



May 19, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

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, &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

## "Building Together for the Next 50 Years" Town Hall Meeting

**12:15 p.m., Sanctuary**

In 2018, members and friends of National committed \$13 million towards an exciting Capital Campaign. With designs from our architects, Beyer, Blinder, Belle, and with estimates from our contractor, MCN Build, Inc., it's time for action! The Session, Capital Project Steering Committee, and Facilities Master Planning Team are excited to present their recommendations to the congregation. All members of the church are encouraged to attend as we "Build Together for the Next 50 Years"! *A recording of the presentation will be available at [nationalpres.org/buildingtogether](http://nationalpres.org/buildingtogether).*

## New Member Connections

**10:00 a.m., Terrace**

Join in welcoming our incoming new members at a reception on the terrace.

- Addie Adelekan, *Washington, DC*
- Reba Biggs, *Adelphi, MD*
- Nathaniel Buss, *Washington, DC*
- Sarah Buss, *Washington, DC*
- Rhonda Daniels, *Bethesda, MD*
- Kacie Greenwood, *Alexandria, VA*
- Laura Saba, *Washington, DC*
- Nat White, *Annandale, VA*

Interested in church membership? *Contact: Kemet Rakiatu: [KRakiatu@NationalPres.org](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org).*

## Stone Cleaning and Restoration

Work has begun on the exterior of the church building! Over the next several months the stone will be cleaned and restored, and repairs will be made from the 2011 earthquake.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### 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

**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 loving memory of Edmund E. Pendleton, Jr. by his family.

#### May Food Collection: Nuts and Trail Mix

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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 417

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

*Regent Square*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God, as we worship you today, we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Forgive whatever becomes to us a barrier, separating us from you and others. Set us free from a past we cannot change. And by the power of your Spirit, open to us a future in which we grow daily as faithful and effective followers of Jesus Christ—the light of the world.

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*      Apostles' Creed

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREAT DAY OF SERVICE VIDEO      Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises; new life and hope it brings. It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings. When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new; amidst e'en present sorrow, we cheerfully can say, let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may. It can bring with it nothing but God will bear us through; who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too. Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed; and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread. Sometimes through proclamation of holy word and deed, the light of God still causes the darkness to recede; thus, while in him abiding, God's praise shall tune my voice; and while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

Dr. Michael Denham with Todd Fickley, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Joyful Noisemakers

Cantad al Señor

Brazilian Folk Song

¡Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo! *O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song!*

Directed by Mandy Brown with Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 1:11-24

Donna Duss

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

SERMON

The Apostle Paul: Mission Impossible

Dr. David Renwick

Acts 22:6-16; Romans 15:18-24a

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 307

Fight the Good Fight

*Duke Street*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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J. S. Bach

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*Regent Square*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 417, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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RESPONSE

*Hamburg*

*Choir*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,

my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

*Congregation*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;

love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

▲ 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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Eric Nelson

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
 to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.  
 Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
 His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.  
 Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ!  
 Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Charles Wesley

#### NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of  
 Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this  
 church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight  
 them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.  
 Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of  
 all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made  
 new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits  
 us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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*You are invited to remain for the Town Hall immediately following the service.*

Brass players: Woodrow English, Rick Lee, Matt Niess, Jack Tilbury, John Abbracciamento

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

▲ WELCOME SONG	Your Love Awakens Me	Phil Wickham
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Quinn Fox
CALL TO WORSHIP		
▲ SONGS OF PRAISE	At the Cross	Chris Tomlin
	Reckless Love	Cory Asbury

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      Wide As the Sky                      Matt Redman

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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CLOSING SONG *offering received*    Let the Heavens Open    Kari Jobe

## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

*You are invited to the Sanctuary immediately following the service for the Town Hall.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** *Monday, May 20, Noon* **Stone Hall**

Dr. David Renwick will share about his recent trip to our church mission partners, Marka Church in Jordan and Forman Christian College in Pakistan.

*Sign up today at the information center in the narthex or call 202.537.7529. (Pay at the door; \$15 with advanced registration; \$20 if not registered in advance.)*

## **Book Discussion:** **"You Are What You Love"** *Thursday, May 23, 7:15-8:45 p.m.* **Elson Parlor**

Dr. Quinn Fox resumes a weekly discussion of James K.A. Smith's "You Are What You Love." We will discuss chapter 6 on May 23.

## **McCrory/Handy Wedding** *Saturday, May 25, 3:00 p.m.*

In gratitude for the grace of God, NPC Children's Ministry Director Cate McCrory and Chauncey Handy invite you to join them at their wedding ceremony at National this coming Saturday. *A reception will follow in Stone Hall.*

## **Your Recommendations Needed**

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. *Submit recommendations online: [nationalpres.org/nominate](http://nationalpres.org/nominate).*

## **Want to Join the Labor Day Celebration Team?**

*Learn more: Sunday June 2  
12:15 p.m., Church Room 5*

On Labor Day weekend, we will have a fun Sunday morning event for the whole church, celebrating our neighbors! We're looking for volunteers who can help prepare this fun, family-friendly morning. Come for a launch meeting to hear more and sign up. *Light lunch will be served.*

## **Celebrating "The Story"** *Sunday, June 9 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Come celebrate the completion of our study of "The Story" together as a church. We'll see highlights from the year, hear about the impact from youth, children, and adults, and enjoy great fellowship and refreshments. Also get a sneak peak into what we will be studying together next year.

## **Annual Meeting** *Sunday, June 9, Noon, Sanctuary*

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend a meeting of the congregation to vote on Session's Capital Project recommendation.

## **Doxology & Summer Worship** *Sunday, June 9*

**ONE service: 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Come on June 9 for a glorious worship service full of joyful music! Beginning June 16, there will be traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m., contemporary worship in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read  
Chapter 30 of "The Story."

### Sunday

Acts 21 (pp. 438-441)

### Monday

Acts 22 (pp. 442-445)

### Tuesday

Acts 23 (pp. 445-447)

### Wednesday

Acts 27 (pp. 447-451)

### Thursday

Ephesians 3 (pp. 452-454)

### Friday

Ephesians 5 (pp. 454-456)

### Saturday

2 Timothy 1 (pp. 456-458)

### For reflection:

- Paul told his story of how God touched his life while under arrest by the Roman authorities (p. 442f.). What's the story of how God "got hold" of you?
- Review Paul's teaching about the relationship between Jesus and the church in Eph. 5 (p. 455). Why is the image of a groom and his bride helpful to imagine Christ and the church? Using Christ's example, how does Paul challenge human notions of power and authority in relationships?
- What has Paul's life taught you about perseverance? (cf. Rom. 5 p. 433f.) & 2 Tim. 3 p. 457). What does it mean for you to persevere?

*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 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 grieve the death of:*

Mary Ann Saks on May 9, 2019

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

Little Lights Urban Ministries. Pray for continued successful expansion to Ward 7 and a growing mentoring program

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

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