



March 10, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
John 1:14a



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

5th Grade Milestone

Today our 5th grade Sunday School class will lead the confession of sin as their "Milestone in Worship Education." Milestones teach our K-5th graders about our Reformed liturgy, preparing them to become lifelong worshippers and affirming their important place in our worshiping community today.

Sandwich Making

12:15 p.m. Stone Hall

All ages can make sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through mission partner Martha's Table!

Summer Church Camp

Today we welcome guest speaker, Stef Walker, from Ligonier Camp and Conference Center to speak on the camp experience. Ligonier Camp has been a meaningful way for many of our children and youth to grow in their faith. Stef will be available for conversation after the 11 a.m. worship services in Stone Hall.

Vacation Bible School

Register now: July 8-12

Looking for a fun way for your 4-year-old through rising 5th grader to engage in faith? Register at nationalpres.org/vbs.
Registration open until capacity is reached.

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.

Church Rooms 16, and 7/8

"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 Edward Blanton in honor of his father Edward's 97th birthday on March 8th.

March Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

LENTEN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

"Jesus—By All Authority—Cares"

Wednesday, March 13

Refreshments and fellowship: 6:30 p.m. | Worship: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Op. 122, No. 8 Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 10 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

CONFESSION OF SIN *led by 5th graders* Milestone in Worship Education

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone the things we ought to have done. We have done the things we ought not to have done. But you, Lord, are rich in mercy. According to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, spare us when we confess our faults, and restore us when we are penitent. Grant, most merciful Father, for his sake, that we would always live a godly, righteous, and faithful life; to the glory of your holy name.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, 1928

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by a soloist, then the congregation* Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN RESPONSE *sung first by a soloist, then the congregation* Edith McNeil

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 5 for text*

Mary, Do You Know?

Mark Lowery & Buddy Greene

Dr. Michael Denham with Josh Kowalsky, cello

▲ 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*

Dr. Joyce Emery

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5, 11-18, 29

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Stef Walker, Ligonier Camp and Conference Center

SERMON Jesus: One of Us

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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Johannes Brahms

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 10, verse 4

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore.

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SERMON Jesus: One of Us Dr. David Renwick

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SOLO RESPONSE

Mary, Do You Know?

Mark Lowery & Buddy Greene

Mary, do you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water? Mary, do you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters? Do you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child to be delivered will soon deliver you. Mary, do you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, do you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand? Do you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod, and when you kiss your little baby, you'll kiss the face of God? Mary, do you know? Mary, do you know?

Dr. Michael Denham with Josh Kowalsky, cello

▲ 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

This Child

Craig Courtney

What Child is this who laid to rest lies sleeping in the straw?

What Child can summon shepherds close to worship him with awe?

What Child commands that angels sing at his amazing birth?

What Child is this who comes to join the heavens and the earth?

This Child, this Child is Christ the Lord, this Child is Christ the King;

This Child, the One who saves us all, to him your homage bring.

What Child can cause a star to shine more brightly than the rest?

What Child compels the wise to leave their country for a quest?

What Child is this, the Son of God, and yet the Son of man?

What Child is this who holds the world with tiny infant hands?

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Pamela Martin

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 8

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▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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Johannes Brahms

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Jones Hall (School Gym)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Vespers Worship: "A Season of Care"

Wednesdays in Lent

Refreshments & fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Dr. Joyce Emery will preach and Communion will be served. Before worship, 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. Maryland Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation.
- **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

Guest speaker James K.A. Smith will discuss the opportunity we have to use the power of habit to draw closer to God. 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.*

G. K. Chesterton Book Study Thursday, March 14, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Quinn Fox will lead a one-session discussion of "The Strangest Story in the World," selections from G.K. Chesterton's *The Everlasting Man*. To participate, please email grow@nationalpres.org by March 13 to receive an electronic copy of the text.

Wheaton President and Ensemble in Worship

Next Sunday, March 17

Dr. Philip Ryken, president of Wheaton College, will preach next Sunday. An ensemble from Wheaton will participate in the Sanctuary worship services and the full Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra will perform at a concert at 4 p.m.

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*. Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800. (Lunch donation: \$15 with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)

Women's Conference: "Being Still"

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 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.

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 to present tools for discerning God's will in your life. Learn more and register: nationalpres.org/crossroads.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read
Chapter 23 of "The Story."

Sunday

Matthew 3-4 (pp. 321-323)

Monday

John 1-2 (pp. 324-326)

Tuesday

John 3 (pp. 326-327)

Wednesday

John 4 (pp. 327-329)

Thursday

John 4, Mark 1-2
(pp. 329-331)

Friday

Mark 3 (pp. 331-332)

Saturday

Luke 8 (p. 333-334)

For reflection:

- The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert before he began his public ministry; this prepared him for all he would face. What can you learn from Jesus' experience in the desert that would help you resist temptation and be a better disciple?
- Jesus' told Nicodemus that he had to be "born again." Why do you think Jesus said this to Nicodemus who was both a Pharisee and someone who was seeking out Jesus?
- Re-read John 3:16 and reflect on what it means to you personally. Try re-writing it with yourself as the subject, and then contemplate all that means for your life.

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:

Those affected by the tornados in Alabama

We pray for our mission partners including:

European Christian Mission International supports churches and church planters as they build loving communities in both Eastern and Western Europe

How can we pray for you?

nationalpres.org/prayer



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