



November 18, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*"The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart; and the
Lord has appointed him to be the ruler over his people...."*

1 Samuel 13:14

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

Surviving the Holidays

12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

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. All are welcome!

Youth Family Service Night and Potluck

5–7 p.m., Stone Hall

Middle and high school students, families, and friends are invited to an evening of preparing meals for Martha's Table and then sharing a potluck meal together.

Winter Warmth Drive

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

Today is the last day to bring in winter clothing items for our local mission partners serving the homeless in our community.

Recommendations for Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Pastoral Care

Our Congregational Nominating Committee has been charged by the Session to bring a slate of 6-8 nominees to the congregation by next February for serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. *Submit your recommendation online at nationalpres.org/ nominate.*

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: Children may come directly from the 9 a.m. service or be dropped off at the school building. Pick up children in the 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 annual **fruit and vegetable arrangements** are given by the NPC family and friends in thanksgiving to God for his love and many blessings to us and our nation, and in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.

November Food Collection: Canned Tuna

You may drop off donations of canned tuna at baskets at the information table and outside of Stone Hall.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude on Psalm 23:4

Herbert Howells

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN *see p. 4*

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

As we come before you today, O Lord, help us to see ourselves as you see us, and in repentance for what we are, to cast ourselves in trust upon your love. Speak to us a word of pardon, for our trust is not in any virtue or wisdom of our own, but only in your steadfast love and mercy, shown to us most fully in the life and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

William Temple

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name; in pastures green he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways; and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my works be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts on Psalm 23

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ 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*

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 18:1-6

Leslie Saum

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Courage to Lead

Dr. Joyce Emery

1 Samuel 16:14-23; 17:34-37; 24:8-11; 2 Samuel 6:12-15

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 420 *verses 1, 2 & 5* God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Finale from Organ Concerto Op 4., No. 4

G.F. Handel

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Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Refrain

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us by mercy's ever-flowing stream! *Refrain*

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission glorify the Crucified! *Refrain*

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! *Refrain*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Darwall's 148th

To Father and to Son and Spirit now be giv'n
All blessing and unending praise of earth and heav'n!
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CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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and in repentance for what we are, to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.
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for our trust is not in any virtue or wisdom of our own,
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Richard Armstrong

The Word of the Lord.

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CHORAL RESPONSE In You, O Lord, Have I Put My Trust

In dich hab' ich gehoffet

In you, O Lord, have I put my trust; leave me not helpless in the dust. Let me not be confounded.

Let in your Word my faith, O Lord, be always firmly grounded.

Psalms 31

▲ 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

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy lovingkindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

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▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Finale from Organ Concerto Op 4., No. 4

G.F Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ GATHERING 10,000 Reasons Matt Redman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Marienau Turpin

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE Good, Good Father Anthony Brown
Close to Thee Fanny Jane Crosby

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▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Give Me Jesus Traditional; Arr. Jeremy Camp

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A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Cate McCrory

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Soul on Fire Matt Maher

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon *November 19, Noon, Stone Hall*

Gregg Gochnour, NPC member, county bee expert, and Montgomery College instructor will share his knowledge of bee keeping as well as some sweet samples to taste! (Due to a scheduling conflict, the Sea Chanters program has been moved to 2019.) *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for reservations. Lunch is \$15 with advance registration and \$20 at the door.*

Thanksgiving Worship *Thursday, November 22* *10 a.m., Sanctuary*

Rev. Donna Marsh will preach and donations of non-perishable food will be collected during the service for Central Union Mission.

Sing in Handel's "Messiah" *Next rehearsal: December 1, 10 a.m.* *Concert Date: December 9, 5 p.m.*

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

- Rehearsal on 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.

Men's Breakfast *Saturday, December 1, 8–9:30 a.m.* *Stone Hall*

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Joyce Emery on the theme "Joseph: the Stepfather of Jesus" *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Advent Family Night *Sunday December 2, 4:30–6 p.m.* *Chapel and Stone Hall*

Families are invited for an evening of family worship, Christmas crafts, and pizza dinner! We will begin with worship in the Chapel and then move to Stone Hall for dinner and crafts. \$5/person or \$25/family max. *RSVP to reserve your advent wreath craft: nationalpres.org/children. Help set up, or lead a craft for families! Contact Cate McCrory to volunteer: cmcrory@nationalpres.org.*

Advent Sunday School *Sundays, 9:30–10:45 a.m.* *(No Sunday School Dec. 23 & 30)*

Adults

- **December 2 in Stone Hall:**
9:30-10:00 a.m.: Exploring "The Story:" "The Story" and the Old Testament
10:00-10:45 a.m.: Celebrating "The Story"
- **December 9 and 16 in the Chapel:**
10:00-10:45 a.m.: "The Story in Isaiah," a special class led by Dr. Renwick.

Youth Sunday School

Studying themes from Matthew 1, Isaiah 7, and Galatians 6.

Children's Sunday School

Connecting Old Testament prophecies and New Testament promises.

Help at Mission Gifts for Christmas *Sundays December 9 & 16*

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can give to organizations serving those in need in honor of a friends or family. It takes many people to host a special event like this! *If you can help set up or serve during Mission Gifts, let us know at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

Together this week we will read Chapter 12 of "The Story."

Sunday

2 Samuel 12 (pp. 161-163)

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2 Samuel 12 (pp. 163-165)

Tuesday

2 Samuel 18 (pp. 165-167)

Wednesday

2 Samuel 18 (pp. 167-168)

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2 Samuel 18 (pp. 168-169)

Friday

1 Chronicles 22 (pp. 169-171)

Saturday

1 Chronicles 29 (pp. 171-173)

For reflection:

- In his psalm after realizing his sin David writes, "Against you... only, have I sinned." Despite how our transgression affects others, why is sin first and foremost an offense against God?
- We've all felt shame and remorse due to our sinful actions. How does the assurance of God's forgiveness free us and bring peace?
- Do you sense that as David's life was coming to an end, he felt closer to God than he ever had? Do you think the words of Psalm 23 are meant to be a comfort only in times of danger or sorrow? How do the words speak to God's daily protection and provision in our lives?

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:

Rachel C. Miller on November 8, 2018.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Birzeit Senior Center, providing medical, nutritional and emotional support to the people of Bethlehem.

How can we pray for you?

nationalpres.org/prayer



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