



September 9, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...
God said, "Let there be light."*

Genesis 1:1, 3

*In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God
and the word was God.*

John 1:1

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

"The Story" Begins!

Our fall programming and worship schedule **begins today** as we focus our preaching and teaching on **Chapter 1** from "The Story" —a chronological telling of the biblical material from Genesis to Revelation using selected scripture from the Bible. *Next Sunday, September 16 we will focus on Chapter 2.*

If you have not yet received a copy of "The Story," sign up or pick up your book in the Court of Flags after volunteers.

Youth Kickoff BBQ

5:00–7:00 p.m., Youth House

All youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited to join together for a barbeque to meet each other, learn about the youth programs, and kickoff the new school year.

"The Story:" More Ways for You to be Engaged

• **Small Groups**

Find friendship, grow spiritually, be cared for and serve one another in a small group! Anyone can join a group; all ages and stages gather at different times and locations in the DC area—just let us know your preferences. *Sign up at nationalpres.org/small-groups.*

• **Individual or family study**

Weekly reading guides with questions for reflection and activities for families are available at nationalpres.org/thestory. A year-long daily devotional, *The Story: 365 Devotionals*, is available for purchase at the church bookstore.

Sandwich Making

12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

Together we can make up to 800 sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through Martha's Table!

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **The Rest of "The Story"**

10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall

Explore how the Bible holds meaning in your life today during a weekly video summary and small group discussion.

- **"The Story" In Depth**

9:30–10:45 a.m., Agencies Bldg Rm 105

Come for a deep dive into the context and content of "The Story" led by R.V. Seep.

"The Story" for Youth 9:30–10:45 a.m.

- Grade 6: *Multipurpose Room*
- Grade 7: *Youth House Basement*
- Grade 8: *Multipurpose Building Basement*
- Grades 9/10: *Youth House Main Room*
- Grades 11/12: *Youth House Game Room*

"The Story" for Children 9:30–10:45 a.m.

- 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.

"Across the Aisle" Young Professionals

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

September Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the family of Robert Peterson to honor his life and give testimony to the resurrection.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Overture to "The Creation"

Franz Josef Haydn

Introduction: The Representation of Chaos

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Let my soul praise you, O Lord, that I may love you more. Let me praise you for your mercy and lovingkindness. Without ceasing, your whole creation speaks your praise. Your works help us rise up in wonder at your love. You, who fill the earth and heaven, ever acting, and ever at rest, you are present everywhere, and everywhere are wholly present. You teach the hearts of your faithful, and forgive the sins of the penitent. Teach us, we pray, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Augustine of Hippo

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 *see p. 5*

Gloria Patri

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 6* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

How Great Thou Art

Craig Courtney

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!* And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Ethan Greene bass-baritone and Joanna Jones, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Dr. Joyce Emery

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5, 24-28

Deacon Paul Waymack

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Youth grades 6-12 and children K-5th grade may leave now for Sunday School.

SERMON

Made on Purpose

Dr. David Renwick

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-9

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude Through All Major Keys, Op. 39, No. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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Introduction: The Representation of Chaos

Franz Josef Haydn
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Let my soul praise you, O Lord, that I may love you more.

Let me praise you for your mercy and lovingkindness.

Without ceasing, your whole creation speaks your praise.

Your works help us rise up in wonder at your love.

You, who fill the earth and heaven, ever acting, and ever at rest,
you are present everywhere, and everywhere are wholly present.

You teach the hearts of your faithful, and forgive the sins of the penitent.

Teach us, we pray, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Augustine of Hippo

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▲ 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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5, 24-28

Elder Margaret Gardner

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-9

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Terra beata

Choir

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas—God's hand the wonders wrought.

Congregation

This is my Father's world: God shines in all that's fair;
the morning light, the lily white: God's purpose everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should our hearts be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns: let earth be glad!

▲ 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

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

The Heavens Are Telling

Franz Josef Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, with wonders of his work resounds the firmament.

The Creation

Revealed are his ways by day unto day; the night that is gone to following night.

In ev'ry land is known the word; ev'ry ear will hearken, never tongue be dumb.

with Sheri Jackson, Michael Ford, and Ethan Greene;
Adam Green, timpani

▲ DOXOLOGY <i>as directed</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore, <i>Old Hundredth</i> From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.	

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Vesper Hymn

Soon as fades the sunset glory, stars of heav'n shine out above,
telling out the ancient story—their Creator's changeless love.
Jubilate! Jubilate! Jubilate! Amen:
telling out the ancient story—their Creator's changeless love.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Prelude Through All Major Keys, Op. 39, No. 2 Ludwig van Beethoven

11:00 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Joanna Jones and Kevin Rose

▲ WELCOME SONGS

How Great Thou Art
How Great Is Our God

Stuart Kine
Chris Tomlin
Worship Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE

Let the Heavens Open

Kari Jobe

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Good, Good Father

Anthony Brown

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Cate McCrory

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Elder Dave Schauer

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▲ CLOSING SONG *offering received*

Indescribable

Chris Tomlin

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational Meeting: Capital Campaign Celebration & Next Steps

Sunday, September 16

12:00–1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend a meeting of the congregation to:

- Celebrate our Capital Campaign achievements!
- Seek congregational approval for next steps in our Campaign Project.

Thanks to your generosity, we have much to celebrate as we **Build Together for the Next 50 Years.**

Adult Fellowship Luncheon **Monday, Sept. 17, Noon, Stone Hall**

Dr. Joyce Emery, Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, will share her interesting life story in the program: “My Life and Ministry in the Service of God.”
Call 202.537.7529 for reservations.

Faith and Politics Forum

Thursday, September 20

7 p.m., Sanctuary

E.J. Dionne, *Washington Post* columnist, and Pete Wehner, Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and contributing editor for the *NY Times* write from different “sides of the aisle,” with similar Christian conviction. The two will share thoughts and insights from the perspective of their Christian faith as we approach the upcoming midterm elections. *Free and open to the public; no tickets required.*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, September 29

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at National, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

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Make a gift from your computer or tablet

- Go to www.nationalpres.org/giving and click “Make a Gift.”
- Fill out the amount, frequency (one time or recurring), and designation of your gift. Direct withdrawals from your bank have the lowest fees charged to the church. However, you can also use any debit or credit card.

Make a gift from your phone

- Text the letters NPC to 77977 and follow the prompts. Once you have set up your account, you may text 77977 at any time with the letters NPC, a space, and then a number reflecting the dollar amount of your gift (for example: text “NPC 100” to give \$100). OR:
- Download the PushPay app to your phone. To download the app, text the word Pushpay to 77977. You can add a pin for an additional layer of security.

Science and the Authority of the Bible Conference

Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:45 a.m.–Noon

Save the date to hear from an astronomer, a biologist, two biblical scholars, and a public intellectual on the how an authoritative view of Christian Scripture squares with modern science. Presented in collaboration with the BioLogos Foundation. *Learn more: nationalpres.org/faith-and-science.*

Lend a Helping Hand on Sundays

You can help out your church on Sundays for as little as one hour a month! There are important behind the scenes tasks as well as interactive roles, and we’d love to have you be part of ministry. *Visit nationalpres.org/serve-npc or contact Leslie Saum at 202.537.7494.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

Together this week we will read Chapter 2 of "The Story."

Sunday

Genesis 12-17 (pp. 13-17)

Monday

Genesis 18-21 (pp. 17-19)

Tuesday

Genesis 22 (pp. 19-20)

Wednesday

Genesis 23-31 (pp. 21-22)

Thursday

Genesis 32 (pp. 22-24)

Friday

Genesis 33-34 (p. 24)

Saturday

Genesis 35-36 (pp. 25-27)

For reflection:

- What has God asked you to do recently? What would it cost you to obey? Consider Abraham's age when he was called out of Ur, when he was promised a son and when he had Isaac.
- What impressed God most; Abraham's sacrifice or his obedience? List several ways you can demonstrate your faith in God through obedience and sacrifice. What was God's ultimate sacrifice? What was Jesus' ultimate act of obedience?
- What have you been praying for that seems to be taking a long time to be fulfilled? What might you do to hurry things along? Why is it better to wait on the Lord's timing?

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 five pews of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS

We celebrate the birth of:

Perry Bulkley Fager on August 18, 2018
to parents Laura and Brad Fager

We pray for:

Jim Bridgeman

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Fraser and Liz Bennett, Wycliffe missionaries

How can we pray for you?

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