



September 23, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Joseph said to his brothers:
"Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
Even though you intended to do harm to me,
God intended it for good, in order to preserve
a numerous people, as he is doing today."*

Genesis 50:19-20

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:" 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 are available at nationalpres.org/thestory. A year-long daily devotional, *The Story: 365 Devotionals*, is available for purchase at the church bookstore.

- If you have pre-registered or still need to register, please go to the bookstore to do so and receive a free copy of "The Story."

Lend a Helping Hand on Sundays

You can help out your church on Sundays for as little as one hour a month! Serve as an usher, greeter, or ambassador. *Visit nationalpres.org/serve-npc or contact Leslie Saum at 202.537.7494.*

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God with praise and thanksgiving for the life and love of Daniel J. James by his family.

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.

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.

- **Exploring "The Story"**

9:30–9:55 a.m., Stone Hall

A prelude summary to "The Rest of the Story" that provides context and content for table hosts and others, led by Dr. Quinn Fox.

- **"The Story" In Depth**

9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel

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.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 155 Rejoice, The Lord is King *Darwall's 148th*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake. Good and upright are you, O Lord, instructing sinners in your way. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. Relieve the troubles of our hearts, and bring us out of distress. Consider our afflictions and our troubles, and forgive all our sins. from Psalm 25

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 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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

When You Seek Me Craig Courtney

When you seek me, you shall find me, if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you, plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you, plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to a place I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to me.

Dr. Michael Denham with Todd Fickley, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 5* Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:11-36 (selected verses) Elder Serge Duss
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Story 3. Joseph: "From the Bottom to the Top"* Dr. David Renwick
Genesis 50:15-21

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 276 *verses 1 & 2* Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 J.S. Bach

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major

J.S Bach

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

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▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice, The Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Darwall's 148th

To Father, and to Son, and Spirit now be giv'n

Unending praise and blessing now of earth and heav'n:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say rejoice.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember us, for your goodness' sake.

Good and upright are you, O Lord, instructing sinners in your way.

Pardon our guilt, for it is great.

Relieve the troubles of our hearts, and bring us out of distress.

Consider our afflictions and our troubles, and forgive all our sins.

from Psalm 25

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before thy face.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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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SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:11-36 (selected verses)

Elder Dave Schottke

The Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pp. 30-31

Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Choir Verse 1

Congregation Verse 3

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God!
Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 276 *verses 1 & 2*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Instrumental Meditation
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Kevin Rose
Indelible Grace

Kevin Rose, Music Team, and Congregation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Joyce Emery

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE

You Are My Vision
King of My Heart

Rend Collective
John Mark McMillan

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Give Us Clean Hands

Charlie Hall

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▲ CLOSING SONG *offering received* Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Robin Clement to register: rclement@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7509.*

Book Discussion

Beginning Thursday, September 27

7:15 p.m., Parlor

Join Dr. Quinn Fox for a discussion of *Flawed Church, Faithful God* by Joseph Small. Copies of the book are available in the bookstore outside of Stone Hall. *The full reading schedule may be found at nationalpres.org/book-study.*

Military Ministry

Sunday, September 30, 12:30 p.m.

Elson Parlor

Come celebrate the incredible work and sacrifice of care givers of wounded military personnel. We've been collecting items to place in care packages that we'll put together at the meeting; these care packages will be distributed at a special event for care givers in November at Joint Base Andrews. We'll also have a speaker and a light lunch.

Lunch & Learn: Pakistan

Sunday, September 30, 12:30 p.m.

Agencies Building Room 105

Come hear from Dr. Jim Tebbe, the rector of Forman Christian College, an NPC mission partner with 7,300 students in Lahore, Pakistan. Forman was founded by Christian missionaries in 1864, and has become a beacon of light for the Christian community and for peaceful inter-religious relationships. *A light lunch will be served.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 6, 8–9:30 a.m.

Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by NPC organist Todd Fickley on the theme "The Spiritual Lives of Musicians." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Build with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Participate in National's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. *For information or to sign up, contact Mike Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Science and the Authority of the Bible Conference

Saturday, Oct. 20, 8:45 a.m.–Noon

Join us as we explore the relationship between the scientific worldview and the authority of the Bible. Hear from scientists and scholars:

- Dr. Deborah Haarsma (MIT), astronomer
- Dr. Craig Story (Brandeis, MIT/Harvard), biologist
- Dr. Tremper Longman III (Yale), Old Testament
- Dr. David Renwick (Union Theological Seminary), New Testament

Our moderator for the morning is Mr. Peter Wehner, Senior Fellow for the Ethics and Public Policy Center and contributing editor for the *New York Times*. *Learn more: nationalpres.org/faith-and-science. This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

Together this week we will read Chapter 4 of "The Story."

Sunday

Exodus 1-2 (pp. 43-45)

Monday

Exodus 3-4 (pp. 45-47)

Tuesday

Exodus 5-6 (pp. 47-48)

Wednesday

Exodus 7-11 (pp. 48-51)

Thursday

Exodus 12-15 (pp. 51-55)

Friday

Exodus 16 (pp. 55-56)

Saturday

Exodus 17 (pp. 56-57)

For reflection:

- Do you think the Israelites would have been willing to follow Moses out of Egypt if their lives had been prosperous and comfortable? Has God ever used a time of difficulty in your life to guide you to make a change?
- Have you ever felt unwilling or unqualified to serve God (as Moses did)? How could God get your attention, so that you follow his calling in your life?
- How did Moses change in his obedience to God from seeing the burning bush at Horeb (p. 45) to his return there (p. 57)? How can you nurture faith rather than doubts?

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. If you are a college student, welcome! We would love to be your church home.

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 grieve the death of:

Mary Elisa Norment on September 13, 2018

Praise for answered prayers for healing:

Margaret Johnson, Fred Drew,
Al Duncker, Nancy Thompson

We pray for our mission partners, including:

McGilvary College of Divinity, a PC(USA) seminary in Chiang Mai, Thailand, developing leaders for ministry.



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