

October 20, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.*

Isaiah 50:4

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

Vision 2020: Stewardship at National

We have a vision to provide joyful worship, engaging programming, compassionate pastoral care, and Christian outreach to those in need in 2020. **This vision is possible because of your generosity!** Please prayerfully consider your financial support of God's work in and through this church and make your 2020 commitment by filling out a card in the Friendship Register, or online at nationalpres.org/2020.

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.

New Member Connections

Join in welcoming our newest members at a reception in Stone Hall after worship.

- Mimi Alexandre, *Bethesda, MD*
- Rodrigue Alexandre, *Bethesda, MD*
- Diana Peacock Benjamin, *Washington, DC*
- John Benjamin, *Washington, DC*
- Peter Byrd, *Falls Church, VA*
- Jenny Coneff, *Washington, DC*
- Cordean Fitzgerald, *Hyattsville, MD*
- Kayce Lane, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Nic Lane, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Charlotte McPherson, *Falls Church, VA*
- Dorin Munteanu, *Washington, DC*
- Mark Nelson, *Arlington, VA*
- Mary Ann Norwood, *Washington, DC*
- Rosemary Ogbenna, *Washington, DC*
- David Prentiss, *Washington, DC*
- Alex Schroeder, *Washington, DC*
- Cindy Ziegler, *Arlington, VA*

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.

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 Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg who was born on October 21st and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg who joined him in heaven on October 21st.

October Food Collection: Canned Fruit

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

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Andante religioso from Sonata Op. 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

You alone, O God, I praise. And for you alone my soul waits in silence. For you are my rock and my salvation. You have spoken and I have heard your word: that power and steadfast love belong to you. Therefore in your mercy, I pray, forgive my sin, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Hear my cry, O Lord, and listen to my prayer.

And lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

based on Psalms 61 and 62

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

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

I Got a Home in A-Dat Rock

Spiritual

I got a home in a-dat Rock, don't you see? Between de earth and' sky, thought I heard my Savior cry:

You got a home in a-dat Rock, don't you see? Don't build your house on sand, don't you see? Don't build your house on sand, jus' hold fas' to Jesus' hand: You got a home in a-dat Rock, don't you see? The rain come and the wind blow great, don't you see? The rain come and the wind blow great, you mus' build before it's too late. You need a home in-a dat Rock, don't you see? Your foundation, if it's deep, don't you see? Your foundation, if it's deep, no winds will make you weep: Better get a home in a-dat Rock, don't you see?

Sheri Jackson, soprano and Todd Fickley, piano

▲ 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*

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-38

Carolann Haley

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

Following Jesus: Lifelong Learners

Dr. Joyce Emery

Luke 6:39-47

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *see insert*

The Salvation Army Southern Territorial Songsters

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

- ▲ HYMN 417 *verses 1-3* Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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*

You alone, O God, I praise. And for you alone my soul waits in silence.

For you are my rock and my salvation.

You have spoken and I have heard your word:

that power and steadfast love belong to you.

Therefore in your mercy, I pray, forgive my sin, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Hear my cry, O Lord, and listen to my prayer.

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Dr. David Renwick

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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Laurie Denham

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CHORAL RESPONSE

My God Is a Rock

Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm. O my Jesus, my Lord!

Spiritual

NPC Chancel Choir

▲ 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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

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▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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▲ CHORAL AMEN

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Théodore Dubois
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG 1,000 Tongues Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS John Marienau Turpin

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF RESPONSE Close To Thee Fanny Jane Crosby
Sovereign Chris Tomlin

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE How Great is Our God Chris Tomlin

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* You Never Let Go Matt Redman

▲ CLOSING PRAYER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, October 21

12:00 p.m., Stone Hall

Dr. David Warren, President Emeritus of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, will present: "Growing up in the Shadow of the Manhattan Project." *Sign up in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation in advance; \$20 at the door).*

Mission Gifts Report: "ByGrace" Children's Home

Wednesday, October 23

7:00–8:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Donna Harman and three students from ByGrace Children's Home in Kenya will share how they have been supported through your gifts from Mission Gifts for Christmas. Light fare will be served. *Contact: Susan O'Banion, sobanion@nationalpres.org.*

Women's Dessert Event

Friday, October 25

7:00–9:00 p.m., Stone Hall

Come for fellowship, dessert, and speakers on the topic "Following Jesus to the Ends of the Earth." Kate Gardner, Tameka Richardson, and Evangeline Paschal have each been called to serve in ministries at home and abroad. *Sign up in Stone Hall or email Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpreg.org.*

Visual Arts at National

Sunday, October 27, 12:35–1:05 p.m.

Culbertson Library

Are you a painter, sculptor, photographer, floral designer, weaver, quilter, or multimedia artist? Come join others in the visual arts for a brief conversation! We'll gather immediately after the congregational meeting. *Please RSVP to Nancy Low, nonilow@verizon.net.*

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 27

12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend a meeting of the congregation to elect new officers. Bios of nominees are available at the information table.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 2

8:00–9:00 a.m., Stone Hall

Men are invited for a hearty breakfast and conversation. We will attend the fall conference together following breakfast. *RSVP by emailing men@nationalpres.org.*

All-Church Fall Conference "The Story of Jesus: Then and Now"

Saturday, November 2

9:15 a.m.–Noon, Stone Hall

Rev. Dr. Marianne Meyre Thompson, a New Testament professor at Fuller Theological Seminary will present: "The Story of Jesus—Then and Now." Dr. Thompson is a well-known teacher, author, and PCUSA minister. This event is free and open to the public.

Sing in Handel's Messiah

Rehearsals begin: November 16

Concert: December 8

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

- Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Choir Room; registration at 9:30 a.m.
- 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.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for October 21-27, 2019

Luke 7:1-35

Questions for Reflection

- What is it that surprises Jesus?
- How can the centurion's prayer (vss. 6-8) guide us in our prayers?
- Where is the faith in vss. 11-17? What do you make of that?
- What was the nature of John's doubt? How does Jesus' reply (vss. 18-28)?
- Consider the contrast in vss. 33-34: In this season of your life is God calling you to solitude, prayer, and reflection? Or in what ways are you being called to engage the world as a "friend of sinners?" What do you see as the relationship between these two expressions of living faith?

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:

Our middle school students on their fall retreat.

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Evangelical Nazarene Marka Church, creating a community of refugees who know and serve Jesus Christ.

Please submit prayer requests to:

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