

September 8, 2019

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...

Luke 3:4

Our ancestors...were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

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| 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

Sunday School Begins

Our fall programming and worship schedule begins today on **"Following Jesus: The Story of His Life and Ours,"** focusing on the Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke.

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

Sandwich Making

12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All ages can make sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table!

Youth Kickoff BBQ

5:00–7:00 p.m., Stone Hall

All youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited to join together for a barbecue to meet each other, learn about the youth programs, and kick off the new school year.

Neighbor Day: Thank You!

Together we filled up a huge truck with food for our mission partner, Martha's Table and an SUV full of food for the University of the District of Columbia's student food pantry. *Thank you!*

Hurricane Dorian Relief

As a church we want to respond to the catastrophe in the Bahamas, and the Serve Council is currently determining the most impactful way of sharing our gifts. You can make a gift today by check with the memo line "Bahamas" or online at nationalpres.org/giving.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

Adults

- **"Following Jesus" Together**
10:00–10:45 a.m., Stone Hall
Explore how the Bible holds meaning in your life today during a weekly summary and small group discussion.
- **"Following Jesus:"**
A Call to Discipleship
9:30–10:45 a.m., Chapel
Led by R.V. Seep
- **"Following Jesus:"**
Companions on the Journey
9:30–10:45 a.m., Church Room 105
Led by Currie Renwick and Nancy Fox

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 with grateful hearts to the glory of God by Donald and Marcia F. Bini in loving memory of their Mothers, Ione S. Freeman and Hilda E. Bini, remembering their September birthdays.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Partita on Winchester New
Chorale-Meditation-Bicinium-Aria-Trio-Toccata

Bruce Neswick
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not always loved you with a pure heart. We have not always loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not always done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you. Have mercy on us, gracious God. In your lovingkindness and great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

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* Nicene Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Morecambe

Choir

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean if from self, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and help me love thee as I ought to love. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see thy cross, there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Congregation

Teach me to love thee with obedient love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-14

Jamie Levinson

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

SERMON

Following Jesus: One with Us
Luke 3:15-23

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Engelberg

We share by water in Christ's saving death. Reborn we share with him his risen life as living members of our living head: *Alleluia!* The Savior shares our full humanity; by water marked with our identity. We sing, in union with our living head, *Alleluia! Amen!*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 5*

Dr. Joyce Emery

▲ HYMN 509

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Cross of Jesus

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost," BWV 651

J. S. Bach

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Kurt Kaiser

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord. Let every word bless God's holy name forever and ever.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

We have not always loved you with a pure heart.

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Have mercy on us, gracious God.

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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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-14

Elder Linda Botsford

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

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RESPONSE

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Choir

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as living members of our living head: *Alleluia!*

Congregation

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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Nicene Creed | Dr. Joyce Emery |
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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate
of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended
into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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| <p style="text-align: center;">The Waters of Life</p> <p>The Father's voice calls us above the waters. The glory of the Son shines on us. The love of the Spirit fills us with life.</p> | <p>James Biery Ancient Christian Hymn</p> |
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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion
Words of Institution and Distribution
Choral Meditation

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees</p> <p>Let us break bread together on our knees. <i>When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.</i> Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.</p> | <p>John Ness Beck Spiritual</p> |
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Prayer of Response 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.

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| ▲ HYMN 509 | For the Bread Which You Have Broken | Cross of Jesus |
| ▲ BENEDICTION | | |
| ▲ CHORAL AMEN | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |
| ▲ POSTLUDE | Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost," BWV 651 | J. S. Bach |
| ▲ Congregation standing, as able | | |

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG Multiplied Bear and Bo Rineheart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF PRAISE AND PREPARATION

Let the Heavens Open Kari Jobe

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Oceans Joel Houston

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Cate McCrory

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:1-14 Benny Thompson

SERMON Following Jesus: One with Us Dr. David Renwick
Luke 3:15-23

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Song O Come to the Altar Chris Brown

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Holy Spirit Brian and Katie Torwalt

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parenting Seminars

Beginning this month

Gather with other parents throughout the fall for study and conversation!

- Parents of preschool and early elementary school students: October 5
- Parents of older elementary and middle school students: September 20
- Parents of high school students: September 29

Details and sign up at nationalpres.org/adults.

Military Ministry

Sunday, September 15

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

We have been collecting items for the Warrior Canine Connection (WCC), a program that trains dogs to help wounded veterans. Come hear from representatives of the WCC about the work they are doing for the military community. A light lunch will be served. Dogs-in-training will be on the terrace from 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, September 16

Noon, Stone Hall

NPC Parish Associate Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus will share about his life and work in ministry. *Call 202.537.7529 for lunch reservations (\$15 donation with advanced registration; \$20 at the door).*

Moldova Lunch and Learn

September 22, 12:30 p.m., Parlor

The University of Divine Grace in Chisinau, Moldova is strengthening the global church by training workers to help orphans in Eastern Europe and training pastors and evangelists across Europe and Central Asia. Come hear more from NPC short-term missionaries and missionary Rev. Paul Beech.

Congregational Meeting and Capital Project Update

Sunday, September 22

12:05–12:25 p.m., Sanctuary

Stay after the 11:00 a.m. service for a meeting of the congregation to elect an elder and hear an update on the Capital Campaign and Project.

Griefshare

Sunday, September 22

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. *Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540 to register.*

Discerning Crossroads Course

Friday, September 27

6:30–8:30 p.m., Stone Hall

Learn tools to help you navigate the decisions in your life 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 online at nationalpres.org/crossroads. *Contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.*

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 by September 18 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

"FOLLOWING JESUS" WEEKLY READING

Scripture Reading for September 9–15

Luke 4:1-30

Questions for Reflection

- How does Jesus respond to the devil's temptations?
- What barriers do you face when you seek time alone with God? What would it mean for you to wait on God in solitude and silence?
- In Luke 3:17 Jesus sees Isaiah 61:1f as a mission statement for his ministry. In what sense does this describe your own mission and that of the church today?
- Jesus demonstrates his authority through his teaching. What are the elements of the message Jesus was anointed to proclaim? Why did the words of Jesus enrage the crowds to the point of wanting to expel Jesus from the synagogue?

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. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship 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 celebrate the birth of:

Kathleen "Kate" Li-Huei Franke on August 30, 2019 to parents Kristin and Grant Franke

Please submit prayer requests to:

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