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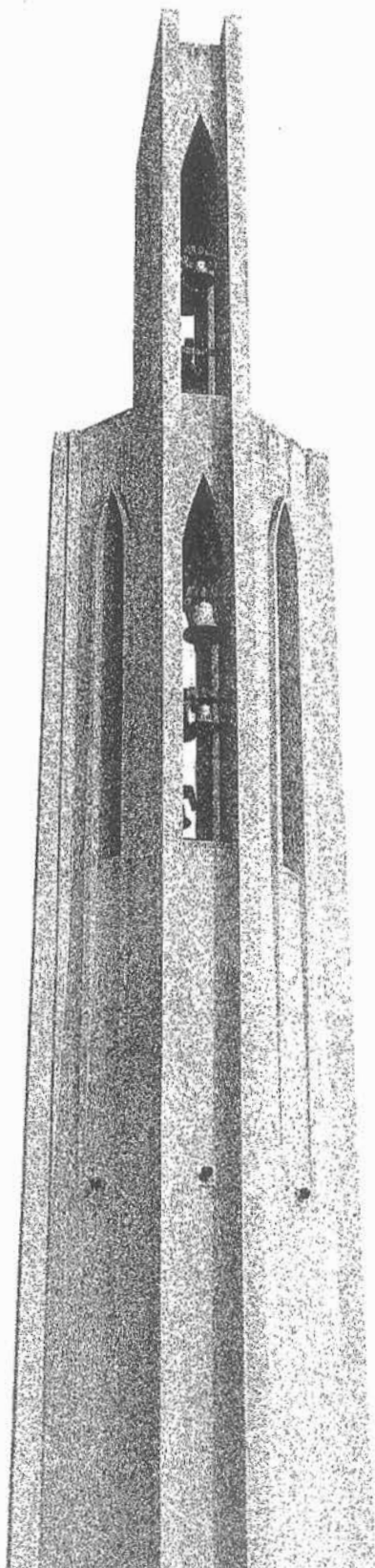
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Seek the welfare of the city
where I have sent you into exile,
and pray to the Lord on its behalf,
for in its welfare, you will find your welfare.*

Jeremiah 29:7

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 turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour Of Prayer

David H. Hagerty
Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

One The counsel of the Lord stands forever;
the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

All **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.**

Psalm 33:11-12

▲ HYMN 262 *verses 1-3* God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 262, verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

I am weak in faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me, and kindle in me thy fire.

I am not strong and firm:

At times I do not trust thee altogether.

Forgive my sins. By thy Spirit strengthen thou my faith and trust.

Martin Luther

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

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 41:29-40

9:15 a.m. Dick Pera

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 33

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

Thanks be to God.

11 a.m. Glenn Schmitt

LTC(P), USAR

SERMON

Joseph: Serving Your Country

Dr. David Renwick

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:5-14; 47:13-26; Daniel 1:3-8

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Perfect Love

Choir

Lord Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising in every city for your love and care;

Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

Congregation

Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city, as you once wept above Jerusalem,

Seeking to gather all in love and pity, and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION AND THE WORLD

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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.

Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;

and with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be.

Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;

and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;

and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be.

Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be.

Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield.
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Thomas T. Lynch

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Ora Labora

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Hymn To Joy"

Mark Thallander

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cornelis Huijssoon by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25th birthday.

Want to brighten someone's day? If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound, take along flowers to bring some cheer! Bud vases with fresh flowers may be found on the table outside of Elson Parlor.

Chapel prayers after worship: If you have a joy or concern on your heart, come to the chapel down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be there to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

TODAY

ADULT PLENARIES

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Adult Sunday School plenary sessions begin this morning with Parish Associate Dr. Don Wilson teaching on how to find rhythm in life through daily prayer. Dr. Wilson will draw on insights from the Bible and the Celtic practice of daily prayer.

CRISIS IN NEPAL: YOU CAN HELP

Over 9,000 people are feared dead and there is great destruction in Nepal after two massive earthquakes. 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.

To date, the NPC family has raised \$10,345 for Nepal relief efforts. Let's see if we can raise \$15,000 by the end of the month! *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 offer 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.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening receivers with a standard single ear bud, or for certain hearing aids, a T-Coil compatible neck loop can be found on the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service.

THANK YOU!

Great Day of Service

Thank you to the 152 people who volunteered last Saturday at Great Day of Service! Together we filled 40 boxes of clothing, planted a community garden, sent two teams to cook meals for the hungry, prayed continuously for the needs of our city and world, and packed 15,120 meals for famine zones.

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

YOUTH CAR WASH

May 31, behind the Youth House

Tired of a dirty car? Treat your vehicle to the NPC Youth Car Spa next Sunday! All proceeds will go towards supporting our NPC Youth summer mission trips to the Dominican Republic and rural Virginia.

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.

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.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 14, Noon, Sanctuary

Members of the congregation are requested to stay in the sanctuary following 10:45 a.m. worship for a meeting of the congregation. Light refreshments will be available in Stone Hall after the meeting.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Adele Jackson

Katherine Kranenburg

Mary Elisa Norment

*Confidential prayer requests:
www.nationalpres.org/prayer*

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!

SUMMER CHOIR

*Sundays beginning June 21
10 a.m., Choir Room*

Come sing in Summer Choir! No Wednesday rehearsals, just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service. Come as often as your schedule permits. We would love to welcome you!
Contact: Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org; or Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.

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 availability on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Jones Hall.
Contact contemporary music leader, Hilda Gore at HGore@NationalPres.org.

NPC FLOWER MINISTRY MEMBERS STUDYING ABROAD

Many thanks to members of the NPC Flower Ministry who sponsored their own travel 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!

MUSIC AT NATIONAL 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 this event! *Please contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@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."

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.*

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.*

ADULT PLENARIES

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

May 31, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Good Grief: Dealing with Grief in Healthy Ways
Grief is a normal and natural response to loss. How exactly should we react when a loved one gets promoted into the living presence of God? Experts agree that there is no way out of grief, only through it. Rev. Taylor will lead us in exploring effective and healthy ways to cope with the grief and loss of a loved one.

June 7, Dr. Os Guinness
*Renaissance: The Power of the Gospel
However Dark the Times*

June 14, Dr. Timothy George
*The Place of Grace in an Age of Terror:
Wisdom from St. Augustine*

June 21, Dr. Quinn Fox
*Animated Virtue: Finding Wisdom in the
Films of Pixar*

June 28, Dale Hanson-Bourke
Glimmers of Hope from the Holy Land

July 5, Dr. John Bernbaum
*What Does the Lord Require? An
Exploration of Biblical Justice*

July 12, Dr. Michael Root
*The Morally Divided Body: Ethical
Disagreements in the Church*

July 19, Dr. Darrell Guder
*The Continuing Conversion of the Church:
Mission as the Response to the Current Crisis
in the Church*

July 26, NPC Serve Council
NPC's Mission in the City and the World

August 2, Dr. David Renwick
Joining God's Mission

August 9, Michael Cromartie and
Christine Guteleben
*Every Living Thing: Animal Welfare and
Christian Faith*

August 16, Tom Lippman
*Religion and Rebellion: What's Next in the
Arab World?*

August 23, Karen Wright Marsh
*Saints, Sleep and Sanity: An Ancient Path
to Balance in Life*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

May 24-31

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Luke 14:25-35

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
Deuteronomy 4:15-24
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
Deuteronomy 4:25-31
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Thursday

Psalms 36; 127
Deuteronomy 4:32-40
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Luke 16:1-9

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
Deuteronomy 5:1-22
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
Luke 16:19-31

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Deuteronomy 6:1-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 1:1-18

ADULTS

Plenaries, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Stone Hall

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

Children’s Church, 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

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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