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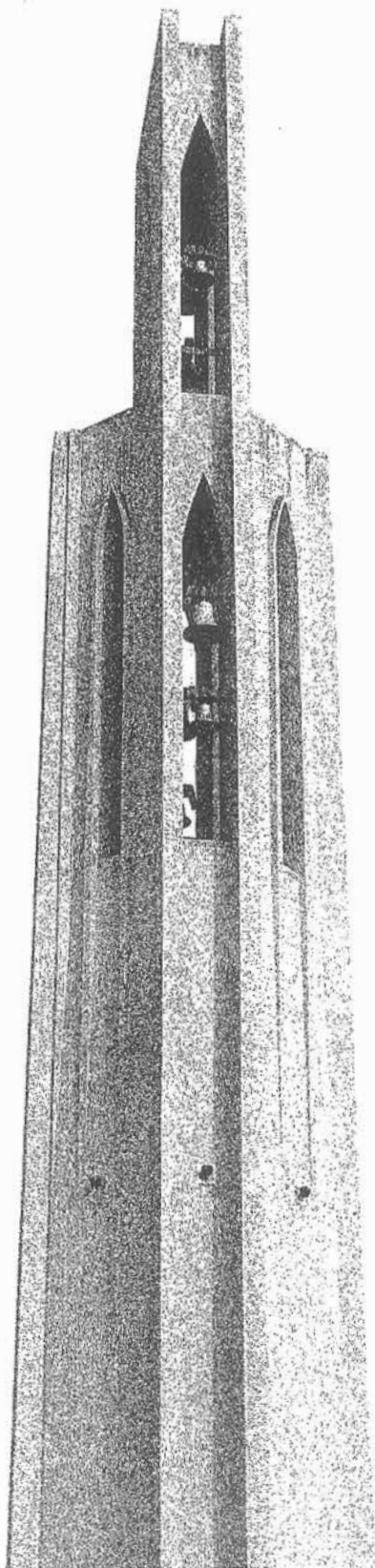
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

*You intended to do harm;
God intended it for good.*

Genesis 50:20

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Dr. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*
Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections), McLane Stone (Youth)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly silence all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Hornpipe in D Major
from *Water Music Suite*

G.F. Handel
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Tallis' Ordinal

Thy mercy and thy goodness, Lord, o'er all the earth extend;
To grateful songs and hymns of praise do we our voices lend.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow into your image;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glorify 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

2nd Grade Milestone 9:15 a.m. Apostles' Creed

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. (grades K-5) to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (grades K-2) to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP Great Day of Service

SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:11-36 (*selected verses*) 9:15 a.m. Tricia Wetmore
The Word of the Lord. *pew Bible pp. 30-31* 11 a.m. Elder Alease Johnson
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Joseph the Merciful: "They Don't Deserve It!" Dr. David Renwick
Genesis 50:15-21

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Lord, we trust alone in thee; alone in thee we trust.
In thee, O Lord! We trust alone in thee.

G. F. Handel
from *Joseph*

- ▲ 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

Bless the Lord, O My Soul Mikhail Ippitof-Ivanof
Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art thou, O Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that is within me bless his holy name.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with loving kindness.
He will not always chide, nor keep his wrath forever. Psalm 103

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY

2ND GRADE MILESTONE

9:15 a.m. worship

Today we welcome our 2nd graders in worship as they recite the Apostle's Creed for their Milestone in Worship Education. Each grade, K-5th, learns a milestone that teaches about our worship liturgy and provides an opportunity for kids to lead or participate in our worship services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Sundays through May 17, 9:30 a.m.

Spring term classes end today; Adult Sunday School plenary sessions will begin next Sunday, May 24, with Parish Associate Dr. Don Wilson teaching.

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

"Across the Aisle" group for young adults (ages 22-35) gathers for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

MOLDOVA PRAYER

12:15 p.m., Church Room 105

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners, including marriage and family ministries, orphans, and university support for student pastors and missionaries.

CRISIS IN NEPAL: YOU CAN HELP

Over 7,000 people are feared dead and there is great destruction in Nepal after a massive earthquake. If you would like to help, we encourage you to support Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization providing immediate aid and shelter on the ground in Nepal. *You may donate at www.samaritanspurse.org, or make a check out to NPC clearly marked for Samaritan's Purse and put it in the offering plate.*

GRIEFSHARE

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Weekly meetings provide a safe place to meet others with the same confusing emotions and tough decisions as you. Explore ways to recover through small group discussion and Bible study.

Contact: Barb Dear, 202.537.7540 or BDear@NationalPres.org.

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

5 p.m., Sanctuary

The Washington Chorus presents "Israel in Egypt." *Tickets available at the door.*

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary, and at the entrances to the church building.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing purple badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** on Sundays or weekdays are available upon request. *Please call: 202.537.7529.*

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 first ten pews as you enter the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, May 18, Noon, Stone Hall

All adults are invited for food, fellowship and a special program with former U.S. Ambassador Clyde and Ginny Taylor, entitled "Life and Work in the U.S. Foreign Service." *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

The Whitworth University Symphony Orchestra will perform as part of their Spring 2015 Tour Concert. *No tickets are required; a free-will offering will be accepted.*

Sunday, June 21, 5 p.m.

The Heritage Signature Chorale presents its 15th Annual Concert. *Tickets and information at www.heritagesignaturechorale.org*

Greeting and ushering opportunities are available for both of these events! *Please contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.*

ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES

*Sundays beginning May 24
9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Adult Sunday School plenary sessions will begin next Sunday, with Parish Associate Dr. Don Wilson teaching.

SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, June 7, Stone Hall
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

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. Together we can make 700 sandwiches! Sandwich making will take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month during the summer, beginning July 12.

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 14

Mark your calendars for a transition to the summer schedule beginning June 14.

8:30 A.M.

Worship in Jones Hall (School Gym)

9:30 A.M.

Sunday school for all ages

10:45 A.M.

Worship in the Sanctuary

MORNING WORSHIP, JUNE 14

A Festival of Music and Worship

The summer worship schedule begins with glorious services of "Psalms, Hymns, Spirituals and Stories." Join your hearts and voices to the choirs and musicians making music with organ, brass, and timpani, in the Sanctuary; and with piano, guitars, bass, and drums in Jones Hall.

Invite a friend!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 14, 12:30 p.m., Stone Hall

Members of the congregation are requested to gather in Stone Hall immediately following 11 a.m. worship for a brief meeting of the congregation.

STRIKE UP THE BAND:

JOIN THE TEAM!

*Sundays 8:30 a.m., Jones Hall
Starting June 14*

Come join the contemporary worship band this summer! Let us know if you are a drummer, bass guitarist, singer, or keyboard player. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. Musicians play on a rotating basis depending on your availability on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Jones Hall. *Contact contemporary music leader, Hilda Gore at hgore@nationalpres.org*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Register online today: nationalpres.org/VBS

Children age 4 to the 5th grade will enjoy a week filled with service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power."

SUMMER HORIZONS CAMP

June 22–August 28

Registration is open to all children for the National Presbyterian School's annual Summer Horizons Camp, held on the church campus. Kids can experience a memorable summer of friendship, laughter and learning with traditional day camp (age 3-grade 4), soccer camp (ages 4-5), and project-based STEM programs (grades 1-6). Extended day programs and instructional swimming are also available. For more information: nps-dc.org/summer or contact summerhorizons@nps-dc.org.

NPC FLOWER MINISTRY MEMBERS STUDYING ABROAD

Many thanks to members of the NPC Flower Ministry who sponsored their own travel this week to a training class at the Judith Blacklock Flower School in London, to bring back new skills as an offering for all in the congregation to enjoy!

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Katherine Kranenburg

Mary Elisa Norment

Confidential prayer requests:
www.nationalpres.org/prayer

YOUR RECOMMENDATION NEEDED FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in selecting our church's leaders as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee.

Submit your recommendations:

- **online:** www.nationalpres.org/nominate
- **email:** Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

MAY'S FOOD DONATION: UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

DID YOU KNOW? YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO NPC THROUGH YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING

Shop on AmazonSmile with "The National Presbyterian Church, Inc." as your designated charity, and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases. Learn more about AmazonSmile: www.smile.amazon.com. *You may also give online through the NPC website: www.nationalpres.org/giving*

THIS IS "WILLS EMPHASIS" MONTH

You can make a significant contribution to the future of NPC by mentioning NPC in your will (or updating your existing will). *Contact Joe Abatemarco, (NPC Finance Manager) at 202.537.7484 or JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org for questions about wills.*

In addition, The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving is an affiliate of NPC that can assist you with tax-efficient planned giving. *Contact Chuck Petty, CPetty@NationalPres.org for questions about planned giving.*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

May 17-24

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Ezekiel 3:16-27
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 10:24-33; 40-42

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Ezekiel 4:1-17
Hebrews 6:1-12
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27
Hebrews 6:13-20
Luke 10:1-17

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Ezekiel 11:14-25
Hebrews 7:1-17
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32
Hebrews 7:18-28
Luke 10:25-37

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Ezekiel 34:17-31
Hebrews 8:1-13
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Ezekiel 43:1-12
Hebrews 9:1-14
Luke 11:14-23

Sunday

Psalms 104; 33
Isaiah 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
John 14:21-29

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.,

Classes end today; Adult Plenaries begin May 24

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7–8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *Multipurpose Building Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th – 12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2 and 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.

CHILDCARE 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Every other Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY **Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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