

September 29, 2019

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Who can forgive sins but God alone?*

Luke 5:21

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

## "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 in your Sunday School class or at the bookstore. *The study guide is also available online at [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults).*

## Join a Small Group

Discover how Christian community can be life-giving and life-changing! Groups gather throughout the year at different times and locations in the DC-area. **Sign up online today!** [www.nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://www.nationalpres.org/small-groups) or email: [athompson@nationalpres.org](mailto:athompson@nationalpres.org).

## Parenting Seminars

**7:00—8:00 p.m.**

**Agencies Building Room 105**

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.

*Contact: Amy Thompson, [athompson@nationalpres.org](mailto:athompson@nationalpres.org).*

## Hurricane Dorian Relief

We are collecting a special offering for the Salvation Army Bahamas Turks and Caicos to aid in their recovery efforts. Together, we have already raised \$18,438! *You can make a gift by check with the memo line "Bahamas" or online at [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving).*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### 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](http://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 to the glory of God by Kristine Heine in loving memory of her late husband, Al Yamada, whose birthday is today.

# 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation, Op. 18

César Franck  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Laudes Domini*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, as I bow before you in worship, I give you thanks that you have made me in your image. Yet I also acknowledge freely that I am a sinner who has fallen short of your standards, and need your mercy. I firmly believe that you died for me to bear away my sins. Now, according to your promise, I open myself to you. As I confess my sins to you, naming with my lips what you already know is in my heart, come in, Lord Jesus. Be my Savior and friend forever.

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 I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

*Sung by soloists and then by congregation*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you. O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what you hear: May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 5* Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 5 for text*

Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend

Pepper Choplin

▲ 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.

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

Deacon Susan Julius

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: Carrying Each Other

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 5:17-26

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN *see p. 5*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

# 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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▲ 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Joyce Emery

Baptismal Questions and 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 choose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptism

Isabelle Kathryn Toppings

daughter of Jacqueline Hahey Toppings and Christopher James Toppings

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

Elder Herma Williams

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

SERMON

Following Jesus: Carrying Each Other

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 5:17-26

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*Rest*

*Choir*

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,

the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

*Congregation*

Like one who's feeble limbs were brought before the Savior's eyes  
for gracious healing of the Lord, let us, like him, forgiven, to new hope and life arise.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles' Creed	Dr. Quinn Fox
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

Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend  
*Sweet are the prayers of a friend. How sweet are the prayers that are offered up by a friend. Who calls, calling up to heav'n, "Lord, come down and bless again."*  
Friends pray for healing, they pray revealing the heavy burdens of our souls.  
They pray for courage, unfailing courage, asking God to make us whole.  
Friends pray through troubles, pray through struggles when life seems to fall apart.  
They pray through grieving, always believing God can heal a broken heart.  
Sweet are the prayers of a friend for a friend.

▲ 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	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	Azmon
1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace. 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name. 3. 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. 4. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!		
		Charles Wesley

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE	Fanfare	William Mathias
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▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

▲ WELCOME SONG	Soul On Fire	Matt Maher
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Donna Marsh
CALL TO WORSHIP		
▲ SONGS OF PRAISE AND PREPARATION		
	God of This City	Chris Tomlin
	Break Every Chain	Will Reagan

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Jesus Messiah Chris Tomlin

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES		Cate McCrory
SCRIPTURE	Luke 5:1-11	Elder David Thompson
SERMON	Following Jesus: Carrying Each Other	Dr. David Renwick
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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles' Creed                      Rev. Donna Marsh

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CLOSING SONG *offering received* Oh How Good It Is Keith and Kristyn Getty

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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](mailto:men@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7527.*

## 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](http://nationalpres.org/mission-gifts).*

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

**Monday, October 21**

**12:00 p.m., Stone Hall**

Dr. David Warren, President of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, will be our guest speaker. *Call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 at the door).*

## Pray with Little Lights

**Saturday, October 26,**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

Come for a time of prayer and worship at the Little Lights Hilltop Center in the Benning Heights community in Ward 7. Worship and praise will be led by Little Lights board member Alex Knight and light refreshments will be served. Little Lights is one of our Capital Campaign mission partners. *Register online at: [bit.ly/LLPrayerWorship](http://bit.ly/LLPrayerWorship)*

## School Applications

National Presbyterian School encourages applications from NPC families for nursery through sixth grade, and they receive special consideration. NPC applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-K are due Nov. 20; Kindergarten and older are due Jan. 12. *For more information, visit [www.nps-dc.org](http://www.nps-dc.org) or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, [kharvey@nps-dc.org](mailto:kharvey@nps-dc.org) or 202.537.7508.*

## Sing In Handel's Messiah

**Rehearsals begin: November 16**

**Concert: December 8**

NPC Festival Choir rehearsals begin soon!

- Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Choir Room
- Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Choir Room
- Friday, Dec. 6, 7:00–10:00 p.m., Sanctuary (piano dress)
- Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Sanctuary (orchestra dress)
- Performance: Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:lsaum@nationalpres.org).*

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

## "FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading  
for September 30 -  
October 6, 2019

Luke 5:27-6:11; 8:19-21

### Questions for Reflection

- How does Jesus respond to the questions of the Scribes and Pharisees? What would you think about a “motley crew” joining you at the Lord’s Table?
- List things you have done for God. List things that God has done for you. What’s more important—your righteousness or God’s mercy?
- Outside your natural family, where have you found the kind of family that Jesus describes? What have you learned from them (make a list)?
- What does it mean to you to think that Jesus includes you in his family?

*A weekly reading guide  
is available at  
[nationalpres.org/adults](http://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:*

Guests and newcomers to National Presbyterian Church.

*We pray for our mission partners, including:*  
International Association for Refugees

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7540.

*Pick up a prayer and joy list at the information table each week to pray for members and friends in the congregation. To receive the care and joy list via email, contact Liz Martin at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org).*



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