

March 24, 2019



Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*Jesus said, "Peace. Be Still." Then the wind ceased
and there was a dead calm.*

Mark 4:39

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

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.**

Meet Your Deacons

Currently thirty-seven Deacons are ordained and installed to serve the congregation on an ongoing basis or in times of need. Our Regional Coordinators are: Megan Schmoll and M.R. Stainton in Washington D.C.; Roger Coy in Virginia; Michelle Fenton in Maryland. Co-Moderators David and Renee Dragics are eager to talk to anyone about the ministry of Deacons. *Contact Pastor Joyce Emery (jemery@nationalpres.org) or Liz Martin (lmartin@nationalpres.org) in the Care Office if you would like a Deacon to be assigned to you.*

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 in loving memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson

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—In the Household—Cares"

Wednesday, March 27

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 Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet Craig Phillips
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 476 *verses 1, 3 & 4* O Worship the King, All Glorious Above Lyons

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 *sung first by 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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you; be not afraid, I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through the fire you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

Dr. Michael Denham with Eileen Doty, violin

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 5*

Old Hundredth

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

Dr. Joyce Emery

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:35-41 Deacon Paul Waymack

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON Jesus, the Teacher: When Words Are Powerful Dr. David Renwick

Luke 10:25-37

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 335 Though I May Speak *O Waly Waly*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Fugue on the Carillon d'Alet Craig Phillips

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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▲ HYMN 476 *verses 1-4* O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Lions

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 476, verse 5

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker defender, redeemer and friend.

LENTEN 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.

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

Deacon Joanna Chai

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Kingsfold

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake, and woods, and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

L. F. Benson

▲ 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.

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you are mine, you are precious in my sight.*
My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom 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 335

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▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

You are precious in my sight.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONG People Need the Lord Arr. Michael Ryan
Grace Chimes Bell Choir, directed by Carolann Haley

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ▲ SONGS OF PRAISE Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone Chris Tomlin
How Great Is Our God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE There is a Redeemer Keith Green

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:35-41 Jess Daniel

SERMON Jesus the Teacher: When Words Are Powerful Dr. David Renwick
Luke 10:25-37

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- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Quinn Fox
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Blessed Be Your Name Matt and Beth Redman

- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Vespers Worship

"A Season of Care:
Jesus—In the Household—Cares"

Wednesday, March 27

Refreshments & fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

Worship: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Jesus redefines the family of God, and his mother and siblings experience it first hand. Our families, too, are diverse and varied. Before worship, cut out a paper chain of people—your extended family. We will bring our paper chains forward during worship. Virginia Deacons will host a time of fellowship and conversation before worship. During worship, Dr. Joyce Emery will preach and Communion will be served.

Coming up:

- **April 3:** Jesus—Amidst Great Suffering—Cares
- **April 10:** Jesus—Personally and Communally—Cares

Book Study: "You Become What You Love"

Thursday, March 28, 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 2 on March 28.

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

God meets us at the pivotal points in our lives. Asking "God what is your will?" has the potential to completely reorient our lives and ministry. Please join us for a series of six classes led by Pastor Joyce Emery and NPC member Holly Novak about navigating crossroads and moving forward enthusiastically. *Learn more and register this week: nationalpres.org/crossroads.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 6, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Renwick on the theme "God's Mission in Pakistan and Jordan." *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Support Our Easter Garden

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table. *Please make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

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 25 of "The Story."

Sunday

Mark 9 (pp. 354-355)

Monday

Luke 24 (pp. 355-357)

Tuesday

John 6 (pp. 357-358)

Wednesday

John 11 (pp. 358-359)

Thursday

John 11 (pp. 359-361)

Friday

Luke 8 (pp. 361-363)

Saturday

Mark 14 (p. 363-366)

For reflection:

- Jesus said we must "deny ourselves" and "take up our cross;" and if we seek to save our lives we will lose them (pp. 353f). What are the implications of these commands for your life (important relationships, your career, your discretionary time)?
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead; yet he would one day die again. Which definition of life do you live by: life as "the absence of death" or life as the "presence of Jesus?"
- Jesus entered Jerusalem and cleansed the temple; some had turned it from God's house into a place of corruption. If Jesus walked into our church... into your life... with what would He be most pleased? What corrections might He make?

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:

Individuals and communities devastated by flooding in the Midwest

We pray for our mission partners including:

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

Please submit prayer requests to:

Liz Martin, lnmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.



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