

August 3, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*Those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:25

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*
Ministry Directors: McLane Stone (Youth), Jill Meek (Children),
Sally Swanson (Serve), and Leslie Saum (Connections)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Nimrod

Edward Elgar
from *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 476
verses 1-4

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 476 verse 5

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord,
let me henceforth spend my life for you, with you, and in you.
You alone know what is good for me;
do therefore what seems best to you.
Cleanse my dark heart from sins that beset it.
Then give to me or take from me, and conform my will to yours.
Grant that I may receive the orders of your eternal providence
with humble submission and holy confidence,
equally adoring all that comes to me from you.

Blaise Paschal

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship then are escorted to Church Room 106.
Parents pick up their children in Room 106 following the service.*

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 6:25-34
pew Bible p. 787-788

Elder John Gregg

SERMON

Abraham: How to Get it All
Genesis 13

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord. Great is your faithfulness.

▲ 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

Praise Ye the Lord

W. A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, all ye nations! Praise him, all ye peoples!

Laudate Dominum, K. 339

For he has shown us evermore his merciful lovingkindness. His truth endureth forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Hymn 521 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Finest Wheat*
Choir introduces refrain.
Congregation joins refrain each time following verses, all sung by soloists or choir.
Prayer of Response
The Lord's Prayer

- ▲ HYMN 275 God of Our Life *Sandon*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN W. A. Mozart
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Fantasia in G major J.S. Bach
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Eugene (Gene) Martin by his wife, Joyce and his children Gavin, Lindsey, and Lauren remembering his July 30 birthday, and on this Communion Sunday, his service on the Sacraments Committee.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God celebrating the birthday of Elizabeth Dole.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? Take along a bud vase 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.

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.
- 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 for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

TODAY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLENARY *9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

*Incarinate Leadership:
How Would Jesus Lead in 2014?*
Bill Robinson

Whitworth University President Emeritus William Robinson serves as interim president of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. He holds numerous additional advisory board leadership positions. Bill will share insights about effective leadership from qualities that characterized the leadership of Jesus. Copies of his book, *Incarinate Leadership*, will be available for sale and signing.

Next Sunday: "But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition," R.V. Seep

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays, Multi-Purpose Room* *9:30 a.m.*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.* *Church Room 8 & 105*

- Ages 3 & 4 – Church Room 8
- Rising K-5th grade – Church Room 105

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *Sundays, 10:45 a.m.* *Church Room 10*

- Ages 3 & 4 go to Church Room 8
- After the Time for Children, rising K-2nd Graders leave worship for program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.

SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: SENEGAL *12 p.m., Parlor*

Following a twenty-year career in deaf education and service at NPC, Angela Bednarczyk prayed that God would use her professional experience to serve others. Angela now works with Senegalese teachers to introduce teaching techniques that maximize students' learning through visual supports. Come hear how God responded to Angela's prayer.

SAY CHEESE!

Sunday August 3, 10, & 17 Stone Hall

Get to know your NPC family! All are invited to come by the Connections Photo Booth before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. NPC is updating the church directory information and we want to include everyone. *Contact: RClement@NationalPres.org.*

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

Today or August 10, 12 p.m. *Culbertson Library (Admin. Building)*

Nearby American University has hundreds of international students, from over 130 countries. Would you be willing to befriend one of these students—sharing an occasional meal, outing or other activity with them, as part of their exposure to American culture? Come to one of our informational meetings to learn more about this outreach opportunity, called "American Friends." *Contact: Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES *Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

August 10, R.V. Seep

*But One Thing: Living Purposefully
Through Transition*

August 17, RADM Margaret Kibben

*Military Chaplains: Ministering to People
of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths*

August 24, Evangeline Taylor

Healing the 7 Deadly Sins

August 31, Trip Reports

Join us for reports of the June Holy Land pilgrimage and our youth mission trips to Belize and West Virginia.

9:30 a.m. – Holy Land

11:45 a.m. – Youth Mission Trips

Light luncheon fare will be provided at 11:45

SUMMER UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

*Thursdays through August 14
6:30 p.m., Youth House*

Our weekly study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together* continues for a few more weeks. Join us... and invite a friend!
Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org.

Sunday, August 17, 12 p.m.

Heading back to school! Join us for a casual lunch and last hurrah before you head back to college. Come to the Youth House around noon. No need to r.s.v.p. Just drop in and say goodbye to your NPC friends!

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

In August we are collecting **boxes of un-sweetened cereal** for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the information table.

SUMMER SANDWICH MAKING *August 10, 11:45 a.m., Stone Hall*

All are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during the summer. In just 20 minutes you can help make 800 sandwiches we will provide for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted by mail or at the event to help offset project costs.*

SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: BURKINA FASO

Sunday, August 17, Noon, Parlor

NPC-supported Wycliffe missionaries Stuart and Cathie Showalter work with the church among the Kaan people of Burkina Faso. Their focus is to provide the Scriptures in the Kaan language and to develop the community through literacy and small scale development projects. Light refreshments will be served.

STAFF MEET AND GREET

Sunday, August 24, 11:45 a.m., Stone Hall

Join us for a reception with our NPC full- and part-time staff. Get to know the staff and enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation.

PRAY. EAT. LOVE.

PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, August 24, 12:15 p.m.

Elson Parlor

Join the planning team for our annual "Pray. Eat. Love." event on September 7 – a morning of worship, service, family fun, and a shared meal. You can be a big help preparing for this special event. *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

*Please pray for:
John Kingscott*

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

SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays, 10 a.m., Choir Room

There are still six Summer Sundays left. 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: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.*

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*

RECOMMEND NPC LEADERSHIP

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in choosing 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

SAVE THESE DATES

PRAY.EAT.LOVE.

Sunday, Sept. 7

All are invited for a morning of special worship, mission service projects, and a delicious picnic lunch. With games for the kids, it will be a fun time for all, and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor! *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org.*

Men's Retreat

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Reason to attend the Men's Retreat:

It's a good way to spend 24 hours. The food and lodging are great and worth the cost alone. We hope you will join us. Register today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/mens-ministry. "Early Bird" rate is \$175; see brochure for details about the retreat speaker, schedule, and accommodations. *Contact: Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.*

Fall Conference

Saturday, October 18

Humility is a challenging virtue in Washington, DC. NPC's Third Annual Conference will feature two well-known speakers who will challenge us to think deeply about the power of humility: David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject, and Andy Crouch, executive editor of *Christianity Today*. Plan now to attend! Registration will begin in September.

Prepare for Marriage Seminar

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elson Parlor

Are you looking forward to getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This one-day workshop taught by our pastors will help you learn important skills that every couple needs to survive and thrive in their marriage. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.** Contemporary service in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:45 a.m. Traditional service in Sanctuary

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

August 3 - 10

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Judges 6:1-24
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Mark 3:20-30

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
Judges 6:25-40
Acts 2:37-47
John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
Judges 7:1-18
Acts 3:1-11
John 1:19-28

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
Judges 7:19-8:12
Acts 3:12-26
John 1:29-42

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
Judges 8:22-35
Acts 4:1-12
John 1:43-51

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
Judges 9:1-16, 19-21
Acts 4:13-31
John 2:1-12

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
Judges 9:22-25, 50-57
Acts 4:32-5:11
John 2:13-25

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
2 Corinthians 11:21-31
Mark 4:35-41
Psalm 117:1-2

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- AUGUST 3: Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014? *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 10: But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 17: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 24: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 31: Trip Reports from Holy Land (9:30 a.m.) and Belize (11:45 a.m.) *Stone Hall*

Groups

- GriefShare **Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Off campus*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) *Sunday lunch today* *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" *Resumes Wednesday, September 3* *Church Room 108*
- Women in the Word Bible Study *Resumes Sept. 20, 9:30–11 a.m.* *Church Room 105*
- WomenConnect *Resumes September 17* *Church Room 105*
- Wednesday Women *Resumes September 10* *Church Room 105*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study *Resumes September 10* *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study *Resumes September 11* *Agencies 105*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon *Resumes October 4* *Stone Hall*

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

- 6th–12th grade *Agencies Lower Level*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 *Church Room 8*
- Rising K–5th grade *Church Room 105*

Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 (*go directly to Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.*) *Church Room 8*
 - Rising K–2nd grade *Church Room 105*
- Children begin in worship. After the Time for Children, they leave worship for their program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.*

CHILDCARE 7:45 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

- Summer Choir **Sunday Rehearsal, 10 a.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells *Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m.* *Church Room 110/111*
- Children's Choir (2nd–5th grade) *Resumes September 14* *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) *Resumes September 14* *Multipurpose Room*

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library (Sundays) *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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