

October 27, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

REFORMATION AND
NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL SUNDAY

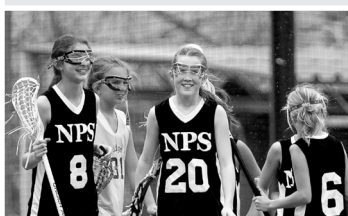
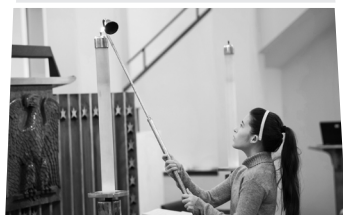
*Jesus said, "I tell you, not even in Israel
have I found such faith."*

Luke 7:9

*They asked Jesus: 'Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?'*

Luke 7:20

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.

National Presbyterian School Sunday

Please welcome members of the NPS community joining us in worship this morning! NPC families receive special consideration for applications to NPS. Nursery (3-year-olds) and pre-kindergarten applications are due November 18; Kindergarten and older are due January 17. Visit www.nps-dc.org for more information.

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*

Congregational Meeting *Noon, 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.

Visual Arts at National *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.

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 Carole S. Kinney and family in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Charles Steadman, especially remembering her mother's October 29th birthday.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dieterich Buxtehude

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Todd Sutton, National Presbyterian School Chaplain

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, your very name is holy. In our worship today may it also be hallowed.

To this end, O blessed Father, help us in our weakness, convict us of our disobedience, and forgive us of our sins. As we hear your Word taught in truth and purity, help us—your children—to lead holy lives in accordance with it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Martin Luther, Leader of the German Reformation

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 *see p. 4*

Gloria Patri

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Amazing Grace

Jay Althouse

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. Through many dangers, toils, and snare, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

National Presbyterian School Chorus

Directed by Meghan O'Connell with Anne Hancock, 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 7:1-10

Malcolm Lester

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

National Presbyterian School Head of School

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. David Renwick

Baptismal Questions

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 chose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Quincy Deal Vanderbloemen

son of Christina Rose Vanderbloemen and Brian Davis Vanderbloemen

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

SERMON

Following Jesus: Faith and Doubt

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 7:11-23

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 138, verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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CHORAL MEDITATION

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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.

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UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is fullness of light and wisdom. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth, for Christ's sake. Amen.

John Calvin, leader of the Swiss Reformation

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Dunlap’s Creek

Choir

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe him near.

Congregation

Help, then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

▲ 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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Old Hundredth

Choir

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter the his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

▲ DOXOLOGY: *Choir and Congregation, standing*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav’n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 260

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▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Heinrich Schütz

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11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG By Faith Keith and Kristyn Getty

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Dr. Joyce Emery

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONGS OF RESPONSE This is Amazing Grace Phil Wickham
If We're Honest Francesca Battistelli

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Blessed Be Your Name Matt and Beth Redman

▲ CLOSING PRAYER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Warmth Drive

Collecting through November 17

Please bring the following **winter clothing items** for our local mission partners serving the homeless in DC:

- New heavyweight socks and thermal underwear
- New or gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for men, women, and children
- New or gently used heavy winter boots for adult men and women

Help pack and box donations! Sign up online at bit.ly/WWarmthVol.

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

Saturday, November 2

9:15 a.m.–Noon, Stone Hall

Rev. Dr. Marianne Meyers 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. *Optional childcare is available for children 5 and under upon RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Pre-Conference 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 Saints Sunday Service of Remembrance

Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30 p.m., Chapel

All who have lost loved ones in the recent past are welcome to attend, remember, and celebrate eternal life in Christ Jesus. The Columbarium will be open before and after the service.

Arlington National Cemetery Tour

Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

Elder and Military Ministry member Glenn Schmitt will offer a private tour of Arlington National Cemetery. We will visit the section for military chaplains in addition to the sites of other national and military heroes.

The tour is open to all...bring family and friends! We will be walking the entire time and there will be some hills and inclines. *To RSVP, contact Liz Martin at 202.537.7540 or lmartin@nationalpres.org.*

Military Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 10, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

The Honorable John Young, an NPC member and former Asst. Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisitions) and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics will be speaking. A light lunch will be provided. All are invited to attend.

Sing in Handel's Messiah

Rehearsals begin: November 16

Concert: December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

- Saturdays, Nov. 16 & 23, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Choir Room; *registration on Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m.*
- 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.

Lend a Welcoming Hand

You can help at church on Sundays for as little as one hour a month! **Serve as an usher** by passing out bulletins, and collecting offerings. *Contact library@*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for
Oct. 28- Nov. 3, 2019

Luke 7:36-8:22

Questions for Reflection

- In Luke's gospel, a variety of characters have been introduced, and many of them are people of unlikely faith. Do you think of others (see 7:36-8:3)?
- How do vss. 4-8 offer a summary of Jesus' ministry with a variety of people?
- What experience do you have of the truth of this parable in your response to Jesus?
- Think of the people whom you encounter on a daily or weekly basis; what kinds of soil do you see represented? What can you do to sow the seed of the gospel effectively?
- What is your expectation of the coming kingdom of God? When you pray the Lord's Prayer, what do you imagine an answer to your prayer looking like?

*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:

The staff, faculty, and students at
National Presbyterian School

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan.

Please submit prayer requests to:

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