











# Welcome to National Presbyterian Church

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

VFTFRANS DAY COMMITMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

Luke 8:24

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 (Director), Todd Fickley (Organist) Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader) Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (Library, Archives, & Older Adults)

Kristin Franke (Youth), Cate McCrory (Children)

Leslie Saum (Connections), John Marienau Turpin (Serve)

## TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Commitment Celebration Sunday

During the service we will bring forward our commitments as an act of worship, celebrating God's faithfulness and committing to supporting his work in and through his church. You can help us plan wisely for the year ahead by prayerfully making a financial commitment for 2020.

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! You can make your 2020 commitment by filling out a card in the baskets in the pews, or online at nationalpres.org/2020.

## Military Ministry Speaker and Lunch

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.

## Sandwich Making 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table.

## 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 and in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

### November Food Collection: Nuts and Trail Mix

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 In Memoriam

Alfred V. Fedak Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ Hymn 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin in unison

O Lord our God, in worship we bow before you, seeking your mercy, and trusting your grace. We acknowledge to you, and to one another, that we are sinners, prone to wander from your ways. Forgive us, O Lord. Guide the vessel of our lives toward you, the tranquil haven of all storm-tossed souls. Curb our wayward senses; show us the course before us; and guide us to our true good, by your glorious and gladdening presence.

Basil of Caesarea

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

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND COMMITMENTS

Piano Reflection

Joanna Zorack-Greene

▲ 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 8:22-25

Hall Northcutt

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children of All Ages

SERMON Following Jesus: Life in the Storm

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 8:40-56

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 361 How Firm a Foundation Foundation

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

▲ POSTLUDE Litanies Jehan Alain

▲ Congregation standing, as able

### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

#### Sanctuary

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

In Memoriam

Alfred V. Fedak Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

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▲ HYMN 562 verses 1-3

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

▲ Prayer of Adoration

#### ▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 562, verse 4

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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#### Assurance of Pardon

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Deacon Bob Cryer

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Following Jesus: Life in the Storm Luke 8:40-5

Dr. David Renwick

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#### Congregational Response

Ville du Havre

When peace like a river attendeth my way, or sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, God has taught me to say it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul); it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### ▲ 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, GIFTS, AND COMMITMENTS

You are Precious in My Sight

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you; be not afraid, I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

▲ 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 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

- ▲ Benediction
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

▲ POSTLUDE Litanies Jehan Alain

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### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ Welcome Song

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Indelible Grace

Welcome, Announcements, and Pathway of Discipleship

Dr. Joyce Emery

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ Songs of Praise and Preparation

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Chris Tomlin

#### Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Reckless Love

Cory Asbury

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#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG offering and commitments received

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

#### ▲ CLOSING PRAYER

Save the date for a potluck luncheon in Jones Hall on Sunday, November 24 following the service.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Sing in Handel's Messiah Rehearsals begin: November 16 Concert: December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

- 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.

## 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.

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, November 18 12:00 p.m., Stone Hall

Dr. Edward M. Ifft, retired State Department Officer, physicist, and consultant, will speak about "Christianity and Nuclear Weapons." Sign up in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation in advance; \$20 at the door).

## Thanksgiving Worship Thursday, November 28 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Dr. Joyce Emery will preach and we will collect donations of non-perishable food for our local mission partners.

## Build with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, November 23 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Participate in National's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need! No construction experience is required and all tools and lunch are provided. Must be 16 years old and up to participate. For information or to sign up, contact Mike Maddox by November 16 at mike.kentm@gmail.com.

## Dominican Republic Mission Trip Info Session

Sunday, December 1 12:30–1:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Come learn about the opportunity to join with others in the congregation of all ages in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 26–July 3, 2020. Contact John Turpin, jturpin@nationalpres. org for more information.

## Advent Family Night Sunday, December 1, 4:30–6:00 p.m. Chapel and Stone Hall

Join us for family worship, Christmas crafts, and a pasta dinner (not turkey leftovers!) to celebrate the start of the Advent season with your family. Cost is \$7/person. Register online at www. nationalpres.org/children.

## NPS Open House Friday, December 13

Join NPS for an Open House! NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for nursery (age 3) through 6th grade. *Visit www.nps-dc.org for more information*.

## **WELCOME TO NATIONAL!**

## "FOLLOWING Jesus" Weekly Reading

Scripture Reading for Nov. 11-17, 2019

Luke 9:1-27

## Questions for Reflection

- Note how Jesus sends the apostles; What are the prohibitions? To what do the positive instructions refer?
- What lessons do you think the 12 learned amid the restrictions Jesus set and the positive emphases he gave (vss. 3-5)?
- Think of a deserted place where a large number of people were fed by God in the history of Israel. What does this suggest about Jesus' understanding of his task in connection with Israel's history?
- How does this picture of abundance (vs. 17) help us to understand the nature of Jesus' love?
- How is Peter's reply (vs. 20) an answer to Herod's puzzlement about Jesus' identity (vs. 9)?
- What do you think Jesus' exhortation to the Twelve to "take up their cross" (vss. 23-27) meant? What does it mean to you?

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.

Our Pew Crew team, wearing blue badges, is 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 grieve the death of: John Addams on November 3, 2019.

We pray for our mission partners, including: European Christian Mission, International

Please submit prayer requests to: Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.



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