

January 6, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION  
EPIPHANY

*If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God,  
who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly,  
and it will be given to you.*

James 1:5

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
Parish Associates	Dr. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
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, &amp; 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

## Service of Wholeness and Healing with Thanksgiving

**Service: 1 p.m., Chapel**

**Light lunch: 12:15 p.m., Chapel Narthex**

Come and praise God for many answers to prayer as the new year begins. Testimonies will be shared and we will pray for those in need. Dr. Joyce Emery will lead the service.

## Mission Gifts: Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for and participated in Mission Gifts for Christmas in December. Together, we raised close to \$60,000 for missions worldwide!

## Music at National Concert

**4:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

The City Choir of Washington presents "A Twelfth Night Concert." *Tickets and information available at [www.citychoir.org](http://www.citychoir.org).*

## Read "The Story" in 2019

Our preaching and teaching through June focuses on "The Story," a condensed chronological Bible that equips all ages to better know and grow in God's Word. Haven't heard of "The Story," or haven't joined in yet? It's not too late! *Learn more and catch up with "The Story" with summary videos and readings: [nationalpres.org/thestory](http://nationalpres.org/thestory).*

*Additional guides to reading the Bible in 2019 are available at [nationalpres.org/Bible-guides](http://nationalpres.org/Bible-guides).*

## Become Part of a Small Group This Year

Discover the life-giving and life-changing Christian community 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. *Learn more: [nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://nationalpres.org/small-groups) or call 202.537.7483.*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### 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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

### January Food Collection: Unsweetened Cereal

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

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Chorale Fantasia on "O Morning Star"                      Dietrich Buxtehude  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP                      Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 263                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise                      *St. Denio*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, you are Life, Wisdom, Truth, Beauty, and Blessedness. You are our Lord and our God, our hope and our heart's true joy. We profess that you have made us in your likeness, but we confess that our sin has marred that image. Forgive us, we humbly pray, and cleanse us from the stain of our sins. Help us to know you aright, that in this life our love for you may grow more and more, and that in the life to come our joy may be made complete. from Anselm of Canterbury

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*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Your Harps and Cymbals Sound                      G. F. Handel  
Your harps and cymbals sound unto the Lord of Hosts!                      from *Solomon*  
Your willing voices raise to great Jehovah's praise!

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE                      1 Kings 3:1-10                      Rev. Donna Marsh  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON                      What the Wise Pray For                      Dr. David Renwick  
1 Kings 8:22-61

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 339 *verse 3*                      Be Thou My Vision                      *Slane*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 5*                      Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 281                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah                      *Cwm Rhondda*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE                      Toccata-Gigue on the Sussex Carol                      George Baker

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 263, verse 4

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in might,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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God alone is eternal.  
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Before the mountains or the earth were brought forth,  
God has been, and always will be God.  
But we are like the grass: in the morning we flourish and are renewed;  
and in the evening we fade and wither.  
Yet God is gracious.  
When we seek God, and acknowledge that all our times are in God's hands,  
and that every day is a gift from God,  
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And the Lord will provide us a home with him forever.  
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## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation      Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

G. F. Handel

Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and lead me to thine end.

With thy wisdom, Lord, be thou bountiful, and lead me to thine end.      from the first *Chandos Anthem*

Prayer of Response 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.

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*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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▲ WELCOME SONG                      O Love That Will Not Let Me Go                      Indelible Grace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE                      You Are My Vision                      Rend Collective

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Give Us Clean Hands                      Charlie Hall

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Oh the Deep, Deep Love                      Bob Kauflin and Samuel Francis

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **"Faithful Families" Parenting Seminar**

**Saturday, January 12, Stone Hall  
5–6 p.m. (talk), 6–7 p.m. (dinner)**

For most families, life is moving at breakneck speed. It is no surprise that most parents are finding it difficult to build a rhythm for spiritual conversations and practices into their families. This workshop will offer a fresh and reasonable approach to building faithful families in a frantic world. *Please RSVP: [nationalpres.org/parents](http://nationalpres.org/parents). (Childcare is available with RSVP by January.)*

## **Author Talk: "The Self-Driven Child"**

**Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Jones Hall**

Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson will lead a lively discussion of "The Self Driven Child" and share tips to help children develop brains that are wired for resiliency and ready to take on new challenges. *This symposium is hosted by National Presbyterian School and more information may be found on [nps-dc.org](http://nps-dc.org).*

## **Sandwich Making**

**Sunday, January 13, 12:30 p.m.  
Stone Hall**

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless.

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**Monday, Jan. 14, Noon, Stone Hall**

Lisa Rinder, a licensed geriatric social worker from IONA Senior Services will speak about the practical and emotional matters related to aging, or caring for aging family members. *Please call 202.537.0800 to sign up for lunch (\$15).*

## **Pathway Membership Class**

**Saturday, January 19**

**8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.**

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders.

*Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Jan. 14 to register: [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7578.*

## **Lunch and Learn: Cairo**

**Sunday, January 20, 12:30 p.m.**

**Agencies Building Room 105**

Darren Kennedy from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo will join us to share about the work God is doing through their ministry. A light lunch will be served.

## **Book Discussion**

**Thursday, January 24**

**7:15–8:45 p.m., Elson Parlor**

Milton King and Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letters from a Birmingham Jail* at this one-session book discussion. *Please RSVP (limit 25) to Kristi Teems at [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7527.*

## **Capital Project Q&A Session**

**Sunday, Jan. 27, 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.

## **Prepare for Marriage Course**

**Saturday, March 9, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Learn the skills you need to thrive in your marriage! This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at National. *Contact Melanie Lenhard to register: [mlenhard@nationalpres.org](mailto:mlenhard@nationalpres.org).*



# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read  
Chapter 14 of "The Story."

### Sunday

1 Kings 12 (pp. 193-194)

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1 Kings 12 (pp. 194-195)

### Tuesday

1 Kings 12-13 (pp. 195-197)

### Wednesday

1 Kings 13-14 (pp. 197-198)

### Thursday

1 Kings 14-15 (pp. 198-199)

### Friday

1 Kings 15 (pp. 199-201)

### Saturday

1 Kings 15-16 (pp. 201-202)

### For reflection:

- After the United Monarchy divided, Israel (northern tribes) and Judah (southern kingdom) were spiraling downward. Following Solomon, all 19 northern kings, and 2/3 of the 20 southern kings, were evil. Such statistics point strongly to the need for Godly leadership. How does God respond to these (dis)obedient kings?
- Turning away from God can happen in two ways, through sins of "commission" and sins of "omission." What are some examples of each in King Solomon and the leaders who followed; what are some keys to avoiding them?
- Reflect on your obedience to God's commands. What have you learned from your experiences? What would you like to change?

*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.

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**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:*

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

The synod of Syria and Lebanon, a Capital Campaign partner through its ministries to displaced Syrian students in Lebanon.

*How can we pray for you?*  
[nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)



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