



August 19, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
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TODAY AT NATIONAL

Pick Up a Copy of "The Story" 10:30–11:15 a.m. or 11:45–12:30 p.m. Stone Hall

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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 International Mission Capital
Campaign Partners"*

Family Hour: Faith on the Big Screen Jones Hall

Come enjoy breakfast, and see what clips from the movie *Karate Kid* can teach us about encouraging one another.

College Bible Study: Proverbs School Library

Welcome Our Guest Preacher

Dr. Alice Ridgill is the pastor of New Faith Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC. Dr. Ridgill is a graduate of Presbyterian College where she studied Fine Arts with a music concentration. She holds M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from Erskine Theological Seminary. Prior to organizing New Faith in 2010, Dr. Ridgill served as Pastor of the former Washington Street Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, SC, as Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Care for Erskine Theological Seminary, and as Campus Pastor of Thornwell Home for Children, Clinton, SC. Dr. Ridgill currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Mission Agency and is the author of *Maximizing The Meantime: Feasting on God in Times of Famine*, which may be purchased at the church bookstore.

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.

Prayer for Moldova 12:15 p.m., Church Room 107

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 by David and Roz Mack to the glory of God and in gratitude for his blessings, including their granddaughter Grayson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Marjorie Wystrach by her loving family.

8:30 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Joanna Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

- ▲ CONGREGATIONAL SONGS Come People of the Risen King
My Lighthouse

Keith and Kristyn Getty
Rend Collective
Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▲ GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ SONG OF PRAISE Oh the Deep, Deep Love Bob Kauflin & Samuel Trevor Francis

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, though our sins be seven,
though our sins be seventy times seven,
For Jesus' sake, give us grace in humble penitence to cast ourselves down,
into the depths of your loving compassion.

Christina Rossetti

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Chris Tomlin

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 136:1-3

Deacon Brenda Balta

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

SERMON

God's Amazing Love
Romans 8:35-39

Dr. Alice Ridgill

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

- ▲ CLOSING SONG *offering received* You Are My King

Billy J. Foote

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Ebenezer

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of God's love—
Leading onward, leading homeward, to God's glorious rest above!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!
How he watches o'er his loved ones; died to call them all his own;
How for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from God's throne!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus. love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus—'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
As it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Deo gracias

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, though our sins be seven,
though our sins be seventy times seven,
For Jesus' sake, give us grace in humble penitence to cast ourselves down,
into the depths of your loving compassion.

Christina Rossetti

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin.
According to your steadfast love come, cleanse us deep within.

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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

Cate McCrory

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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 136:1-3

Beverly Johnson

The Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible p. 501

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God's Amazing Love

Dr. Alice Ridgill

Romans 8:35-39

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by the choir then the congregation*

Edith McNeil

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

▲ 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.

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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

If God Be for Us

G. F. Handel
Messiah

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ who died, yea, rather that is risen again;

who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:31; 33-34
Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN

And Can It Be

Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Refrain

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ RESPONSE

Bradbury

Choir

Ever let us seek thy favor, ever let us do thy will;

blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.

Congregation

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Allegro from Organ Concerto Op. 4, No. 4

G. F. Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

God at Work Through National This Summer

Learn more next Sunday, August 26

9:30 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)

Hear from our youth and mission trip participants as they share their stories and experiences from the summer trips of our youth and the intergenerational mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

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- **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:
TODAY 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.

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, September 29

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 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Music at National this Fall

Enjoy concerts in our beautiful Sanctuary:

- Washington Bach Consort
Sunday, September 16, 3 p.m.
- Choralis
Sunday, October 14, 5:00 p.m.
- Washington Master Chorale
Sunday, October 28, 5 p.m.
- The City Choir of Washington
Sunday, November 11, 4:30 p.m.

Information and tickets are available through the individual organizations' websites.

Trusted Resource for Older Adults and Their Families

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.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 19 – 26

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113

Judges 16:15-31

2 Corinthians 13:1-11

Mark 5:25-34

Monday

Psalms 135; 112

Judges 17:1-13

Acts 7:44-8:1a

John 5:19-29

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86

Judges 18:1-15

Acts 8:1-13

John 5:30-47

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4

Judges 18:16-31

Acts 8:14-25

John 6:1-15

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27

Job 1:1-22

Acts 8:26-40

John 6:16-27

Friday

Psalms 130; 139

Job 2:1-13

Acts 9:1-9

John 6:27-40

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111

Job 3:1-26

Acts 9:10-19a

John 6:41-51

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93

Job 4:1-6, 12-21

Revelation 4:1-11

Mark 6:1-6a

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:

Joe Elliott

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Little Lights Urban Ministries, a Capital Campaign partner providing tutoring, friendship, holistic ministry and services to children and families living in poverty.

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