



March 3, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your  
servants who delight in revering your name.  
Give success to your servant today."  
Nehemiah 1:11*

<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"

**Register Now: 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).*

## Vacation Bible School: "Power Up!"

**Register now: July 8-12**

Looking for a fun way for your 4-year-old through rising 5th grader to engage in our faith? Register at [nationalpres.org/vbs](http://nationalpres.org/vbs). Contact Cate McCrory at 202.537.7535 or [cmccrory@nationalpres.org](mailto:cmccrory@nationalpres.org).

## Congregational Meeting 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 and to
- Elect a board member for the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving.

## Lent Begins This Week

Ash Wednesday worship with Communion will take place this Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## 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 by Dianne and John Tingley in loving memory of their parents, David and Audrey Rhea, and Ethel and Stuart Tingley. **The flowers in the Court of Flags** are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the March 2nd wedding of Catherine Moore and John Thomas.

### March Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590

J.S. Bach

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ HYMN 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Old Hundredth*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy and merciful God, we worship you in humility and trust. We confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, Lord. We repent of all we have done to displease and dishonor you. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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*

Nicene Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS    Great Day

Moses Hogan  
Spiritual

*Great day, the righteous marching, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

Chariot moved on the mountain top, brother; my God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister;

This is the year of Jubilee, brother; God will set his people free, sister.

*Great day, the righteous marching, God's gonna build up Zion's walls.*

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

(Note: "Zion" is an ancient name given to God's people, the church,  
and is taken from "Mount Zion," one of the mountains on which Jerusalem was built.)

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 1:2-11

Eric Young

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

New Life Begins with a Prayer

Dr. David Renwick

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*St. Thomas*

*Choir*

I love thy church, O God; her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and written on thy hand.

*Congregation*

Sure as thy truth shall last to Zion shall be giv'n

The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 5*

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Finale from Pastorale, BWV 590

J.S. Bach

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the  
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate  
of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake  
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended  
into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again  
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the  
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come, fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion.  
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?  
We'll shout and go 'round the walls of Zion.

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.

- ▲ HYMN 446
- Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
- Austrian Hymn
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE
- Finale from Pastorale, BWV 590
- J.S. Bach
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG                                      How Can It Be?                                      Jason Ingram

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF PRAISE                                      How He Loves

David Crowder

PRAYER OF ADORATION

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE                                      Brokenness Aside

David Leonard

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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Cate McCrory

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Elder Jonathan Dickey

SERMON

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Ash Wednesday Worship

*This Wednesday, March 6*

*7:00 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.

## Lenten Vespers: "A Season of Care"

*Wednesdays in Lent*

*Refreshments & fellowship: 6:30 p.m.*

*Worship: 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**  
Before worship, reflect on what you are willing to bring to the foot of the cross this season of Lent. Are you willing to turn it over to the authority of God? Write your meditations and leave them at the foot of the cross in the Parlor. Maryland Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship.
- **March 20: Jesus—Through Friendship—Cares**
- **March 27: Jesus—In the Household—Cares**
- **April 3: Jesus—Amidst Great Suffering—Cares**
- **April 10: Jesus—Personally and Communally—Cares**

## "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 shape 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. *This event is free; please register at [nationalpres.org/conference](http://nationalpres.org/conference).*

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, March 18, Noon, Stone Hall

Professor Joyce Lee Malcolm from George Mason University will discuss her book *The Tragedy of Benedict Arnold*, a unique viewpoint from what is traditionally known about the man. A book signing will follow the program. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800. (Pay at the door: \$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)*

## Discerning Crossroads: Discovering God's Will

*Begins Friday, April 5*

*6:30-8:30 p.m., Church Room 105*

Dr. Joyce Emery and Holly Novak will lead a six-week course using *Discerning God's Will Together: A Spiritual Practice for the Church* to present some of the tools for discerning God's will in your life. Our first gathering will be a meal and introduction, followed by five sessions on Sunday afternoons. *Learn more and register: [nationalpres.org/crossroads](http://nationalpres.org/crossroads).*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read  
Chapter 22 of "The Story."

### Sunday

Luke 1 (pp. 309-310)

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Luke 1 (pp. 310-311)

### Tuesday

Luke 2 (pp. 311-312)

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Luke 2 (pp. 312-313)

### Thursday

Luke 2 (pp. 313-314)

### Friday

Matthew 2 (pp. 314-315)

### Saturday

Luke 2 (p. 316)

### For reflection:

- What do you think about the God who created everything, yet came to earth as a frail human baby, subject to the trials and tribulations we experience, including death? Does this humble you? How?
- What do you think about Jesus's birth? Does this pivotal event affect your relationship to God? How? Does his entrance into your world affect your daily life? Your speech? Your life? How?
- As an infant, Jesus had to escape death; his time had not yet come. How did Jesus, at this young age, amaze the wise men of Jerusalem? What does suggest about his divine/human nature?

*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:*

Our new members

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

Steve and Janice Quakenbush, who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators to provide resources for Bible translators across the world.

*How can we pray for you?*

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



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