

September 22, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Then Jesus stretched out his hand,
touched him, and said,
"I do choose. Be made clean."*

Luke 4:13a

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

Congregational Meeting and Capital Project Update

12:00–12:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Stay after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for a meeting of the congregation to elect a new elder and hear an update on our Capital Project and plans to move forward.

Griefshare

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.

Washington Bach Consort

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Washington Bach Consort presents "A Royal Occasion." *Tickets are available online at bachconsort.org.*

"Following Jesus" Book

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

Moldova Lunch and Learn

12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

The University of Divine Grace in Moldova trains pastors, evangelists, and social workers across Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Come hear more from NPC short term missionaries. A light lunch will be served.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **"Following Jesus" Together**
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
- **"Following Jesus:"
A Call to Discipleship**
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel
- **"Following Jesus:"
Companions on the Journey**
9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105

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

Young professionals are invited for lunch and conversation.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God on the 40th anniversary of the visit to National of Bishop Festo Kivengere of Uganda who, taking as his text the story of Jesus and the woman at the well, preached, "Love knows no accidents."

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Largo
from Xerxes

G.F. Handel
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN *see p. 4*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, as we worship, we come into your presence in humility and need, for we are sinners. We dare not rely on our own worth, but only on your goodness and mercy. We are defiled by our sins of body and soul, and of unguarded thoughts and words. We appeal to you, fountain of all mercy. We cannot bear your judgment, but we trust your salvation. Forgive us. Heal us. Our sins are great, so we hope only in your mercies, which cannot be numbered.

Ambrose of Milan

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

He Will Hold Me Fast

Matt Merker
arr. Paul Campbell

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; with the power still to heal, Christ will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold: He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last; bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.

Raised with him to endless life, he will hold me fast 'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone, Heather Green, violin, and Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

▲ 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

Luke 4:38-40; 5:12-16

Leslie Saum

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: Healing Power

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN *see p. 5*

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

Beecher

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stolfus

▲ HYMN

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Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Blessed thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

Hath he not found you relief, spreading his wings o'er to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee!

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love doth befriend thee.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for e'er we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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Deacon Craig Person

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

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HYMN 390 *verses 1 & 4*

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

St. Stephen

▲ 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn
from *Hymn of Praise*

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he healed my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him.

with Sheri Jackson and Mandy Brown, sopranos

▲ 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, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Beecher

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, offer worship not of voice alone but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
By your worship grant us vision, till your love's redeeming light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to deep commitment your abundant life to share.
Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

John Rutter

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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G.F. Handel

Jones Hall (School Gym)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Book Study

Wednesday, September 25

7:15 p.m., Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a study of N.T. Wright's book, *The Challenge of Jesus*. Books are available for purchase from the church bookstore. We will discuss chapter 2 on Sept. 25. *Reading schedule:* nationalpres.org/adults.

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 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 to register:* krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.

Parenting Seminars

September 29, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Parents of high school or young adult children are invited for conversation and a study of *Growing With*. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple for the entirety of the course and includes all materials. *Visit* nationalpres.org/adults *to sign up.*

Volunteer With Friends at Martha's Table

Friday, September 27, 1:15–8:15 p.m.

Come serve at Martha's Table's new headquarters! Meet at the church before taking a bus to give out free, fresh groceries. Dinner is included, and we will return by 8:15 p.m. *Contact Susan O'Banion:* sobanion@nationalpres.org

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 5

8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Bryce Pippert on the theme "Change and Commitment." *Reserve your place:* men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.

Lunch & Learn

Sunday, October 6

12:30–2:00 p.m., Stone Hall

John Bernbaum will present about his tenure at President of the Russian-American Christian University. Copies of his new book *Opening the Red Door* will be available. **All are welcome; reservations are strongly encouraged.** *Please email Susan O'Banion at* sobanion@nationalpres.org *by September 25 to RSVP*

Nominations for Mission Gifts

Submit nominations by October 13

Nominate an organization or missionary close to your heart for Mission Gifts for Christmas, National's Christmas tradition of generosity. *Submit nominations by Oct. 13 at* nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.

Hurricane Dorian Relief

We are collecting a special offering for the Salvation Army Bahamas Turks and Caicos to aid in their recovery efforts. *You can make a gift by check with the memo line "Bahamas" or online at* nationalpres.org/giving.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for September 23-29

Luke 5:1-11, 17-26

Questions for Reflection

- What might be going on in your mind if the events described in vss. 1-4 happened in your setting?
- What experiences have you had when you were exhausted and unfruitful and the thought of obeying God's command seemed counterintuitive, or simply wrong headed? How might Simon's experience change our perspective on such experiences?
- What does Jesus' call to imperfect Simon to follow him, suggest about God's call to us?
- Who is someone who might encounter Jesus through your faith and persistence?

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. Head to the Parlor after the 9 a.m. service, or come downstairs to Stone Hall after the 11 a.m. services, 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:

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church

We pray for our mission partners, including:
Bethlehem Bible College as they prepare Christian leaders to serve churches and communities in Israel, Palestine and the Middle East.

Please submit prayer requests to:

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