



November 25, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

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

Say “Yes” to Living Generously *Make your 2019 commitment today!*

Your commitment enables our church to plan wisely for the year ahead. Let’s watch God work through us as together we say “yes” to expanding our reach in mission, and to equipping our own staff and facilities for a thriving ministry.

You may make your commitment by:

- Placing your commitment card (available on the information table) in the offering plate
- Filling out your commitment securely online at www.nationalpres.org/giving

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 for serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee by next February. *Submit your recommendation online at nationalpres.org/nominate, or at the boxes at the entrances of the church building.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

This is the last week of fall Sunday School; please join us for **Advent Sunday School, December 2, 9, and 16.** *Details on p. 7.*

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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

December Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Poco Adagio
from "Organ" Symphony No. 3, Op. 78

Camille Saint-Saëns
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your steadfast mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin; for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in passing judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a right spirit within me.

from Psalm 51

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS In Christ Alone
for text, see p. 5

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Charles W. Petty, baritone

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 5*

Old Hundredth

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

Dr. Joyce Emery

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32:5-10

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Quinn Fox

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

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

Lydia Margaret Adcock

Daughter of Alison Adcock Kaufman and Robert Kaufman Adcock

Prayer of Response

SERMON

Royally Messed Up
2 Samuel 12:7-14

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 184 *verses 1-3*

How Blest Are Those

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Orb and Sceptre

William Walton

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Coronation

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 142, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your steadfast mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin;

for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in passing judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

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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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▲ 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

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song—

this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought or storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh—fullness of God in helpless babe—

this gift of love and righteousness. Scorned by the ones he came to save.

Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;

then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;

from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;

till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Charles W. Petty, baritone

▲ 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 356 *verses 1 & 3* Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Orb and Sceptre

William Walton

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ GATHERING Come People of the Risen King Keith and Kristyn Getty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin
Sovereign

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE There Is a Redeemer Keith Green

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Cate McCrory

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Blessed Be Your Name Matt and Beth Redman

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.

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 Vespers Service

**Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m.
Sanctuary**

Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ in this prayerful service with Communion.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

**Shop online beginning Dec. 1
Sundays December 9 & 16**

Through Mission Gifts for Christmas, you can give to organizations serving those in need in honor of 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.*

Christmas Ornament Gift Assembly

**Thursday, December 6
10:30–12:30 p.m., Stone Hall**

Join the Adult Fellowship in assembling the 1,800 Christmas ornaments we give to our Christmas Eve and *Messiah* concert guests. *Email Susan O'Banion to reserve your place (sobanion@nationalpres.org).*

Handel's "Messiah" Concert

Sunday, Dec. 9, 5 p.m. Sanctuary

Bring your family and friends to NPC Festival Choir, Soloists & Orchestra's performance of “Son of David: Our Coming Savior” in Handel's *Messiah*. *No tickets are required; a freewill offering will be received.*

Christmas Floral Dedications

Honor a loved one while beautifying our church through a floral dedication! Donations may be made payable to “NPC Flower Ministry.” *Envelopes for donations are at the information table.*

Thank You for Your Support!

October 31, 2018 Giving Update

Total Income	\$4,042,323
Faith Giving (Individuals)	\$2,009,156
Other Income	\$2,033,167
(Facility usage, etc.)	
Total Expenses	\$4,078,924
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(36,601)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

ADVENT READING GUIDE

*Preparing for the first week
of Advent.*

Sunday

Isaiah 1:1-9

Matthew 21:1-11

2 Peter 3:1-10

Monday

Isaiah 1:10-20

Matthew 21:12-22

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:21-31

Matthew 21:23-32

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Wednesday

Isaiah 2:1-4

Matthew 21:33-46

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Thursday

Isaiah 2:5-22

Matthew 22:1-14

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Friday

Isaiah 3:1-4:1

Matthew 22:15-22

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Saturday

Isaiah 4:2-6

Matthew 25:1-13

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 pray for:

Traveling mercies, peace, and comfort to members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

We pray for our mission partners including:

Dustin and Sherri Ellington, PC(USA) Missionaries at Justo Mwale University in Lusaka, Zambia teaching New Testament and English.

How can we pray for you?

nationalpres.org/prayer



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