

March 17, 2019



Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*For forty days Jesus was tested (tempted) by the devil.
Luke 4:2*

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 (*Director*), Todd Fickley (*Organist*)
Joanna Zorack-Greene (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Cate McCrory (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Marienau Turpin (*Serve*)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Wheaton Ensembles and Orchestra

Ensembles 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. *No tickets required; a freewill offering will be received.*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering collected on Palm Sunday

Kids and adults can help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and empowerment to the poor and oppressed through the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Pick up a coin bank or envelope at the info table or in the literature racks to contribute.

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.

Welcome, Dr. Philip Ryken

Join us in welcoming Wheaton College President Dr. Philip Ryken as our guest preacher this morning. Dr. Ryken is a graduate of Wheaton, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Oxford University. He was a pastor at Philadelphia's Tenth Presbyterian Church from 1995 until his appointment at Wheaton in 2010 and has published more than 50 books, Bible commentaries, and Bible study guides. Dr. Ryken serves as a board member for the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, the Lausanne Movement, and the National Association of Evangelicals. He and his wife Lisa have five children.

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 in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins, and to the memory of Colin Perkins, his son.

LENTEN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

"Jesus—Through Friendship—Cares"

Wednesday, March 20

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 Theme and Adagio César Franck
from Chorale No. 3 in A minor Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 443 O Christ, the Great Foundation *Aurelia*

LENTEN PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy God, you see us as we are, yet you love us with a Father's patient heart. In the light of your faithfulness and enduring love, we clearly see our sin and guilt. For the sake of your goodness, O Lord, forgive us. We need your guidance and your steadying hand. You lift us when we fall, and set us on a firm path. Draw us with cords of kindness and bands of love, that we may better learn to trust your care, and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Suite No. 2: Menuetto
Georges Bizet
L'Arlesienne

Members of the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Daniel Sommerville, Music Director and Conductor

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 5* *Old Hundredth*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 5* Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13 Elder Dave Schottke
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES One Great Hour of Sharing

SERMON Mortal Combat Dr. Philip Ryken
President of Wheaton College

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 371 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland
Members of the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Vespers Worship

"A Season of Care:
Jesus—Through Friendship—Cares"

Wednesday, March 20

Refreshments & fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

We bring our beloved to Jesus so that they can be made whole in body, mind and spirit. Who do you bring? Before worship, write a postcard to a friend, or someone in our church family who is in need of prayer and care, and the church will mail the cards. Stephen Ministers will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship. During worship, Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus will preach and Communion will be served.

Coming up:

- *March 27:* Jesus—In the Household—Cares
- *April 3:* Jesus—Amidst Great Suffering—Cares
- *April 10:* Jesus—Personally and Communally—Cares

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Tomorrow, 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.)

Book Study: "You Become What You Love"

Thursday, March 21, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Quinn Fox will lead a weekly discussion of James K.A. Smith's *You Become What You Love* (available for sale in the church bookstore). We will discuss chapter 1 on March 21.

Nationals Baseball Game

Tuesday, April 16, 7:05 p.m.

The Men's Ministry is organizing a trip to see the Nationals take on the Giants! Tickets will range from \$18-\$22, depending on the final headcount. Family and friends are welcome. RSVP to Scott Herndon by March 22 at w.scott.herndon@gmail.com.

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.

Capital Project Update

Sunday, March 31, 12:15 p.m., Chapel

Our Capital Project owner's rep and members of our Capital Project Steering Committee will give a scheduling update and "decode" the complex DC code and permitting process ahead of us. *Learn more about how we plan to Build Together for the Next 50 Years at nationalpres.org/buildingtogether.*

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.*

Immediate Job Opening

We are seeking a part-time (15 hr/week) Administrative Assistant for Facilities. Schedule is flexible; strong Excel skills are required. Contact Sarah Crumley, scrumley@nationalpres.org for information or to apply.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read Chapter 24 of "The Story."

Sunday

Mark 4 (pp. 335-337)

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Luke 15 (pp. 337-339)

Tuesday

Luke 10 (pp. 339-341)

Wednesday

Matthew 5-7 (pp. 341-343)

Thursday

Mark 4-5 (pp. 343-346)

Friday

Mark 6 (pp. 346-349)

Saturday

John 6 (p. 349-351)

For reflection:

- Jesus' parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son all convey one truth: God seeks after what is lost. Why would this have been such a radical concept to those religious leaders schooled in the law? What does it mean to you personally?
- Besides healing, what other benefits did the recipients of Jesus' miracles receive? What benefits can you receive from reading about Jesus' miracles?
- Why did Jesus compare himself to the manna of his listeners' ancestors? What do Jesus' symbolic words, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," mean to you? What significance does the Lord's Supper hold for you?

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:

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

How can we pray for you?

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