

April 6, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A MINISTRY OF GRACE, PASSIONATE ABOUT
CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

COMMUNION
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Whenever I am weak,
then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12:10

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
Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:1-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

pew Bible p. 816

9:15 a.m. Meredith Nethercutt
11 a.m. Wanda Martinson
Connections Ministry Volunteers

SERMON

Lent: A Season of Caring
Caring Enough...to Receive
Mark 5:21-43

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Servant Song

Choir

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Congregation

In our giving comes true blessing, this by faith do we believe;
Yet we know God's benediction when by grace we do receive.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

Finally Home

David Lantz III

From my sleep I have awakened to your grace, and behold with pure delight my Savior's face.

No more doubts my heart assail, no more striving just to fail, from your eyes a sweet acceptance fills this place.
O how often I despaired to know your peace, praying long that anger, pain, and loss would cease.

Though I labored to believe, you said simply to receive; and my fragile faith through sorrows would increase.

Finally home, I'm finally home. The journey has been long as I've learned to sing your song.

Finally home, I'm finally home. All is right that once was wrong, I'm finally home.

All creation sings your glory, might and pow'r. You are God Almighty, Sov'reign of each hour.

Yet in love your nail-scarred hand has reached down to help me stand with your promise of the heaven I desire.

Thomas Henry Roehrich

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Catherine

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.

We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own.

Not through some merit, right, or claim but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to see your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair

And offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

Brian Wren

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, the dead new life receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in Thanksgiving to God for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Roma and Parkash Samuel.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and loving memory of William M. Owen on the seventh anniversary of his passing, by his wife Addie Owen.

Pick up a prayer rock in the Court of Flags. The last two Sundays we placed prayer rocks on a "prayer pathway" outside the Sanctuary. Today, pick up someone else's prayer rock from the pathway as we collectively pray for each other's hopes, joys, and concerns. If you did not have a chance to write a prayer, a basket of rocks and pens are available next to the pathway.

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.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available at the entrances to the church building.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Members of 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 the Director of Library and Archives for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

TODAY

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Join with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Special envelopes will be in the pews **today and next Sunday** for cash or checks. *Please make checks to NPC with OGHs in the memo line.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN 9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

CHILDREN'S CHURCH During 11 a.m. worship

Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship and are escorted to Church Room 106 after the Time for Children moment, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader.

YOUTH GROUP

5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

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

YOUNG ADULTS

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

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

MID-CAREER FELLOWSHIP

12:30 p.m., Church Room 105

Connect with fellow professionals for lunch and conversation after worship weekly. *Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org.*

BAGELS AND BLOOMS

10 a.m.–1 p.m., Stone Hall

- For your breakfast, you'll find delicious bagels
- For a neighbor who could use some cheer from the church, we have gifts to share: flowering plants and packets of Easter candy. You may know of a friend (and we have names from our congregation) for whom sharing this gift will brighten your day and theirs! This is a perfect hands-on, interactive activity for all ages.

VISITING SEMINARY PROFESSOR Stone Hall, 12:15 p.m.

Please welcome Itthaphon Duangnapha "Tour," faculty member at McGilvary College of Divinity in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Tour is in a Ph.D. program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His studies are made possible by a faculty development grant awarded to McGilvary from John and Dorothy Shaw's mission bequest. Please greet Tour and his wife, Suchada, following the 11 a.m. service.

A SEASON OF CARING



CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

The Connections Ministry is dedicated to helping each person at church experience a sense of belonging in this community of faith. Connections assists individuals with finding opportunities for spiritual growth through Bible study, receiving support from Care Ministries, or discovering ways to serve in ministry and missions.

Connections provides personal welcome to newcomers, and fosters relationship-building, fellowship, and service for the congregation.

Are you feeling connected here at church? We can help. Are you a connector? Join our team! *To get a conversation started, call 202.537.7494 or email Leslie Saum LSaum@NationalPres.org*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Chapel

A time for refreshment in busy lives! One hour of music, prayer, Communion, and preaching, focusing on the work of God's Holy Spirit in our lives and community. This Wednesday, Dr. Renwick will preach at the final vespers service: "Fruit of the Spirit...Gentleness and Self-Control."

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN: AFTERNOON T.E.A.

*Wednesday, April 9, 1:30–3 p.m.
Elson Parlor*

Join us on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month for T.E.A. before your kids get home from school! Women with school-aged children are invited to gather for a time of Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration as we study the Bible, share our lives, and worship our God together (and yes, tea and other refreshments will be served). We'll begin with a study of the Beatitudes. *Contact: Alison Dickey, NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

FRIENDSHIP PLACE SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, April 10, Stone Hall

6:30 p.m. (reception), 7–8:30 p.m. (program)

All are invited for the Friendship Place symposium, "A Hidden Challenge: Homelessness among Youth and Young Adults" moderated by broadcast journalist Ray Suarez and featuring a panel of experts and a young person with relevant life experience. Friendship Place is an NPC mission partner which seeks to help the homeless in the DC area rebuild their lives.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

*Saturday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
5619 Clay Place NE*

Participate in NPC's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. NPC sponsors a Habitat build on the second Saturday of every month. *For information or to sign up, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com*

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON

*Saturday, April 12, Noon (lunch)
1 p.m. (program), Stone Hall*

All women are invited to enjoy a catered luncheon and fellowship. Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministries, will share about her life journey and how God has developed her calling to minister to children. *Sign up today or next Sunday in Stone Hall.*

PALM SUNDAY "MESSIAH" CONCERT

Sunday, April 13, 5 p.m.

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra present "Bethlehem to Jerusalem: Our Savior and the Way of Salvation" in Handel's *Messiah* on Palm Sunday. No tickets required; a free will offering will be accepted. *Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) is available by RSVP only: Childcare@NationalPres.org.*

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Sunday, April 13, Stone Hall

after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless. In just 20 minutes, you can help make the 700 sandwiches that we prepare each month for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions gratefully accepted to help offset project costs.*

UNIVERSITY STUDENT LUNCH

Sunday, April 13, 12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Come hungry next Sunday and enjoy a home-cooked lunch after the 11 a.m. service.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Lee Mace

*To make a confidential prayer request, visit:
www.NationalPres.org/prayer*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Monday, April 21, Noon, Stone Hall

All adults are invited to, "Let Your Voice Be Heard: The Future at National," a presentation by the Strategic Planning Committee. *Register today in Stone Hall.*

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION: *BAD RELIGION*

April 24–June 12, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion of the book, *Bad Religion* by New York Times columnist Ross Douthat. Join us for 90 minutes of group interaction as we consider how American Christianity has lost its way.

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

This month we are collecting **1 pound bags of brown and white rice** for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, and the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

JOIN THE GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday May 17

NPC's all new, all-church day of service and witness is coming! Choose one of many meaningful and fun service projects available at NPC and around the metro area. There is something for the whole family! *Register at NationalPres.org/GreatDayofService Questions? SSteele@NationalPres.org.*

- Pack meals for **Stop Hunger Now**.
- Garden at the **Capital Area Food Bank's** Urban Demonstration Garden.
- Build a home with **Habitat for Humanity**.
- Donate and sort clothes and housewares to **Dress for Success** and the **Salvation Army**.
- And more!

Free childcare is available at NPC for kids under 5; register when you sign up for your service project. Everyone age 5 and up can serve!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Be a part of creating this year's Easter Garden celebrating Healing and Care! Donations may be made by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" with "Easter" on the memo line. Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary.

come celebrate

EASTER

HOLY WEEK

April 13

PALM SUNDAY

"Caring Enough"

Dr. David Renwick

Handel's "Messiah", 5 p.m.

April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 P.M.

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Communion will be served

April 18

GOOD FRIDAY, 7 P.M.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Dr. Quinn Fox

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20

8:30, 10, 11:30 A.M.

Identical services in the Sanctuary

Stirring music and an inspiring message from Dr. Renwick: "A Sight for Sore Eyes."

10 A.M.

Family Celebration in Jones Hall

Enjoy a family friendly celebration with Easter hymns and praise songs and a message from Dr. Fox. Children help lead through participation in choirs and an Easter drama. An egg hunt on the playground follows the Celebration.

nationalpres.org/easter

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

April 6 - 13

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Exodus 3:16-4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Exodus 4:10-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Exodus 5:1-6:1
1 Corinthians 14:20-40
Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Exodus 7:25-8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Exodus 10:21-11:8
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Zechariah 12:9-11,
13:1, 7-9

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday School Classes 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- Financial Peace University *special time: 9:15–10:45 a.m.*
- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities
- Wrestlers: Engaging in Contemporary Issues
- A Biblical Exploration of the Heart of God
- The Book of Genesis: God's Creative Call
- Jeremiah: Learning to Live Life to the Fullest
- The Progressive Century
- Looking at the Cross *through Sunday, April 13*

Church Room 105
School Room 236
Agencies Lower Level
Agencies 101
Agencies 105
Elson Parlor
Church Room 110/111
Church Room 5

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- Mid-Career Fellowship (ages 30s & 40s) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- The Circle Family Group **Resumes May 18, 4:30–6 p.m.**
- Youth Parents Fellowship **Sundays, 6–7:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.**
- Afternoon T.E.A. **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.**
- “Real Moms” **Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – Noon**
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays 7–9 p.m.**
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays 9:30 – 11 a.m.**
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.**
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, 11:45 a.m.**

Church Room 110/111
Church Room 105
Jones Hall/School Gym
Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111
Elson Parlor
Church Room 5
Stone Hall
Church Room 105
Satellite Library
Stone Hall
Stone Hall

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool

Parents drop off children just before 9:15 worship or just before your 9:30 class and pick up children in their classrooms:

2-year olds School Room 100 3-year olds School Room 106
4-year olds School Room 108

Elementary

Children meet in the school gym by 9:30 a.m. to head to classrooms, or come straight from 9:15 a.m. worship, after the Time for Children. Pick up children in the school gym under their color coded sign.

Kindergarten Red 1st Grade Orange 2nd Grade Yellow
3rd Grade Green 4th & 5th Grade Blue

Worship for Life 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday School Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
- Middle School (8th grade)
- High School (9th – 12th grade)

MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101
Agencies 102
Youth House

Youth Group Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

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

Youth House
Youth House
Multi Purpose Room
Youth House

CHILDCARE 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

Church Room 16
Church Room 7

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays in Lent, 8 – 10 p.m.**
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.**
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays 10:25 – 11 a.m.**
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 8 – 9:15 p.m.**

Choir Room
Church Room 110/111
Jones Hall/School Gym
MP Bldg.; Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Satellite Library (Sundays)
- Moehrl Bookstore

Admin. Bldg., Second Floor
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