Zack Perry, Willie Piho, Caroline Stewart, Caleb Teems, Madeleine Teems, Owen Teems, Sydney Theis, John Henry Waymack

11 a.m. ushers: Allyn Abbott, Ella Davis, Alyssa DeSarbo, Drew Detlor, Noah Detlor, Goddess Hill, Anna Person, Emma Person, Bobby Skinner, Katie Skinner, Sophia St. John, Meghan Thompson, Lucas Velasco



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 19



SIGN UP TODAY

www.nationalpres.org/greatday

Bring friends and family for this fun and meaningful day of service in and around our city. This is a great way to fulfill service hour requirements and for our 50 Hours of Service challenge!

Projects include:

- Packing meal kits for hungry people across the world (great for all ages!)
- Sorting clothing and household donations
- Helping with shelter upkeep at Central Union Mission
- Reading, crafts, and lunch with kids from Little Lights
- Helping to build a home for low-income residents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Discussion: "Exclusion and Embrace"

Thursdays, 7:15–8:45 p.m., Parlor

Using the New Testament metaphor of salvation as reconciliation, Miroslav Volf proposes the idea of embrace as a theological response to the problem of exclusion. We will discuss Chapter 3, "Embrace," on May 17. Copies of the book are available for sale in the bookstore. *Learn more: nationalpres.org/book-study*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, May 21, Noon, Stone Hall

White House pastry chefs Roland Mesnier and Mark Ramsdell will provide unique stories about life creating sweet treats for state dinners and other events. Roland spent 25 years as the Executive Pastry Chef for several presidents and Mark began the tradition of White House gingerbread creations. A signing of their books "The White House In Gingerbread" and "Sweet World of White House Desserts" will follow the talk. *Sign up in Stone Hall today or call 202.537.7529.*

Floral Workshop

Saturday, May 26, 10 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

Expand your floral design skills at this workshop which will include a session on "When Poets Pray," floral design lectures, and hands-on practice. A \$25 fee includes lunch and floral materials. *Register with Nora Szeto by May 21: npcflowers@nationalpres.org*

The Story: Growing in God's Word Together

This fall, we will begin a church-wide movement to better know and grow in God's Word. Over 31 weeks, we will read "The Story," a condensed chronological Bible that will equip all ages to discover a deeper appreciation of our spiritual roots and develop a solid foundation of Bible literacy. *Learn more: nationalpres.org/thestory.*

50 Hours of Service

Together we have served over 1,850 hours since October! How are you serving? *Record your hours: nationalpres.org/50.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

May 13 – 20

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117

Exodus 3:1-12

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 10:17-24

Monday

Psalms 97; 115

Joshua 1:1-9

Ephesians 3:1-13

Matthew 8:5-17

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116

1 Samuel 16:1-13a

Ephesians 3:14-21

Matthew 8:18-27

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118

Isaiah 4:2-6

Ephesians 4:1-16

Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113

Zechariah 4:1-14

Ephesians 4:17-32

Matthew 9:1-8

Friday

Psalms 96; 138

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Ephesians 5:1-32

Matthew 9:9-17

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Ephesians 6:1-24

Matthew 9:18-26

Sunday

Psalms 104; 33

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

Acts 4:18-21, 23-33

John 4:19-26

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 celebrate the birth of:

Asa George Naranch on May 1, 2018
to Sarah and Stuart Naranch.

We pray for:

NPC Youth, and their families and mentors.

We pray for missionaries and mission partners, including:
Martha's Table, seeking to transform lives by engaging the DC community in developing sustainable solutions to poverty.

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



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