

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

7 p.m., Chapel

APRIL 9 Dr. David Renwick

Fruit of the Spirit...Gentleness and Self-Control

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

8:15 a.m. (Chapel), 9:15 & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

APRIL 6 Dr. David Renwick

Caring Enough...To Receive

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY • APRIL 13

8:15 a.m., 9:15 & 11 a.m.

Caring Enough Dr. David Renwick

Concert, 5 p.m.

"Bethlehem to Jerusalem: Our Savior and the Way of Salvation"
in Handel's *Messiah*

MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 17

7 p.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 18

7 p.m., Sanctuary

Dr. Quinn Fox

EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 20

8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Dr. David Renwick

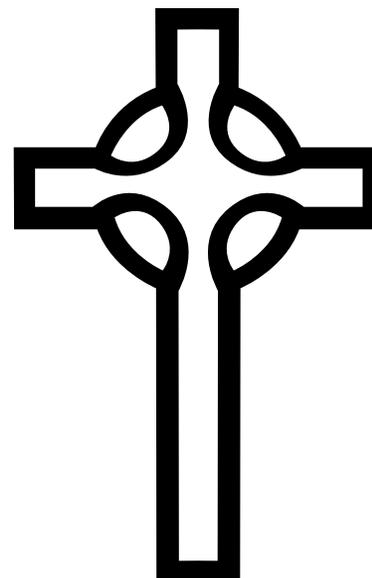
10 a.m., Jones Hall/School Gym

Family Celebration

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2014 Lenten Vespers

April 2, 2014



*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1

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WEDNESDAY VESPERS

LENTEN WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

7 P.M.

PRELUDE Jane Kaye, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Nancy Fox
Parish Associate

▲ HYMN Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise God for his grace and favor to his children in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
O Lord, your patient ways with us,
and your unfailing love for us,
surprise and humble us.
Forgive us the sins of this day and any that we harbor from days past.
Keep us near you, trusting in your grace,
and dependent on your power,
that we may more faithfully follow and serve you,
and that our lives may show forth the beauty of Christ
in harmony with the indwelling work of your Holy Spirit,
to the glory of your holy name. from Leslie Weatherhead

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 *Stuttgart*
Far as east from west is distant,
God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father
Has the Lord's compassion been.

SCRIPTURE Ruth 1:6-18 Betty Conn
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION Dr. David Renwick
Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness
Galatians 5:22-25

RESPONSE *sung first by soloist, then by congregation*
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord,
great is thy faithfulness.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution and Distribution
Music Meditation We Walk by Faith Hal Hopson

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help, then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Quintet: Sheri Jackson, Joanna Jones, Mary Ellen Cain, Michael Denham, James Evans
The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 510 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts *Quebec*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.