

June 17, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*King Agrippa said to Paul,
"Are you so quickly persuading me to become a Christian?"
Paul replied,
"Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that not only you
but also all who are listening to me today
might become such as I am."*

Acts 26:28-29

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

Building Together for the Next 50 Years

Our goal is to wrap up the pledging portion of our Capital Campaign by the end of this month so that we can get started on the project. **How can you help?**

- If you already received a visit, please consider making a pledge decision by June 24.
- If you'd like a visit from a volunteer about the campaign you may request one at nationalpres.org/buildingtogether.
- If you have already received materials in the mail, please review and complete your pledge card by June 24th.
- To request materials and pledging information email capitalcampaign@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7525.

Summer Sunday School *Sundays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.*

Adult Sunday School Plenary *Stone Hall*

"Can You Be a Christian Without Going to Church?: The Centrality of the Church in the Teaching of Jesus and the Bible"

Dr. David Renwick

NEXT WEEK: Cherie Harder will present "The Limits of Politics and the Future of the Church" *see p. 7*

You may view previous plenary presentations online at nationalpres.org/lectures.

Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen *Jones Hall*

THIS WEEK: "Narnia"

Come enjoy breakfast, and see what "Price Caspian" can teach us about the cost of following Christ as we explore Luke 14: 26-34.

College Bible Study *School Library*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

- *Plenary in Stone Hall*
- *Family Hour in Jones Hall*

Nursery (Babies–Age 4)

8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

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

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff, by the Director of the Library and Archives, J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God by Louise Pinckernell and family in loving memory of Harry Pinckernell, beloved husband and father, whose birthday is June 20.

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Kevin Rose and Joanna Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

- ▲ CONGREGATIONAL SONGS O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
How Can It Be?

Indelible Grace
Jason Ingram
Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Keith and Kristyn Getty

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. I am weak in faith;
strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent. I do not have strong
and firm faith. I am full of doubt and unable to fully trust O Lord, help me. Forgive
my sins and supply my needs. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. Martin Luther

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE King of My Heart

John Mark McMillan

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:18-23

Dottie McKnight

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

SERMON

Almost Persuaded

Dr. David Renwick

Acts 25:23; 26:1, 9-16, 22-29

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

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*

Trust in You

Lauren Daigle

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Soul, Bedeck Thyself with Gladness

J.S. Bach

Dan Campolieta, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Madrid

To the great Three-in-One *Alleluia! Amen!*

Almighty Father, Son *Alleluia! Amen!*

and Spirit we avow, eternal, reigning now;

with grateful hearts we bow: *Alleluia! Amen!*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

I am weak in faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent.

I do not have strong and firm faith.

I am full of doubt and unable to fully trust.

O Lord, help me. Forgive my sins and supply my needs.

Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

Martin Luther

SILENT CONFESSION

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We love having kids in worship! "Worshiper in Training" bags are available just outside the Sanctuary for fun things to help children engage in worship. Childcare is also available for children under age 4. See p. 2 for details.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

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

Matthew 13:18-23

Elder John Witherspoon

SERMON

Almost Persuaded
Acts 25:23; 26:1, 9-16, 22-29

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

I Know Whom I Have Believed

El Nathan

Choir

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me has been made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

Congregation

I know not why this saving faith God's Spirit did impart,
nor how believing in God's Word wrought peace within my heart.

*But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."*

based on 2 Timothy 1:12

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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,

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

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Sing to God!

G. F. Handel

Sing to God! With joyful songs of praise our grateful hearts we raise an Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, repeat the song.

Praise! Bless! We sing and lift the song. Rejoice! Let all the nations praise the Lord.

Carolann Haley, conducting

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- ▲ HYMN 461 *verses 1 & 4* God Is Here! *Abbot's Leigh*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in A Major J.S. Bach
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

Sunday Schedule Through Labor Day:

8:30 A.M.
Jones Hall Worship

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, June 18, Noon

Enjoy a summer barbeque luncheon and a performance by the Washington Chorus Outreach Singers! *Sign up in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 to reserve your place.*

Adult Sunday School Plenary

Next Sunday, June 24

9:30–10:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"The Limits of Politics and the Future of the Church"

Cherie Harder is President of the Trinity Forum. She has served in the White House as Special Assistant to the President, and Director of Policy and Projects for First Lady Laura Bush. Previously she served as Policy Advisor to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Summer Sandwich Making

Sunday, June 24, Noon, Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless. Together we can make 500 sandwiches to be distributed through mission partner Martha's Table!

Lunch & Learn: Moldova and Central Asia

Sunday, June 24, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Join us for a Lunch-and-Learn featuring a Skype conversation with Mihai Malancea, the academic dean at our mission partner, University of Divine Grace in Moldova. Learn about their exciting ministry in Moldova and Central Asia. Light lunch will be served.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Help us create a one-of-a-kind experience for our kids at Vacation Bible School, July 9-13! You can help out for the week, or just an afternoon. *Sign up online at nationalpres.org/vbs.*

Men's Breakfast

Sat., July 14*, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Dr. David Renwick** on the theme "The Greatest Story Ever Told in 30 Minutes or Less," which will offer an "appetizer" to our upcoming church-wide study of "The Story." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

**Note that the breakfast is on the second Saturday of the month.*

50 Hours of Service

NPC member Margaret Johnson is serving at National and in her community: singing in the choir, arranging flowers for worship, supporting the newly widowed, and collecting nonperishable food donations for a local pantry. *Where does God use you? Visit nationalpres.org/50 to tell your story.*

"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.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June 17 – 24

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Numbers 6:22-27
Acts 13:1-12
Luke 12:41-48

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Num. 9:15-23, 10:29-36
Romans 1:1-15
Matthew 17:14-21

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Numbers 11:1-23
Romans 1:16-25
Matthew 17:22-27

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
Numbers 11:24-35
Romans 1:28-2:11
Matthew 18:1-9

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Numbers 12:1-16
Romans 2:12-24
Matthew 18:10-20

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Numbers 13:1-3, 21-30
Romans 2:25-3:8
Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Numbers 13:31-14:25
Romans 3:9-20
Matthew 19:1-12

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Numbers 14:26-45
Acts 15:1-12
Luke 12:49-56

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:

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Foundation for Peace, our mission partner and host of the NPC mission team in the Dominican Republic from June 16-22.

How can we pray for you?

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