

September 18, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Jesus said: "Those who are well have no need
of a physician, but those who are sick;
I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
Mark 2:17*

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (<i>Director</i>), William Neil (<i>Organist</i>) Hilda Gore (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Jill Meek (<i>Children</i>), Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>) John Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

GriefShare

*Sundays beginning today,
12:30 p.m., Administration Bldg.*

If you've experienced loss, you may be faced with many questions and challenges. GriefShare classes meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Class fee: \$35.

Today's Flower Dedications

The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving of the 12th wedding anniversary of Kristin and John Green, who were married at National on September 18, 2004.

Parents' Gathering

10:00–10:30 a.m., Elson Parlor

Stop by for good conversation and coffee with other parents before picking up children from Sunday School. Pastors Donna Marsh and Quinn Fox are leading this class.

Prayer for Moldova

Noon, Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners.

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

Stone Hall

Send postcards to NPC members and friends who are in need of cheer and encouragement. Supplies are available every Sunday in Stone Hall.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Full class listing, including locations, are enclosed and available in brochures at the entrances to the church.

Today's "Wrestlers" class topic:

Dr. Art Lindsley will speak on
"Love as the Ultimate Apologetic"

Parents' Gathering

(immediately following worship)

10:00- 10:30 a.m. Elson Parlor

Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- Middle School (8th grade)
Agencies Bldg. Room 101
- High School (9th –12th grade)
Youth House

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade at the National Presbyterian School building.

"Across the Aisle"

Young Adults Group

Sundays, 12:15 p.m.

Church Room 110/111

All young adults (ages 22-35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., School Bldg

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 10:20–10:50 a.m.

Church Building Room 5

Bring Unsweetened Cereal: September Food Donations

Please bring donations of **unsweetened cereal** for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table. *You can also help by packing and delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Concerto in D Major G.P. Telemann
Christy Klenke, horn and William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer *Stuttgart*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we adore you for your goodness and great mercy, and draw near to you with confidence: as those sick, to the Healer; as those hungry and thirsty, to the Fountain of Life; as creatures to the Creator; as needy souls to our own tender Comforter. In you is everything we can, or ought to desire. Forgive our many sins, and cleanse us, we pray. You alone are our salvation and redemption, our help and strength. Thomas à Kempis

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 Apostles' Creed *see p. 6*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY MOMENT Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

His Voice as the Sound Robert Fairfax Birch

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet is heard through the shadows of death; the cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet, the air is perfumed with his breath. His lips as a fountain of righteousness flow that waters the garden of grace, from which their salvation the Gentiles shall know, and bask in the smile of his face. Though crimson and scarlet from sin upon sin, we shall be made whiter than snow; in mercy he cleanses and offers relief that the just full salvation shall know. His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet is heard through the shadows of death; the cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet, the air is perfumed with his breath. Michael Ford, tenor & Joanna Jones, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6* *Old Hundredth*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6* Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children (grades K-5) may leave now for Sunday School. Leaders will escort children to the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-12; 15-17 Deacon Eric Young
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Need a Good Doctor? Dr. David Renwick
"What Jesus Said" sermon series

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 184 *verses 1, 3 & 5* How Blest Are Those *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Organ Concerto No. 16 in F Major G.F. Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

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PRELUDE Concerto in D Major G.P. Telemann
Christy Klenke, horn and William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP John Turpin

▲ HYMN 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer *Stuttgart*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy *Restoration*
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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and draw near to you with confidence:

as those sick, to the Healer;

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In you is everything we can, or ought to desire.

Forgive our many sins, and cleanse us, we pray.

You alone are our salvation and redemption, our help and strength.

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Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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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

*Children (grades K-2) may leave now with leaders who will escort them to Church Room 105,
returning after the sermon.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-12; 15-17 Elder Linda Botsford

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Samanthra

Though crimson and scarlet from sin upon sin, we shall be made whiter than snow;
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His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet is heard through the shadows of death;
the cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet, the air is perfumed with his breath.

▲ 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

Jesu, the Very Thought Is Sweet

Mack Wilberg

Jesu, the very thought is sweet; in that dear Name all heart joys meet;
But O than honey sweeter far the glimpses of his Presence are.
No word is sung more sweet than this; no name is heard more full of bliss;
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh, than Jesus, Son of God most high.
Jesu, the hope of souls forlorn! How good to them for sin that mourn!
To them that seek thee, O how kind! But what art thou to them that find?
Jesu, thou sweetness, pure and blest, life's Fountain, Light of souls distress'd;
Surpassing all that heart requires, exceeding all that soul desires.
No tongue of mortal can express, no letters write its blessedness;
Alone who hath thee in his heart knows, love of Jesus, what thou art.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
translated J. M. Neale, 1818-1866

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom 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 184 *verses 1, 3 & 5*

How Blest Are Those

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Forum on Faith & Politics

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. Sanctuary

E.J. Dionne and Michael Gerson - two *Washington Post* columnists who write from different viewpoints, with similar Christian conviction - will share thoughts and insights about the upcoming elections. *Free and open to the public; no tickets required. Invite a colleague!*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, Sept. 19, Noon, Stone Hall

Enjoy lunch and time together at this special program with speaker James Rosebush, author of a book about the spiritual life of former President Ronald Reagan. *Sign up in Stone Hall today. Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.*

Afternoon TEA Women's Group

3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning Sept. 21, 1:30–2:45 p.m., Elson Parlor

Women are invited to monthly gatherings for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God. This year we'll study and share the importance of God's "Living Water" in our lives by looking at inspiring stories and lessons both in the Old and New Testaments. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com for info or to sign up for our weekly devotional.*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by tomorrow: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Oct. 1, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Stone Hall

All women are invited for lunch and presentation by Currie Renwick. Presentation begins at 1 p.m. *Contact Jo Schoolfield to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Faith & Politics Follow-up

Wrestlers class - Sunday Sept. 25,

9:30 a.m. Agencies Lower Level

All are welcome to a follow-up discussion on the "Faith & Politics" Forum, led by Elder John Gregg. *A schedule of future Wrestlers topics is on the Information Table in the narthex.*

Become a Stephen Minister

Training class begins October 4

Are you called to be a part of this meaningful ministry? Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who provide one-on-one conversation and prayer for people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, unemployment, illness, or loneliness. *Contact: Lucille Smiley 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight, 301.320.5168.*

Join or Facilitate a Small Group

Groups begin: October 9–November 13

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of your busy life? Become part of a small group! *Online group registration begins September 25.* Small groups meet regularly for six weeks at different times and locations in the DC area for friendship, prayer, discussion and study based on the previous Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon. *Contact: Groups@NationalPres.org.*

Party with Purpose

Sunday, October 16, 5 p.m., Stone Hall

The whole church family is invited to an evening with our **local mission partners**. We'll enjoy dinner together, hear more from our partners, and participate in hands-on projects. *Contact: Ginny Taylor, ginnyestj@verizon.net.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups are offered for all ages for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ's light in the world, serving and caring for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

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 packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Childcare | Available 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7. *Children are always welcome in worship!*

Prayers after worship | A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately 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 | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit 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 six pews of the sanctuary.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

September 18 – 25

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Monday

Psalms 57; 47
Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11
Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99
Esther 5:1-14
Acts 18:12-28
Luke 3:15-22

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91
Esther 6:1-14
Acts 19:1-10
Luke 4:1-13

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116
Esther 7:1-10
Acts 19:11-20
Luke 4:14-30

Friday

Psalms 88; 20
Esther 8:1-8, 15-17
Acts 19:21-41
Luke 4:31-37

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63
Esther 9:1-32
Acts 20:1-16
Luke 4:38-44

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Hosea 1:1-2:1
James 3:1-13
Matthew 13:44-52

We rejoice in the marriage of Jessica Beaugez and Daniel Mullery on September 10 in Bolton Landing, New York.

We mourn the deaths of Walter Burns on September 7, and Donald Kruse on September 8.

Please pray for:

Colleen "Coke" Evans

Mark Gourley

Shirley McConnell

Max Schestopol

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer



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