



August 12, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,
who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

John 1:18

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>)
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TODAY AT NATIONAL

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

Adult Sunday School Plenary *Stone Hall*

NPC's Serve team will present
“A Million for Mission: Introducing
NPC’s Local Mission Capital Campaign
Partners”

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will present “A Million for Mission:
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Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen *Jones Hall*

THIS WEEK: Come enjoy breakfast, and
see what clips from the movie *E.T.* can
teach us about loving the stranger.

College Bible Study: Proverbs *School Library*

Donations for Military Caregivers

You may drop off care package items and
pick up a list of needed items—especially
gift cards—for the caregivers of Wounded
Warriors at the information table or
outside Stone Hall.

Summer Sandwich Making *Stone Hall, 12:00–12:30 p.m.*

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!

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
Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved
grandsons.

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Joanna Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

Your Love Awakens Me

Phil Wickham

All Because of Jesus

Steve Fee

Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

▲ GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ SONG OF PRAISE

Wide As the Sky

Matt Redman

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. David Renwick

Merciful Lord, forgive our many sins. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to know what is worth knowing, and to search out and do what is well-pleasing to you. Forbid, that having received your Holy Word, it becomes a judgment on us. Forbid, that in hearing, we do not obey; and in claiming to believe, we do not grow in obedience to you. But grant us power, so to live that no barrier comes between us and the balm of your lovingkindness.

from Thomas à Kempis, 1379-1471

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Chris Tomlin

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE *see p. 5* Psalm 19:1-4,7-11

Deacon Kathy Byus

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

SERMON

Can *You* Know God?

Dr. David Renwick

John 1:1-14; Romans 1:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

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

▲ CLOSING SONG *offering received*

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Partita on "Lasst uns erfreuen," Op. 54 Charles Callahan
Entrada - Chorale - Duo - Trio - Reflection - Toccata Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 455, verse 6

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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to know what is worth knowing,

and to search out and do what is well-pleasing to you.

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SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

In you, Lord, I have put my trust; leave me not helpless in the dust;

In dich hab' ich gehoffet

Let me not be confounded.

My faith, O Lord, let in your Word be always firmly grounded.

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

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:1-4,7-11

Elder Scottie Griffin

verse 1 One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: and the skies proclaim his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

verse 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and completely righteous.

They are to be desired more than gold,

More than all the finest gold and the sweetest honey

For by them – we your servants are warned;

And in keeping them – we find our great reward

The Word of the Lord.

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RESPONSE

Michael W. Smith

Choir & Soloist

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I am afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be near me to the end.

Congregation

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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Joyce Emery
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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

O Magnify the Lord with Me George Lynn

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name forever. Hallelujah, amen!

- ▲ 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 361 *verses 1, 3 & 5* How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah, amen!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ POSTLUDE Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" Craig Phillips

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Support NPC This Summer

We are exceptionally grateful for the excitement and giving that the Capital Campaign has created in our congregation. We also need to make certain that our faith giving remains strong to ensure our church has the funds it needs to operate on an ongoing basis. We are a bit behind in that annual faith giving goal at the moment and hope that you will be inspired to help us reach both our goal for the Capital Campaign and our annual operation budget goals as we head into fall.

August 6, 2018 Giving Update

Faith Giving (<i>Individuals</i>)	\$1,391,114
Other Income (<i>Facility usage, etc.</i>)	\$1,276,920
Total Income	\$2,668,034
Total Expenses	\$2,747,320
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(79,286)

Adult Sunday School Plenary

Next Sunday, August 19

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

"A Million for Mission: Introducing NPC's International Mission Capital Campaign Partners"

NPC's Serve Ministries team will share the work and vision of our church with global church partners serving refugees in Jordan and East Africa.

Trusted Resource for Older Adults

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

Sign Up for "The Story" this Fall

Pick up your copy beginning next Sunday, August 19

This fall, you are invited to be part of a church-wide movement to better know and grow in God's Word. Over 31 weeks beginning September 9, we will read a book known as "The Story"—a careful selection of stories from the Bible told in chronological order.

We will provide a FREE copy of "The Story" to anyone who signs up to participate in programming this fall.

- **If you haven't signed up yet,** sign up today at nationalpres.org/thestory.
- **If you have already signed up,** you may pick up your book:
August 19 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Stone Hall;
August 26 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. in Jones Hall or 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Stone Hall;
September 2 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Court of Flags; or
September 9 from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Stone Hall.
(Beat the rush by picking up your book in August!)

Save the Date to Celebrate!

Labor Day Sunday, September 2

One worship service at 10 a.m.

We're kicking off "The Story" with **one worship service** at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary followed by **a light brunch**. Come meet characters from the Bible, pick up a copy of "The Story," and enjoy time with each other over refreshments.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 12 – 19

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139

Judges 11:1-11, 29-40

2 Corinthians 11:21-31

Mark 4:35-41

Monday

Psalms 5; 29

Judges 12:1-7

Acts 5:12-26

John 3:1-21

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133

Judges 13:1-15

Acts 5:27-42

John 3:22-36

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33

Judges 13:15-24

Acts 6:1-15

John 4:1-26

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62

Judges 14:1-19

Acts 6:15-7:16

John 4:27-42

Friday

Psalms 51; 65

Judges 14:20-15:20

Acts 7:17-29

John 4:43-54

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98

Judges 16:1-14

Acts 7:30-43

John 5:1-18

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113

Judges 16:15-31

2 Corinthians 13:1-11

Mark 5:25-34

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 grieve the deaths of:

Marjorie Wystrach on August 4, 2018. A memorial service will be held August 18 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Fay Chang on August 1, 2018.

We pray for:

Joe Elliott

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Martha's Table

How can we pray for you?

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