

October 5, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called the kingdom of God.*

Matthew 5:9

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sonata in D Major
Pomposo-Andante-Allegro

Henry Purcell
William Neil, organ
with Chuck Seipp, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Invitation to World Communion Sunday

Rev. Donna Marsh

*Jesus said, "People will come from east and west, north and south
and will eat in the kingdom of God."*

Simin Wong, Iran

Elder Adel Sanchez, Cuba

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship God!

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

in unison

We have tasted that the Lord is good,

yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us remember that we have received your mercy,
and have become your people.

Strengthen us for holy living by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may serve you according to your call,
proclaiming to all the world the mighty acts of God,
who calls us out of darkness into light.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

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) for Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (Grades K-2) for Children's Church in Church Room 106. Children return after the sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

9:15 a.m. Elder Lewrene Glaser

The Word of the Lord.

11 a.m. Elder Clyde Taylor

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Archbishop Elias Chacour

Ibillin, Israel

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

Dr. David Renwick

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

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
one voice, one song, we lift in praise o him who was and is and shall be evermore.*

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope,

one Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other

for the unity of faith to grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

The Rice of Life

Swee Hong Lim

The Rice of Life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.

Receive this gift, God's mercy claim, in joy and pain give thanks for love.

True Rice the hungry world has fed, the rice required for life below.

Provide this gift, God's mercy spread, in weakness God's compassion show.

The Rice of God for all is meant, no one who comes is turned away.

Believe in Christ whom God has sent, in humble trust God's will obey.

The Living Rice, for all a sign, came down eternal life to give.

Abide in Christ, the living vine; in Christ with others die and live.

Traditional Bunun (Taiwanese) Melody

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1, 2 & 5* The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Called forth from every nation, one people of the Lord,
Proclaiming Christ's salvation, God's reconciling Word,
We serve God's world together, with zealous hearts, and pure,
While sov'reignly God gathers a kingdom to endure.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Giambattista Martini

*Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, all are invited to Stone Hall
for a Q&A and light refreshments with Father Chacour.*

▲ Congregation standing, as able

World Communion Sunday was first celebrated in 1933. In perhaps the bleakest year of the Great Depression as storm clouds of Nazism and Fascism hovered over Europe, an American Presbyterian congregation in Pittsburgh sought to counteract widespread pessimism in society. They invited other congregations to join them in a celebration of Christian unity in the Lordship of Jesus Christ by gathering together at the Lord's Table. World Communion was adopted as a denomination-wide practice in 1936. During the Second World War the idea really caught hold. At a time when the world was coming apart, World Communion held things together spiritually. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate from the beginning; in 1940 the National Council of Churches endorsed World Communion and began to promote its celebration in Christian churches around the world. Three generations later amidst familiar anxieties over different world events, the celebration of Christ's presence at the Lord's Table continues to bear witness to the source of true hope.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God on this World Communion Sunday when Christians all around the world gather together to celebrate at the Lord's table.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Grace Marie Notman from her grandson Willem O. Rijkssen.

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.

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

GUEST PREACHER FROM ISRAEL: ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR

Come for a Q&A and light refreshments with Fr. Chacour in Stone Hall from 12:15–1:15.

We are delighted that Archbishop Chacour from Ibillin, Israel is our guest preacher today on World Communion Sunday.

Father Chacour has been a bold and winsome witness for Jesus Christ in Israel for over 30 years, pastoring a church, and forming a network of schools servicing 2,500 students in Ibillin, a small Arab village in the Galilee region, near Nazareth, where Christians and Muslims have lived together peacefully for hundreds of years.

Fr. Chacour's story as told in his book, *Blood Brothers*, is available at our bookstore.

SUPPORT FR. CHACOUR'S MINISTRY IN ISRAEL

Your gifts to Pilgrims of Ibillin will provide much needed tuition assistance to students at Mar Elias, as they learn the skills and vision to be bridge-builders and peacemakers in their troubled land.

- Mark check with the memo line "Pilgrims of Ibillin."
- Give online: <http://bit.ly/MarEliasDonate>
- Mail a check to: Pilgrims of Ibillin, c/o Cho Kwan CPA, 311 Oak Street, Suite 111, Oakland, CA 94607

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

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 for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

PHOTO BOOTH Stone Hall

All are invited to come by before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. We're updating the church directory, and want to include everyone. *Please stop by if you haven't yet had your photo taken!*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Culbertson Library (Admin. Bldg.)

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7540.*

WASHINGTON MASTER CHORALE 4 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Master Chorale presents "A Tribute to Leonard Bernstein."
Tickets available at the door.

SIGN UP TODAY

Visit tables in Stone Hall this morning to sign up for:

- **"The Quest for Character" Fall Conference**, Oct. 18, *see pg. 7 for details*
register online: nationalpres.org/conferences
- **Outing to Princeton Seminary and University**, Nov. 1, *see pg. 7 for details*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

“THE QUEST FOR CHARACTER” FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, Oct. 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? Come explore what a deep life of character looks like, and invite a friend!

David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject of character, 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.

Complimentary childcare through age 5 available with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.

Pre-Register through October 15

Today in Stone Hall or online: nationalpres.org/conferences

Adults: \$15 (\$20 at the door) **Students:** Free (\$5 at the door)

BOOK STUDY:

G.K. CHESTERTON’S “ORTHODOXY”

Thursdays in Sept. & Oct.

7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a study on this classic of Christian apologetics, which was a major milestone in 20th century Christian thought. *Orthodoxy* has influenced and shaped the faith of countless believers, including C.S. Lewis. *Please read Chapter 6 for the Oct. 9 discussion.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,

Church Room 110/111 & 105

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of “Cain” from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Sunday, Oct. 12, 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! *Financial contributions are welcomed to purchase sandwich supplies.*

MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS WELCOME

Submissions due Oct. 15

Would you like to represent a mission organization the 2014 Mission Gifts for Christmas? *Contact Sally Swanson to request an application, due Oct. 15: 202.537.7505, SSwanson@NationalPres.org.*

WHAT'S GOD'S FUTURE FOR NATIONAL?

*Share in a New Vision and Plan for NPC
Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:15–10:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary*

God has bold and exciting plans for the future of National, and the Session invites you to share in them on Sunday, Oct. 26. Copies of NPC's new strategic plan will be available and our Strategic Planning team will lead us through the plan and help us envision our part within it. This will truly be a morning of celebration, community, and challenge as we affirm our call to be followers of Jesus Christ together.

October 26 Schedule:

- Presentation, prayer, and praise for the Strategic plan at 9:15
- Worship at 8:15 in the chapel or 11 a.m. in the sanctuary (no 9:15 service)
- Program for children through 5th grade at 9:15; no adult or youth Sunday School.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR REFUGEES AND VICTIMS OF WAR Sunday, October 19

You are invited to contribute to a special offering to help alleviate the suffering of Christian refugees and victims of war in Iraq, Syria and Gaza. Funds received will be distributed through two channels:

- 1) To the Synod of Syria and Lebanon through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- 2) To the Iraq Relief Work Fund through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Checks can be made to NPC with the memo line: "Iraq, Syria and Gaza."

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 28, 8:45 a.m.

Families with children fifth grade and younger, join us for a morning Fall Open House! Applications from NPC families to the 3-year-old and Pre-Kindergarten classes receive priority consideration. Visit www.nps-dc.org for more information. *Contact: Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP PRINCETON OUTING

Nov. 1, Princeton, NJ, 6:45 a.m.–8:30 p.m.

Sign up today for an outing to Princeton Theological Seminary's library and chapel, and Princeton University's art museum and chapel. The visit will include talks and tours, special music, and lunch with Seminary President (and former NPC Senior Pastor) Dr. Craig Barnes. *Register today (\$98) in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

OCTOBER'S FOOD DONATION: 1 LB. BAGS OF RICE

Please bring donations of 1 lb. bags of brown or white rice 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.*

VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Build friendships and enable Ingleside residents to participate in worship services. Once a month, you can help wheel Ingleside residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service held at Ingleside. *Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Carol Weihrer

Loris Witherspoon

Maisie Gordon Wittman

We mourn the death of:

Alphonse "Al" Strachocki on Sept. 24. A memorial service will be held at Ingleside at King Farm on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.

Rufus Hill on Sept. 29. A memorial service was held at St. Columba's Episcopal Church on Oct. 4.

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

Oct. 5 - 12

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12
Psalm 117:1-2

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Hosea 6:7-7:7
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Hosea 7:8-16
Acts 23:12-24
Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
Hosea 8:1-14
Acts 23:23-35
Luke 7:18-35

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Hosea 9:1-9
Acts 24:1-23
Luke 7:36-50

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Hosea 9:10-17
Acts 24:24-25:12
Luke 8:1-15

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 25:13-27
Luke 8:16-25

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Hosea 11:1-11
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- 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 *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22-35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- 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*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 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*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose 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.** *Multi Purpose 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-year olds: Church Room 8
- 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
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 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 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 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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