

August 31, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

*Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house
to the land that I will show you...
and Abram went, as the Lord had told him.”*

Genesis 12:1, 4

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*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Flat, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

Erik Suter, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 150 *verses 1-2*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 150, verse 3

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
You created heaven and earth, you rule over all.
You are the true, the only God, and there is no god but you.
You are infinite in mercy, gracious in all your ways, and full of lovingkindness.
We bow before you in humble confession;
Forgive our sins, we pray.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of your Holy Spirit,
Grant that we may come to know you, and believe you more and more,
For you alone are God.
Strengthen and sustain us in your ways, and keep us by your mighty hand.

Irenaeus of Lyons

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. David Renwick

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism Caitlin Virginia Goode
daughter of Jennifer Marie Gibson Goode and Chris Lee Goode
Evelyn Frances Kingsland
daughter of Emily Anne Kingsland and David Allen Kingsland
Maxwell Grant Turner
son of Merritt Leigh Wingate and Robert Paul Turner

Prayer of Response

*Rising K-2nd grade children may leave for the Children's Church program at this time.
Parents, pick up children in Room 105 following the service.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP *Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.* Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE Acts 13:1-3, 15:1-6 Elder Richard Davies

The Word of the Lord. *pew Bible pp. 896-897; 899*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Abraham: The Best Guide in the World Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that maketh me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5:8 and 4:9

with Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano

▲ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd;

therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

with Phil Sargeant, oboe

▲ 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!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

John Rutter

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Flat, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Clyde and Ginny Taylor.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you 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.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14

Mark your calendars today! Fall schedule resumes in two weeks.

- **8:15 a.m.** Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- **9:15 a.m.** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- **11 a.m.** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

TODAY

TRIP REPORTS

Stone Hall

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.

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 105

- 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.

PRAY EAT LOVE T-SHIRTS

Narthex & Stone Hall

Next Sunday we will dress casually for worship and our annual Pray Eat Love celebration. Wear your shirt from last year, or pick up a new shirt at the tables downstairs in Stone Hall or upstairs at the information table.

SEPTEMBER'S FOOD DONATION:

CANS OF TUNA

Please bring tuna donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table.

If you are able to help gather food donations on Sundays or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table, please contact Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Corinne "Connie" Marshall

Mary Alice Keller

Loris Witherspoon

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

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.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

Invite a friend to Pray, Eat, Love!

rain or shine!

PRAY • EAT • LOVE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:45 a.m. PRAY: worship together

Dress casually and bring a friend as we give glory to God in word, song, and prayer. There will be one worship service featuring a variety of special music.

11:45 a.m. EAT: share a meal together

Stay after the service for a complimentary buffet lunch outside in the fountain courtyard. There will also be fun games and activities for the kids!

11:45 a.m. LOVE: serve others together

Before or after lunch, all ages can help feed the hungry in our city by sorting and bagging gleaned produce that will later be distributed to local food banks. There will also be a collection of new and gently used children's books for mission partners throughout the city. Please bring specified children's books (*details online and on information table*) on Sept. 7 and stay to help sort the books for delivery.

No tickets required. Contributions are appreciated to support the event (note "Pray Eat Love" on check).

Questions? www.nationalpres.org/PrayEatLove

BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Participate in NPC's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. *Contact: Linda, LButcher07@gmail.com.*

GET FIT THIS FALL

Saturdays beginning Sept. 6,

Agencies Lower Level, 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Try "Body & Soul" this fall— an affordable, fun, and faith-filled 10-week fitness class (no cardio, just challenging moves for every major muscle group). The first class is free!

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, September 10, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Church Room 110/111 & 105

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of biblical "Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools." Stay after to write cards to those on the NPC Care and Joy Prayer list. *Contact: Mildred Wheat, 703.931.1490.*

BOOK STUDY: G.K. CHESTERTON'S "ORTHODOXY: THE ROMANCE OF FAITH"

Thursdays in Sept. & Oct

Beginning Sept. 11, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

This classic of Christian apologetics (written at age 34!) was a major milestone in 20th century Christian thought. *Orthodoxy* has influenced and shaped the faith of countless believers, including C.S. Lewis and Dorothy Sayers. Copies of the book are for sale in the church bookstore.

SANDWICH MAKING

Sunday, Sept. 14,

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.

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing lead by Pastors, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers. Come and pray alongside those with a servant's listening heart, during your time of waiting in faith upon God. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Connect with God and one another at the men's retreat, only a few weeks away! Register in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/mens-ministry. See brochure on the information table for details about the retreat speaker, schedule, and accommodations. *Contact: Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.*

U.S. NAVY SEA CHANTERS FREE CONCERT

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2–3 p.m., Sanctuary

Enjoy well-known tunes, sacred medleys, patriotic music and favorites at this free, family-friendly and fun performance by the acclaimed U.S. Navy Sea Chanters. This concert kicks off the 2014-2015 "Music at National Concert Series." *For a full listing of events, visit nationalpres.org/concert-series.*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays beginning Sept. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Administration Building Room 108

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly GriefShare classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy.

"JOURNEYS" WOMEN'S BRUNCH
*Saturday, September 27, Stone Hall
10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Plan now to attend and invite a friend to a wonderful morning of conversation and inspiration. Melinda Moore, Sandy Sharpe, and Charley Stone will share and celebrate stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. Cost: \$15. *Register in Stone Hall on Sundays Sept. 14 and 21 or call 202.537.7527.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT NPC

Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Become a part of the NPC church family! Come and find out more about membership at NPC at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship class where you'll have time with the pastors and church leaders, and learn more about the Christian faith. *Please register by Sept. 18; Contact Kemet Rakiatu: 202.537.7578, or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.*

SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE AS A STEPHEN MINISTER

Training classes: September 30–April 14

The Stephen Ministry program is designed to respond to the needs of those who are hurt or suffering by creating a one-on-one relationship between a caregiver and receiver. If you have an empathetic heart and the gift of listening, please consider joining our team at NPC. *Contact: Lucille Smiley at 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight at 301.320.5168.*

"THE QUEST FOR CHARACTER" FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 18, 8:45 a.m.–Noon

What does it mean to live a life of character? How can we live lives that are filled with meaning, rather than merely accomplishments?

David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject, and **Andy Crouch**, executive editor of *Christianity Today*, will challenge us to consider how to live a life of depth—one shaped by lasting virtues that truly matter. *Registration begins Sept. 14.*

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MUSIC LEADER

Pass along the joy of music to NPC's kids (grades K-2)! We are seeking a Children's Music Leader with demonstrated ability to engage with, teach, and excite children in the areas of music and worship. **This 2-3 hour/week paid position** will provide weekly music leadership to our young children's choir, often to Sunday School classes, and occasionally during events.

Contact: Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7535.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE (ENDS TODAY)

- 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

Aug. 31 - Sept. 7

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Job 11:1-9, 13-20
Revelation 5:1-14
Matthew 5:1-12

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
Job 12:1-6, 13-25
Acts 11:19-30
John 8:21-32

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27
Acts 12:1-17
John 8:33-47

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
Job 12:1, 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25
John 8:47-59

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
Job 16:16-22, 17:1-16
Acts 13:1-12
John 9:1-17

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
Job 19:1-7, 14-27
Acts 13:13-25
John 9:18-41

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
Job 22:1-4, 22:21-23:7
Acts 13:26-43
John 10:1-18

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 14

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- A Living Faith for Hostile Times: Guidance from the Apostle Paul *Church Room 5*
- The Church in the 20th Century: Global Faith in a Fragmented Age *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestling *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- The Circle Family Group **Resumes Sept. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- 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) **Resumes September 14** *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" **Wednesday, September 3, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Resumes Sept. 20, 9:30 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*
- GriefShare **Resumes September 21, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- 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

- Chancel Choir **Resumes Wednesday, September 3, 7:30 p.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*
- 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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