



February 24, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*Perhaps you have come to royal dignity  
for just such a time as this.*

Esther 4:14



<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Dr. David Renwick
<b>Associate Pastors</b>	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Dr. Joyce Emery
<b>Parish Associates</b>	Dr. Nancy Fox, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
<b>Music</b>	Dr. Michael Denham ( <i>Director</i> ), Todd Fickley ( <i>Organist</i> ) Joanna Zorack-Greene ( <i>Contemporary Music Leader</i> )
<b>Ministry Directors</b>	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

## 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](http://nationalpres.org/womens-conference).*

## February Food Collection: Canned Tuna

You may drop off donations upstairs at the information table and downstairs outside of Stone Hall. In March we will be collecting canned fruit.

## New Member Connections

Join in welcoming our newest members at a reception in Stone Hall after worship.

- Julianna Cooper, *Davidsonville, MD*
- Joy Eckert, *Washington, DC*
- Jaime Escudero, *Washington, DC*
- Grant Franke, *Washington, DC*
- Kristin Franke, *Washington, DC*
- Peter Hogge, *Arlington, VA*
- Laura McDonald, *Washington, DC*
- Josh Richards, *Washington, DC*
- Sandy Timmons, *Washington, DC*
- Etta Williams, *Bowie, MD*
- Pat Zhou, *Washington, DC*

Interested in church membership?

Contact: Kemet Rakiatu: [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org).

## Pecan Sales

Pecans may be purchased in the church bookstore year-round.

## 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 in memory of Helen K. Johnson on the occasion of her 100th birthday on February 28th by Harry and Natalie Johnson.

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Andante from *Sonata VI, Op. 65*                      Felix Mendelssohn  
But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own                      Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN *verses 1-4, see p. 4*                      God's Providence Is Sure                      *Leoni*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful Lord, forgive my sins, and their persistence. Enlarge in me what is lacking  
of thy gifts; of faith, help thou my unbelief; of hope, encourage me even in my  
trembling; of love, kindle its smoking and smoldering twigs.                      Lancelot Andrewes

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

How Beautiful Are the Feet                      G. F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.  
Joanna Zorack-Greene, soprano

▲ 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*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES                      Dr. Joyce Emery

SCRIPTURE                      Esther 5:1-5, 7:1-7                      Hall Northcott

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      Witness in the Workplace                      Dr. Joyce Emery  
Romans 10:5, 8-15

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 429 *verses 1 & 2*                      Lord, You Give the Great Commission                      *Abbot's Leigh*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE                      March, Op. 74                      Felix Mendelssohn

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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PRELUDE

Andante from *Sonata VI, Op. 65*  
But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own

Felix Mendelssohn  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

### ▲ HYMN

God's Providence Is Sure

*Leoni*

- 1 God's providence is sure, and ever will remain;  
God's purposes endure from age to age the same.  
No other can prevail, though enemies be strong,  
For sovereign majesty and strength to God belong.
- 2 God's providence is sure, though people live in sin;  
God's purposes provide a cure: To change within.  
Though striving we may fail, we are not left alone;  
The righteous will prevail for God is on the throne.
- 3 God's providence is sure, as spoken by the Son;  
God's purposes endure in Christ: The victory's won!  
He came to seek and save, preventing human loss;  
Our Savior God redeemed our lives upon the cross.

### ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

### ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Leoni*

- 4 God's providence is sure: The Kingdom will remain;  
God's purposes endure: The Son of Man shall reign.  
We bless the great I AM, our God of Ancient Days;  
We come to worship and to sing our grateful praise.

### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful Lord, forgive my sins, and their persistence. Enlarge in me what is lacking of thy gifts: of faith, help thou my unbelief; of hope, encourage me even in my trembling; of love, kindle its smoking and smoldering twigs.

Lancelot Andrewes

### 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.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Rev. Donna Marsh

Exchange of Vows

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Esther 5:1-5, 7:1-7

Elder Clyde Taylor

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

SERMON

Witness in the Workplace

Dr. Joyce Emery

Romans 10:5, 8-15

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

My Hiding Place

Michael Ledner

*Choir*

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."*

*Congregation*

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Apostles' Creed

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

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 5:15-16

▲ 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 429 1, 2 & 5      Lord, You Give the Great Commission

*Abbot's Leigh*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

March, Op. 74

Felix Mendelssohn

*You are invited to meet new members at a reception in Stone Hall following worship.*

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

▲ GATHERING                      Endless Praise                      Andy Harrison

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE                      God of This City                      Chris Tomlin  
All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Merciful Lord, forgive my sins, and their persistence. Enlarge in me what is lacking of thy gifts: of faith, help thou my unbelief; of hope, encourage me even in my trembling; of love, kindle its smoking and smoldering twigs. Lancelot Andrewes

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      Lord, I Need You                      Christy Nockels

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Dr. Quinn Fox

Elder David Schauer

**Thanks be to God.**

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles' Creed                      Dr. Quinn Fox

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.

## Keith and Kristyn Getty

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **C.S. Lewis Book Discussion**

**Thursday, Feb. 21, 7:15 p.m., Parlor**

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

## **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 2, 8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe on the theme "Secret Disciples." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

## **Congregational Meeting**

**Sun., Mar. 3, 12:15 p.m. Sanctuary**

All members are encouraged to attend a meeting of the congregation to elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee to fill the permanent position of a pastor focusing on congregational care.

## **Ash Wednesday Worship**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Rev. Donna Marsh and Dr. Quinn Fox will lead this service with Communion. There will be an imposition of ashes for all who wish to receive them.

## **"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.

## **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. Communion will be served at each service. Come at 6:30 p.m. to share in light refreshments, meet representatives from our ministries of care, and participate in activities reflecting on Christ's love for us.

- **March 13: Jesus—By All Authority—Cares**  
Maryland Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship.
- **March 20: Jesus—Through Friendship—Cares**  
Stephen Ministers will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship. Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus will preach.
- **March 27: Jesus—In the Household—Cares**  
Virginia Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship.
- **April 3: Jesus—Amidst Great Suffering—Cares**  
Military Ministry members will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship.
- **April 10: Jesus—Personally and Communally—Cares**  
DC Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship.

## **Expert Advice for Older Adults and their Families**

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at National. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read  
Chapter 21 of "The Story."

### **Sunday**

Ezra 7 (pp. 291-292)

### **Monday**

Ezra 7 (pp. 292-294)

### **Tuesday**

Nehemiah 2 (pp. 294-296)

### **Wednesday**

Nehemiah 4 (pp. 296-298)

### **Thursday**

Nehemiah 6 (pp. 298-299)

### **Friday**

Nehemiah 8 (pp. 299-302)

### **Saturday**

Malachai 4 (pp. 302-304)

### **For reflection:**

- God can even use a pagan king to accomplish the rebuilding of Jerusalem. If God wanted to act in a certain situation, could he move through you to accomplish his purposes? Can you think of examples?
- Amidst opposition, Nehemiah kept the people focused. How do you respond when things don't go as planned? How quickly do you give up when facing obstacles? God wants to use you to accomplish his purposes; the path won't always be easy.
- Though the walls were completed, hearts were in disrepair. With internal issues of our hearts, we must learn dependence on God. Which is easier to repair, issues on the outside or issues on the inside?

*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:*

We pray for the newly installed Deacons and Elders as they take on this new mantle of leadership.

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

University Divitia Gratiae, educating Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

*How can we pray for you?*

[nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)



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