

August 18, 2019



# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*"This is the Messiah, Jesus  
whom I am proclaiming to you."*

Acts 17:3

*They welcomed the message very eagerly  
and examined the scriptures every day  
to see whether these things were true.*

Acts 17:11

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> )
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# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Summer Sunday School *Sundays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.*

### Adult Sunday School: Living Faithfully in Challenging Times *Stone Hall*

Dr. Margaret Kibben presents  
"In the Age of Artificial Intelligence,  
Can Morality Be Coded?"

**NEXT WEEK:** We'll share updates from  
the summer trips and activities of our  
youth and families, and preview our fall  
programming on "Following Jesus."

### Youth Sunday School *Stone Hall through August*

Middle and high school youth gather in  
Stone Hall for the plenary.

### Children's Sunday School *Church Room 5 through August* Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited for a fun lesson on the parable of the vineyard.

## Welcome Dr. Cheryl Sanders

Cheryl Sanders is professor of Christian  
Ethics at the Howard University School  
of Divinity where she teaches courses  
in Christian ethics, pastoral ethics, and  
African American spirituality. Dr. Sanders  
has been Senior Pastor of the Third Street  
Church of God in Washington, D.C.  
since 1997 and holds a bachelor's degree  
from Swarthmore College and a Master  
of Divinity and Doctor of Theology from  
Harvard Divinity School. She is married  
to Dr. Alan Carswell, and is the mother of  
two children.

## Pick Up a Food Collection Bag *Stone Hall Lobby*

Pick up a bag (and one for a friend or  
neighbor!) to fill with nonperishable food  
bank donations for Neighbor Day! *See p.*  
*7 for more details.*

## Support Wounded Veterans *Collection through September*

We are collecting dog items for the Warrior  
Canine Connection (WCC), a program  
that trains dogs to help wounded veterans.  
Lists of requested items are available by the  
collection boxes at the information table  
and outside of Stone Hall.

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Summer Sunday School *9:30–10:30 a.m.*

- *Adults and Youth, Stone Hall*
- *Children (K-5th), Church Room 5*

### Nursery (Babies–Age 4) *8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.*

- Infants and Crawlers: *Church Room 16*
- Walkers: *Church Room 7*

### August Food Collection: Nuts and Trail Mix

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

### Today's Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given  
by David and Roz Mack to the glory of  
God and in gratitude for his blessings.

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Chapel*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

- ▲ WELCOME SONG                      Your Love Awakens Me                      Phil Wickham
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Dr. David Renwick
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ SONGS OF PRAISE AND PREPARATION
- Indescribable                      Chris Tomlin
- Give Us Clean Hands                      Charlie Hall

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Most gracious and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that, time after time, we have entered your presence with countless prayers, yet with hearts closed to your grace; we have lifted our hands to you in praise, yet our feet still walk the ways of evil; we have rehearsed your commandments, yet have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. Forgive these and all our sins, O Lord; forgive our faithlessness, and pardon our unjust acts. Grant us the healing which is found in your presence, and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word.

### SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      Word of God Speak                      Bart Millard
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

- A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES                      Dr. David Renwick
- SCRIPTURE                      Acts 17:1-13                      Troy Cudworth
- SERMON                      A Christian Education for Critical Thinkers                      Dr. Cheryl Sanders
- Senior Pastor, Third Street Church of God, Washington, DC
- Professor of Christian Ethics, Howard University Divinity School

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- ▲ 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

- CLOSING SONG *offering received*                      Speak, O Lord                      Keith and Kristyn Getty
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

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# 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

*Concerto No. 6 in B Flat Major*

G. F. Handel  
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 255 *verses 1-5*

Now Praise the Lord

*St. Anne*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 255, verse 6

No other people are so graced, no nation is so blest,  
As those who know God's living Word, and this one name confess.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most gracious and merciful Father,  
we confess to you and to one another that, time after time,  
we have entered your presence with countless prayers,  
yet with hearts closed to your grace;  
we have lifted our hands to you in praise,  
yet our feet still walk the ways of evil;  
we have rehearsed your commandments,  
yet have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.  
Forgive these and all our sins, O Lord;  
forgive our faithlessness, and pardon our unjust acts.  
Grant us the healing which is found in your presence,  
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word.

SILENT CONFESSION

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. David Renwick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Acts 17:1-13  
*Pew Bible pp. 901-902*

Elder Charlie Glendinning

SERMON                      A Christian Education for Critical Thinkers                      Dr. Cheryl Sanders  
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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*El Shaddai*

### *Soloist*

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai*, age to age you're still the same by the power of your name,  
*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, erkamka na Adonai*, we will praise and lift you high, *El Shaddai*.  
Through the years you made it clear that the time of Christ was near,  
though the people could not see what Messiah came to be.  
Though your Word contained the plan, they just could not understand  
that your saving work is done in your Son.

*El Shaddai*: God Almighty; *El Elyon*: God Most High; *erkamka*: We will love you; *na Adonai*: O Lord

### *Congregation*

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai*,  
age to age you're still the same by the power of your name,  
*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, erkamka na Adonai*,  
we will praise and lift you high, *El Shaddai*.                      with Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and  
Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

▲ 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

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

Thou Art the King of Glory

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ, the everlasting Son of the Father.

G. F. Handel

from *Dettingen Te Deum*

with Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Gil Hoffer, trumpet

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Duke Street*

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Cheryl Sanders

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

*Entrance of the Queen of Sheba*  
(from Solomon)

G. F. Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

## Building Together for the Next 50 Years

### AN UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### **What are we doing with the organ?**

Our world-class organ has helped us give glory to God every week at National for over 50 years! Each pipe has a leather component in its valve that opens and closes as sound is produced. As this natural material dries out and hardens over time and with changing temperature and humidity, the valve may fail to close completely, leading to what is called a “cipher,” which is an unwanted note issuing from a pipe that cannot be stopped unless the whole organ is turned off. This is already happening once or twice a year at National but will only increase with the aging of the current leather. The life expectancy of pipe-leather is about 30 years. Most of our pipes have not been re-leathered in 50 years! Part of our Capital Campaign funds will be used to re-leather our organ so that it can continue to lead worship and be enjoyed for years to come.

*Our approved \$13 million project can accomplish incredible things thanks to your generosity, but we believe we can do even more! An additional \$2.3 million would allow us to complete projects that will enable ministry to thrive in our church home. Can you help us bridge this gap?*

LEARN MORE: [nationalpres.org/buildingtogether](http://nationalpres.org/buildingtogether)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday School Plenary

*Next Sunday, August 25*

*9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

We'll share updates from the summer trips and activities of our youth and families, and preview our fall programming on "Following Jesus."

## Neighbor Day Team Meeting

*Sunday, August 25*

*Noon, Church Room 5*

Volunteers please come for final planning of the big day! *Questions? Contact: Leslie Saum, [LSaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@nationalpres.org).*

## Prayer Shawls: Gather to Knit or Crochet

*Sunday, August 25, 12:30 p.m.*

*Elson Parlor*

Join together to share ideas and prayers. Bring patterns to share and extra yarn. We will knit/crochet as we talk and a light lunch will be served. *Contact: Liz Martin at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org).*

## Family to Family: Support for Families Living with Mental Illness

*Beginning Thursday, August 29*

*6:00–9:00 p.m., Parlor*

Does someone in your family struggle with mental illness? We're partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to provide a free 12-week program for family members living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. *Contact Liz Martin at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) to sign up.*

## THIS FALL

### Neighbor Day: Food Drive and Food Trucks

*Sunday, September 1*

Bring friends and neighbors for a morning of worship and fun, rain or shine!

- Food drive for local food banks—bring a bag of nonperishable goods!
- Food trucks with food from Stacks BBQ, DC Taco, Holy Moly Hummus, Say Cheese, and Swizzler Gourmet Hotdogs.
- Family-friendly lawn games.
- Welcoming worship at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary (one worship service this morning).

*Pick up a bag (or two!) in the Stone Hall lobby to fill with your food bank donations!*

### Preaching and Teaching this Fall: "Following Jesus"

Beginning September 1, our preaching and teaching through next spring will center on "Following Jesus: The Story of His Life and Ours," focusing on the Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke. A weekly reading and reflection guide will be available next week at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults).

*Beginning Sunday, September 8*

- **Worship:** 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Traditional services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. and contemporary service at 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday School classes:** 9:30 a.m.  
Classes for children, youth, and adults.
- **Discussion in Stone Hall:** 10:00 a.m.  
Gather in small groups to discuss the week's reading and get to know others in the church.

*Interested in participating in classes or groups? Sign up at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults).*



# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

August 18 – 25

### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
2 Samuel 17:1-23  
Galatians 3:6-14  
John 5:30-47

### Monday

Psalms 135; 112  
2 Samuel 17:24-18:8  
Acts 22:30-23:11  
Mark 11:12-26

### Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86  
2 Samuel 18:9-18  
Acts 23:12-24  
Mark 11:27-12:12

### Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4  
2 Samuel 18:19-33  
Acts 23:23-35  
Mark 12:13-27

### Thursday

Psalms 36; 27  
2 Samuel 19:1-23  
Acts 24:1-23  
Mark 12:28-34

### Friday

Psalms 130; 139  
2 Samuel 19:24-43  
Acts 24:24-25:12  
Mark 12:35-44

### Saturday

Psalms 56; 111  
2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17  
Acts 25:13-27  
Mark 13:1-13

### Sunday

Psalms 67; 93  
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25  
Galatians 3:23-4:7  
John 8:12-20

*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.

**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. Come to the bookstore (downstairs, just outside of Stone Hall) for a free daily devotional!

**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 are available in the Chapel to pray with you.

**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 four pews of the Sanctuary.*

## PRAYERS

*We pray for:*

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

*We pray for our mission partners including:*

Birzeit Senior Center provides nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem.

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

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