



October 28, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



REFORMATION SUNDAY

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL SUNDAY



*Another generation grew up who did not know the Lord
or the work that he had done for Israel.*

Judges 2:10

*In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did
what was right in their own eyes.*

Judges 17:6, 21:25



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>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

National Presbyterian School Sunday

Please welcome Head of School Malcolm Lester, Chaplain Jen Dunfee, and the NPS Chorus in worship this morning! Mr. Lester will be available for conversation after worship. Applications from NPC families receive priority consideration (*applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-K are due Nov. 19; Kindergarten and older are due Jan. 18*).

Congregational Meeting After 11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

All members of the congregation are encouraged to stay for a meeting of the congregation to elect church leaders. *Candidate bios are available on the information table just outside the Sanctuary to the right.*

Capital Project Q&A Session 12:30 p.m., Parlor

Join representatives of the Facility Master Plan Team and Capital Project Steering Committee for an informal opportunity to ask questions and learn about next steps for our Capital Project. *Questions? Email buildingtogether@nationalpres.org.*

Winter Warmth Drive Collection bins in Stone Hall, Jones Hall, and outside of the Sanctuary

We are collecting the following winter clothing items for our local mission partners serving the homeless in our community:

- New or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for men, women, and children
- New heavyweight socks and thermal underwear
- New or gently used heavy winter boots for adult men and women

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- The Rest of "The Story"
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
- Exploring "The Story"
9:30–9:55 a.m., Stone Hall
- "The Story" In Depth
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel.

"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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Carole S. Kinney and family in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Charles Steadman, especially remembering her mother's October 29th birthday.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given by Kristine Heine in loving memory of her husband, Al Yamada, and all the saints of God.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jen Dunfee, NPS Chaplain

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We bow before you in worship and praise, O Lord. Be merciful to our offences. Our debt to you is great. You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, so help us to love you and our neighbors so much the more. Be our Father, our leader, and our defender in all temptations. Hold us by your powerful hand. Deliver us from our sins, so we may always live in the sanctifying honor of your holy name.

John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation

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. 4*

Gloria Patri

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *for text, see p. 4*

Cantate! Sing to the Lord!

Becki Slagle Mayo

National Presbyterian School Chorus

Old Hundredth

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 5*

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Judges 6:36-40

Malcolm Lester

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

NPS Head of School

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES *children remain in their seats*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Donna Marsh

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Felix Brady Naranch and Asa George Naranch

sons of Sarah Greenawalt Naranch and Stuart Norman McRae Naranch

Prayer of Response *Children and youth may leave now for Sunday School; see p. 2 for details*

SERMON

God at Work in an Age of Chaos

Dr. David Renwick

Three Leaders: Deborah, Gideon, and Samson

Judges 7:1-21

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ HYMN 138 *verses 1-3* Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 138, verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed trinity.

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CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

We bow before you in worship and praise, O Lord.

Be merciful to our offences. Our debt to you is great.

You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

so help us to love you and our neighbors so much the more.

Be our Father, our leader, and our defender in all temptations.

Hold us by your merciful hand.

Deliver us from our sins,

so we may always live in the sanctifying honor of your holy name.

John Knox, leader of the Scottish Reformation

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone prevaleth.

Aus tiefer Not

Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

For none can glory in thy sight, all must alone confess thy might, and live alone by mercy.

Martin Luther, leader of the German Reformation

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

NPS Chorus

Cantate! Sing to the Lord!

Becki Slagle Mayo

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth! *Cantate Domino!*

Worship the Lord with music, worship the Lord with song! *Cantate Domino!*

Cantate Domino! Sing unto God! Cantate Domino! Sing unto God!

Serve the Lord with gladness, serve the Lord with praise! *Cantate Domino!*

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The Word of the Lord.

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NPS Head of School

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is fullness of light and wisdom. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth, for Christ's sake. Amen.

John Calvin, leader of the Swiss Reformation

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Forest Green

Now praise the Lord, all living saints, sing praises that endure.

Our children God does surely bless, our future is secure.

Your life-filled Word brings order to the chaos of our days.

In love you claim us as your own: What better cause for praise?

▲ 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.

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

Let the Bright Seraphim

G. F. Handel

Let the bright seraphim, in burning row, their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.

Samson

Sheri Jackson, soprano

with Doug Wilson, trumpet and Chancel Choir

▲ 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.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 260

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS How Can It Be Jason Ingram
- WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Quinn Fox
- CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONGS OF RESPONSE How He Loves David Crowder
- Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble Martin Smith

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Brokenness Aside David Leonard
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Because He Lives Matt Maher

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch & Learn: Christians and the City of Jerusalem **Sunday, Nov. 4, 12:30 p.m.**

Agencies Building Room 105

Join Dr. Saliba Sarsar from NPC mission partner **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation** to learn about their work in the Holy Land and hear about their new book, *What Jerusalem Means to Us: Christian Perspectives and Reflections*. Dr. Renwick and Elder David Mack both contributed chapters to the book, and will sign books after the event. Dr. Renwick will also speak at HCEF's annual conference on Nov. 2. (Register for the conference at www.hcef.org.)

All Saints Sunday **Service of Remembrance** **Sunday, Nov. 4, 12:15 p.m. Chapel**

We will honor those who have died in the past year and those who are inurned or memorialized in the Columbarium, remembering their legacy and celebrating our eternal union in Jesus Christ.

Book Discussion **Thursday, Nov. 8, 7:15 p.m., Parlor**

Join Dr. Quinn Fox for a discussion of *Flawed Church, Faithful God* by Joseph Small. We will not meet this Thursday, but will resume Nov. 8. *The full reading schedule may be found at nationalpres.org/book-study.*

Sing in Handel's "Messiah" **Rehearsals begin November 10** **Concert Date: December 9, 5 p.m.**

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and be a part of this exciting performance!

- Rehearsals on Nov. 10, Nov. 17, and Dec. 1 will be in the Choir Room from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Final rehearsals in the Sanctuary will be Friday, Dec. 7 (7–10 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 8 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.).

Contact: Carolann Haley, chaley@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7553.

Serve with Martha's Table **Friday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

Come help to set up and host a Martha's Table "pop-up" market at the Ft. Stanton Recreation Center in SE DC. Neighborhood residents will come for free groceries, fresh produce, and a friendly welcome from you! There is no cost to you; meals and transportation are included. Contact Susan O'Banion to join: sobanion@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7503.

Veteran's Day Sunday **Sunday, Nov. 11**

On Veteran's Day Sunday we will honor veterans and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice of WWI.

Surviving the Holidays **Sunday, November 18** **12:30 p.m., Stone Hall**

This Griefshare seminar led by Dr. Joyce Emery and Mary Romano gives practical advice on how to deal with grief during the holidays. A light lunch will be served. Sign up by November 7 via email to Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org

Hurricane Disaster Response

Our Serve Council staff have reviewed options for contributing to relief in the Gulf Coast. The Salvation Army is in the Florida Panhandle and South Georgia delivering food and hygienic supplies to families and providing shelter for the homeless. *Please support The Salvation Army by giving online at nationalpres.org/giving, or by making your check out to NPC with "Hurricane relief" in the memo line.*

Summer Internships

Applications are now available for youth and children's summer internships. For more information, please visit nationalpres.org/jobs.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

Together this week we will read Chapter 9 of "The Story."

Sunday

Ruth 1 (pp. 121-122)

Monday

Ruth 2 (pp. 122-123)

Tuesday

Ruth 2 (pp. 123-124)

Wednesday

Ruth 2-3 (pp. 124-125)

Thursday

Ruth 3 (pp. 125-126)

Friday

Ruth 4 (pp. 126)

Saturday

Ruth 4 (pp. 127)

For reflection:

- What was the cost of Ruth's decision to follow Naomi to the Land of Israel? What experiences of lovingkindness have you had?
- God showed lovingkindness to his people by providing (gleaning) laws to help the poor. How did Boaz show lovingkindness to Ruth; is there someone you admire who has character strengths like Boaz?
- Why do you think the eventual line of Jesus was born out of this story? Even the King of Kings, Jesus, had ancestors with tough times and famines in their life stories. Can you recognize some similarities with your story and the story of Jesus?

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:

Parkash Samuel on October 17, 2018

We pray for our mission partners including:

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation
which is committed to the presence and well-being of Arab Christians worldwide.

How can we pray for you?

nationalpres.org/prayer



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