



February 17, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*Ezra set his heart to study the law of the Lord, and to do it,
and to teach the statutes and rules in Israel.*

Ezra 7:10

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 Zorack-Greene (<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

Capital Campaign Update

We are excited to share recent progress in our Capital Campaign:

- An initial distribution of \$300,000 has been given to our Capital Campaign mission partners.
- Our architect (Beyer Blinder Belle), owners representatives (Requity Real Estate), civil engineering firm (Wiles Mensch Corporation), and general contractor (MCN Build), have been selected for our Capital Campaign Project.
- Significant progress is being made towards accurate estimates for construction which will be presented to the congregation in late spring.

Learn more about how we are Building Together for the Next 50 Years:
nationalpres.org/buildingtogether.

Women's Conference: "Being Still"

Save the date: Saturday, March 30 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Stone Hall

Come to explore what it means to be still and to find the quiet, rest, and holy moments in your life. Janelle Stone will be our guest speaker. *Register (\$25) today in Stone Hall or at nationalpres.org/womens-conference.*

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our Moldova mission partners.

February Food Collection: Canned Tuna

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

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

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

J.S. Bach

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 489

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Even as we come to worship and praise you this hour, we need your mercy, Lord. Hear our prayer. We confess it is all too easy to sacrifice convictions for the sake of convenience, your eternal standards for our fading status, your principles for our self-promotion, your absolutes for our ambitions, our very souls for shallow success and mere earthly gain. We are easily seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions. From these we turn, unfulfilled, to you. Forgive our sins, Lord. Forgive our half-hearted devotion, our double-mindedness, and our disobedience. Restore us to right relationship and fellowship with you.

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

Dr. Joyce Emery

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In My Father's House

Craig Courtney

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door.

In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for. In my Father's house...

In my Father's house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and broken.

In my Father's house, children live in peace, war and hatred cease and love is spoken.

In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again.

In my Father's house, prodigals come home, no one walks alone, come and enter in.

▲ 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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Quinn Fox

SCRIPTURE

Selected verses from Ezra 1-2

Deacon Susan Julius

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

SERMON

Coming Home to a Place We've Never Been Before

Dr. Quinn Fox

Ezra 3:10-13, Haggai 1:1-6

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 361 *verses 1, 3 & 5*

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Allegro from *Concerto after Vivaldi*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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Praise to thee, almighty Father, praise to thee, beloved Son,
praise to thee, O Holy Spirit: Blessed Godhead, Three-in-One;
One in mercy, one in love, from thy throne in heav'n above.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

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Elder Dianne Tingley

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HYMN 172 *verse 3*

Resignation

The sure provisions of my God attend me all our days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work 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.

▲ 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.

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 361 *verses 1, 3 & 5*

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

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| ▲ GATHERING | All Because of Jesus | Steve Fee |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Dr. Nancy Fox |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| ▲ SONGS OF PRAISE | Wide As The Sky
Lord, I Need You | Matt Redman
Christy Nockels |

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| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | O Come to the Altar | Chris Brown |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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| A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES | | Cate McCrory |
| SCRIPTURE | Selected verses from Ezra 1-2 | Bob Palmer |
| SERMON | Coming Home to a Place We've Never Been Before
Ezra 3:10-13, Haggai 1:1-6 | Dr. Quinn Fox |

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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| CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i> | Your Grace Is Enough | Matt Maher |
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- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

"How Our Everyday Routine Shapes Our Life with God"

with James K.A. Smith

Saturday, March 16

9:00—11:45 a.m., Stone Hall

The patterns and habits of our daily lives are not just something we *do*; they do something *to* us, shaping us in ways we don't notice in the moment. During the season of Lent we have an opportunity to consider a reorientation of our lives and to use the power of habit consciously to draw closer to God. Guest speaker James K.A. Smith is professor of philosophy at Calvin College, an award-winning author, and a widely-traveled speaker.

C.S. Lewis Book Discussion

Thursday, February 21

7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Our exploration of C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will continue on February 21 with a discussion of chapters 6-10.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 12:15 p.m.

Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to stay after 11 a.m. worship for a meeting of the congregation to elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee to fill the permanent position of pastor focusing on congregational care.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Communion will be served and there will be an imposition of ashes for all who wish to receive them.

Lenten Vespers: "A Season of Care"

Wednesdays in Lent, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Dr. Joyce Emery will preach, focusing on the ministry of care entrusted to us by Jesus. Come at 6:30 p.m. to share in light refreshments and participate in activities reflecting on Christ's love for us.

- *March 13: Jesus—By All Authority—Cares*

Christ has authority over all of aspects of our life, both the good and bad.

Before worship, reflect on what you are willing to bring to the foot of the cross this season of Lent.

- *March 20: Jesus—Through Friendship—Cares*

We bring our beloved to Jesus so that they can be made whole in body, mind and spirit. Who do you bring today? Before worship, write a postcard to a friend, who is in need of prayer and care.

- *March 27: Jesus—In the Household—Cares*

Jesus redefines the family of God, and his mother and siblings experience it firsthand. Our families, too, are diverse and varied. Before worship, cut out a paper chain representing your family to bring forward during worship.

- *April 3: Jesus—Amidst Great Suffering—Cares*

The lame man in our Scripture reading needed support to get into the pool on time. With whom are you waiting for Jesus? Before worship, add your name to the globe showing where you have lived or served in the world.

- *April 10: Jesus—Personally and Communally—Cares*

Care for the salvation of all humankind was exhibited on the cross, but even there, Jesus was watching out for his mother. Before worship, add the names of people you love and care for around the world to the globe.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read
Chapter 20 of "The Story."

Sunday

Esther 1 (pp. 275-277)

Monday

Esther 2 (pp. 277-279)

Tuesday

Esther 3 (pp. 279-280)

Wednesday

Esther 4 (pp. 280-281)

Thursday

Esther 5-6 (pp. 282-283)

Friday

Esther 7-8 (pp. 284-286)

Saturday

Esther 8 (pp. 287-289)

For reflection:

- On the surface, "chance" events led to Esther becoming queen. Have there been circumstances in your life once seemed inconsequential but that you now attribute to God?
- What situations might call for you to make a public declaration of your faith like Mordecai did? Upon learning of Haman's death decree, the Jews banded together to mourn, fast and pray. Why do you think misfortune unites people?
- Esther was marginalized—a woman, an orphan and a Jew in a foreign land in an ancient time. Have you ever wondered why God might select you to accomplish his will?

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:

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

We pray for our mission partners including:

Birzeit Senior Center, providing nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem.

How can we pray for you?

nationalpres.org/prayer



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