

September 15, 2019



Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*In Jesus, we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted
as we are, yet without sin.*

Hebrews 4:15

*When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from Jesus until an opportune time.*

Luke 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, & 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

"Following Jesus" Book

Our programming and worship this year centers on "Following Jesus: The Story of His Life and Ours," focusing on the Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke.

Free copies of a study guide book are available for all those who participate in our fall programming. You can pick up a book today at all of our adult Sunday School classes (see details below), and at the bookstore. *The study guide is also available online at nationalpres.org/adults.*

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.

Military Ministry

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

This summer, we collected items for a program that trains dogs to help wounded veterans. Come enjoy a light lunch and hear from representatives of Warrior Canine Connection about the work they are doing for the military community. A dog ambassador will be on the terrace (covered driveway if rain) from 10:30–11:00 a.m. if you want to say hello!

Hurricane Dorian Relief

You can support relief efforts in the Bahamas by making a gift today via check with the memo line "Bahamas" or online at nationalpres.org/giving. Our gifts will go to Salvation Army Bahamas Turks and Caicos for emergency assistance and recovery efforts.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **"Following Jesus" Together**
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
Explore how the Bible holds meaning in your life today during a weekly summary and small group discussion.
- **"Following Jesus:"**
A Call to Discipleship
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel
Led by R.V. Seep
- **"Following Jesus:"**
Companions on the Journey
9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105
Led by Currie Renwick and Nancy Fox

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*

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.

Youth Group

Middle and high schoolers are invited for games, snacks, and a short devotional.

Learn more: nationalpres.org/youth

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 with grateful hearts to the glory of God in memory of Wee Siew Kim by her granddaughter, Ms. Joanna Lam.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

"O Lord, support us all the day long..."

Craig Phillips
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, you are worthy of all our praise and obedience. To turn *from you* is to fall, to turn *to you* is to rise, and to stand *in you* is to abide forever. In your mercy, forgive us for our disobedience and our slowness to heed your word. In our confusion grant us your guidance. In our duties grant us your help. In our dangers grant us your protection. And in our sorrows, grant us your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we pray.

adapted from Augustine of Hippo

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 PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Psalms 91

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his presence for life, under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness our shield. And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Dr. Michael Denham and Todd Fickley, piano

▲ 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.

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Dottie McKnight

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: The Road Less Traveled

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 4:14-30

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 477, verse 4

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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and to stand *in you* is to abide forever.

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Nancy Low

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RESPONSE

All Saints

Choir

Since we have a Priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
Who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain;
Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his face.

Congregation

Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end,
Pioneer of our salvation, mighty Advocate and Friend:
Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

Christopher M. Idle

▲ 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.

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▲ Congregation standing, as able

Jones Hall (School Gym)

▲ WELCOME SONG	Lift High the Name of Jesus	Keith and Kristyn Getty
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP		Dr. Joyce Emery
CALL TO WORSHIP		
▲ SONGS OF PRAISE AND PREPARATION		
	Who You Say I Am	Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
	Reckless Love	Cory Asbury

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE All The Way My Savior Leads Me Chris Tomlin

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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CLOSING SONG *offering received* Because He Lives Matt Maher

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon *Monday, September 16* *Noon, Stone Hall*

NPC Parish Associate Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus will share about his life and work in ministry. *Call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 at the door).*

N.T. Wright Book Study *Wed., Sept. 18, 7:15 p.m., Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a study of N.T. Wright's book, *The Challenge of Jesus*. Books will be available for purchase from the church bookstore. *Reading schedule: nationalpres.org/adults.*

Parenting Seminar *Friday, September 20, 7:00–8:30 p.m.*

Gather with other parents of older elementary and middle school students for study and conversation! *Details and sign up at nationalpres.org/adults.*

Moldova Lunch and Learn *September 22, 12:30 p.m., Parlor*

The University of Divine Grace in Chisinau, Moldova is strengthening the global church by training workers to help orphans in Eastern Europe and training pastors and evangelists across Europe and Central Asia. Come hear more from NPC short-term missionaries and missionary Rev. Paul Beech.

Griefshare *Sunday, September 22* *1:00–3:00 p.m., Church Room 5*

If you've lost a loved one, come find support at this one-session Griefshare. A light lunch will be served. *Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540 to register.*

Congregational Meeting and Capital Project Update *Sunday, September 22*

12:05–12:25 p.m., Sanctuary

Stay after the 11:00 a.m. service for a meeting of the congregation to elect an elder and hear an update on the Capital Campaign and Project.

Discerning Crossroads Course

Friday, September 27

6:30–8:30 p.m., Stone Hall

Are you facing big decisions in your personal, relational, or professional life? Learn tools to discern God's will during this five-week course led by Dr. Joyce Emery and Holly Novak. Our first meeting is an introductory session with a light supper. *Register online at nationalpres.org/crossroads.*

Pathway Membership Class *Saturday, September 28*

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at National, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by September 18 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Lend a Welcoming Hand

You can help out your church on Sundays for as little as one hour a month!

- Serve as a greeter by welcoming all who enter the church. *Contact: Michael Wiseman, MichaelLWiseman@aol.com.*
- Serve as a Connections Ambassador by welcoming and visiting with folks in the pew or in the hall after worship. *Contact Leslie Saum at lsaum@nationalpres.org.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for September 16–22

Luke 31–44, 5:12–16

Questions for Reflection

- In vss. 31–44 above, what astonished people about Jesus? How is this related to his declaration in the previous week's passage (see 4:16–22, especially vs. 22)?
- Is there someone in your life who needs the compassionate touch of friendship and understanding?
- Note the rhythm in Jesus' actions. On the one hand, he is eager and makes himself available to heal. On the other hand, he withdraws from crowds and popularity to pray. How much value do you place on prayer in your life? How is this reflected in your daily priorities?
- What quiet place can you find for a regular place for prayer?

A weekly reading guide is available at nationalpres.org/adults

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 grieve the death of:

Florence Kuipers on September 6, 2019

We celebrate the births of:

Quincy Deal Vanderbloemen on May 1, 2019
to parents Christina and Brian Vanderbloemen

Carter James Donaldson on August 29, 2019
to parents Kelsey and Justin Donaldson

Charlotte Jane Crumpler on September 5, 2019
to parents Jane and Ryan Crumpler



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