



April 28, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country,
your people and your father's household to the land I will
show you. I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you.... all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."*

Selections from Genesis 12:1-3

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

"The Amazing Race" Youth Scavenger Hunt

12:00–4:30 p.m.

Middle and high schoolers are invited for a city-wide scavenger hunt! *Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/AmazingRace19>*

Moldova Prayer

12:15 p.m., Church Room 107

Come pray for Moldova and for National's mission partner there, the University of Divine Grace.

Monthly Food Collection

Our mission partner Martha's Table is sharing its new northwest DC office with a new affordable housing complex in Columbia Heights. Every week, we collect food for their pantry. Your donations go to help neighbors in need! **In April we are collecting canned fruit, and in May we will be collecting nuts and trail mix.** Donation baskets may be found at the entrance to Stone Hall and next to the information table outside of Elson Parlor.

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.

Gather 9:30–9:40 in the Multipurpose Building

- 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

No meeting this week; Resumes May 5

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 and in memory of Eleanor Keyser on her birthday, celebrating her love of the Lord, the joy she found in the beauty of flowers, and her many friends in this congregation, by her family Laurie, Russ, Russell and Matthew Brunner.

April Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Puer nobis nascitur

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of grateful praise.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you, for you are risen from the dead and alive forevermore.
Stand in our midst today as in the upper room:
show us your hands and your side, speak peace to our hearts and minds,
forgive our sins, still our fears, and empower us as your witnesses in the world;
for the glory of your name.

John R. W. Stott

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Joyce Emery

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, God claims us as His own, as we chose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Catherine Lawson Richardson Pierson

Daughter of Eugenia Edwards Pierson and Mathews Edward Pierson

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

John Witherspoon

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sent

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 435 *verse 1*

We All Are One in Mission

Fel flog ein klein Walldvögelein

▲ 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.

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

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone

Howard Helvey

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone, I'll never turn back no more;

He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.

No more, no more no more, my Lord, I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more;

The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no more.

No more, no more no more, my Lord, I'll never turn back no more.

Jesus, my all, to heav'n is gone.

with Phil Sargeant, oboe

▲ 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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

Lord, you give the great commission: "In my name baptize and teach,"
that the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring, "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend;

And, amidst the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Jeffery Rowthorn, alt

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on a Theme of Handel, Op. 90, No. 16

Alexandre Guilmant

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed Keith and Kristyn Getty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF PRAISE Indescribable Chris Tomlin
Jesus Messiah

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE If We're Honest Francesca Battiselli

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:16-20 Benny Thompson

SERMON Sent Dr. Quinn Fox

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Trust in You Lauren Daigle

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 4, 8:00–9:30 a.m.
Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by NPC Director of Serve Ministries, John Turpin, on the theme “One Journey Through the Body of Christ.” *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Youth Car Wash

Sunday, May 5, after worship
Youth House driveway

Have your car washed, and support the youth mission team traveling to the Dominican Republic this summer.

Lunch and Learn: God at Work in Jordan and Pakistan

Sunday, May 5, 12:30 p.m.
Stone Hall

Dr. Renwick and Currie Renwick will share about their recent visit to NPC mission partners, Marka Church in Jordan and Forman Christian College in Pakistan.

Sandwich Making

Sunday, May 12, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make up to 500 sandwiches in 15 minutes!

Family Night: Nationals Baseball Game

Friday, May 17, 7:05 p.m.

Bring the whole family to a night out watching the Nationals take on the Cubs. *Contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org to sign up.*

Great Day of Service

Sign up today! Saturday, May 18

Bring friends and family for a fun and meaningful day of service in and around our city. Projects include:

- packing meal kits (great for all ages!),
- reading projects and lunch with kids from Little Lights,
- helping to build a home for low income residents of DC,
- and more!

We will also be collecting clothes, books, baby supplies, and household goods from 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on May 18.

Sign up: nationalpres.org/greatday.

Thank You for Your Support!

We are grateful for the financial support of the congregation for our annual budget and the Capital Campaign! Our annual budget remains our first priority, and giving so far this year is below budget (by 9%). *In the next few weeks, please be willing to review your giving and help us enter the summer in a healthy financial position!*

March 31, 2019 Giving Update

Total Income	\$874,833
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Faith Giving (Individuals)	
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\$509,957	
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Other Income (Facility usage, etc.)	
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\$364,876	
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Total Expenses	\$1,082,972
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Net Income/(Deficit)	\$(208,139)
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Expert Advice for Older Adults and their Families

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, can provide expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at church; Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read
Chapter 28 of "The Story."

Sunday

Acts 1-2 (pp. 389-392)

Monday

Acts 2-3 (pp. 392-394)

Tuesday

Acts 3-5 (pp. 394-397)

Wednesday

Acts 6-8 (pp. 397-399)

Thursday

Acts 8-9 (pp. 399-401)

Friday

Acts 10 (pp. 401-403)

Saturday

Acts 12 (pp. 403-405)

For reflection:

- As you read The Story this week, pay attention to the word "witnesses" (it occurs six times). What do "witnesses" do in the early church? How does knowing you have that same power as Jesus' early followers (the Holy Spirit) affect how you see yourself as a witness?
- The early believers "enjoyed the favor of all the people" (p. 392) and "were highly regarded" by them (p. 395). Yet, Peter and the apostles obeyed God above any human stipulation (p. 396). What is the relationship between pleasing God and pleasing others? What happens when we set out first and foremost to please people?
- As a Christ-follower, how do you defeat prejudices you might inwardly hold as well as make a stand against prejudices displayed by others?

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 booklets 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:
Sri Lanka

We pray for our mission partners including:
Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF),
committed to the presence and well-being of Christians
in the Holy Land.

Please submit prayer requests to:
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