

December 28, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

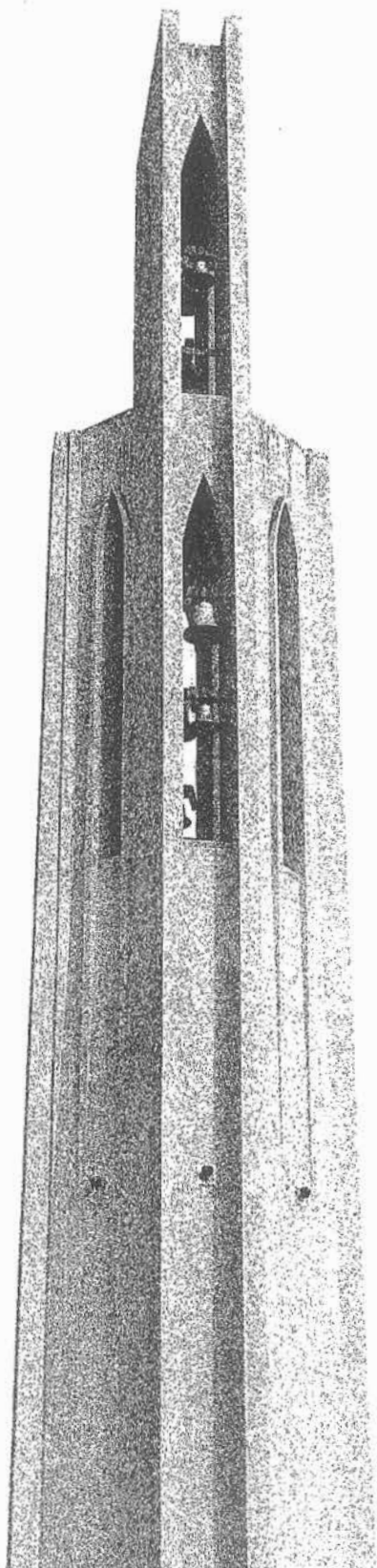
**LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD**

CHRISTMASTIDE

*And having been warned in a dream
not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own
country by another road.*

Matthew 2:12

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: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections)
McLane Stone (Youth), and Sally Swanson (Serve)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Johann Pachelbel
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 23 Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria*
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!
Glo---ria in excelsis Deo!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, your birth means nothing unless we are born again –
born from above.

Raise us, O Savior, that we may bow before your glorious throne.

Fill us with a true sense of your grace and glory,
which prevail against all darkness and sin,
even the sinful shadows of our own hearts.

In the afterglow of this holy season, forgive us once again.

May we see afresh your coming among us,
and the way of salvation you open before us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *In dulci jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls us one and calls us all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Quinn Fox

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 Benjamin Cordell Ela

Son of Paige Koopman Ela and Kurt William Ela
Alexander Emmett Horniak
Son of Heather Fritz Horniak and David Horniak

Prayer of Response

Children (grades K–2) may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Donna Marsh

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 783-784

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Way Home

Dr. Quinn Fox

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

SOLO RESPONSE

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

Appalachian Carol

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.

arr. Michael Denham

All the evil folks on earth sleep in feathers at their birth.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head, you have got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus? Have you heard about his fate,

How his mother went to the stable on that Christmas Eve so late?

Winds were blowin', cows were lowin', stars were glowin', glowin', glowin'.

Sheri Jackson, soprano and Marissa Murphy, violin

▲ A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

We believe in one God, whose almighty word brought forth the universe,
who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created
and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.

We believe that at the right moment in time,
God's Word became flesh in the life of Jesus of Nazareth,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

We believe that the same angels who heralded Jesus' birth
also point us to the cross on which Jesus died, and to his empty tomb.
There the angel's message "He is risen!" heralded the glorious good news of
Christ's resurrection.

We believe that this same Jesus is alive to meet us every day,
and to offer us new and abundant life.

We rejoice in the knowledge that one day he will return to rule in righteousness,
to renew the earth, and to claim us as God's own.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Mary, Did You Know?

Lowery & Greene

arr. Michael Denham

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy had come to make you new?

This child that you delivered would soon deliver you. Mary, did you know?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy had walked where angels trod;

That when you kissed your little baby you kissed the face of God? Mary, did you know?

with Holly Avesian, harp and Danielle Cho, cello

▲ CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

All Glory Be to God on High

Winchester Old

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:

Goodwill to all from highest heav'n begin and never cease!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 49

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The First Nowell

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!

Born is the King of Israel!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in the celebration of the milestone birthday of Ms. Josephine Szeto by her youngest sister.

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.

TODAY

MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Online through December 31

Christmas Day may have passed, but the opportunity to give to 39 different charities through Mission Gifts for Christmas has not! You can shop through December 31 at www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts

Together we've already surpassed last year's total giving of \$45,500— let's see how much more we can give to missions by the end of the year!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Resumes January 4

See pg. 6 for upcoming January Term classes for adults.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children are always encouraged to join their families in worship. Children in grades K-2 may leave for a special Children's Church program in Church Room 106 after the baptism, and return to their families after the sermon. *Childcare is available for children under 4 – see back page for locations.*

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT NATIONAL

Have you seen the beautiful nativity scene, hand carved in Spain, in the museum case by the chapel entrance to the church? (The nativity is a recent donation from the Norment and Boyer families.) Also be sure to check out the Chrismon tree right outside of the Sanctuary and pick up a brochure that explains the meaning behind the special ornaments.

PLEASE SIGN FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To help us get to know one another, members and guests alike are encouraged to sign and pass along the Friendship Register during the welcome or the offering.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in and through NPC in 2015.

You may mail your commitment card to the church, submit it online (nationalpres.org/stewardship), or place it in the offering plate. Commitment cards can be found on the information table.

Thank you to all those who have committed to supporting God's work in and through National in 2015!

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.
- 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: 202.537.7529.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

“JANUARY TERM” CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Sundays, January 4–25, 2015, 9:30 a.m.

Why not make it a New Year’s Resolution to become part of a class in January?

Classes offered on January 4, 11, & 18:

- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey*
- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life
- Listening for God’s Voice in Scripture
- Your Mind Matters

*Learn more about these classes on nationalpres.org/adults,
or pick up a brochure on the information table.*

On January 25, all are welcome for a plenary class in Stone Hall with Dr. Curt Thompson, medical doctor and author of a highly acclaimed book on the relationship between brain science and spiritual practice.

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER *Thursdays in January & February, beginning Jan. 8, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a study of this classic book from the renowned Christian minister, professor, author and martyr who recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Giving practical advice on how life in Christ can be sustained in families and groups, *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship. We will be reading approximately 15-20 pages per week of the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore. *Registrations welcome: HNovak@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527*

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD LUNCHEON *Saturday, Jan. 3, Stone Hall 12 p.m. (lunch), 1 p.m. (program)*

All women are invited for a fascinating presentation from guest speaker Christina Miller-Colton of American Leprosy Missions. She will share her experience as an international aide worker helping women in Nepal. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call Jane McDonald, 202.244.3224.*

MEN’S BREAKFAST *Saturday, Jan. 10 Stone Hall, 8–9:30 a.m.*

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. David Renwick. *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

A HEALTHY NEW YEAR *Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level*

Kick off 2015 right and try “Body & Soul”—an affordable, fun, and faith-filled fitness class (no cardio, just challenging moves for every major muscle group). Your first class is free! *Beginning Jan. 24, the class will be held in Jones Hall (School Gym).*

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, Jan. 11, 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 800 sandwiches!

AFTERNOON T.E.A.

*Wednesday, Jan. 14
1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor*

All women with school-aged children are invited for a monthly gathering with *Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration* as we study the The Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7, share our lives and worship our God together. (Yes, tea and other refreshments are served!) Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

You can make a meaningful impact on the life of an international student at American University during this coming semester by offering love and encouragement. *Contact Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org for details on how to become an "American friend."*

TIME TO MAKE NPC YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Sunday, Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR

*Saturday, February 14, 2015
8:45 a.m.–3 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

NEW MISSIONARY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM NPC FAMILY

NPC member Anne Gochnour Snow is joining the Young Life staff in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She is currently fundraising for this position and needs your help! *If you would like to learn more about her ministry of reaching teenagers in Puerto Rico with the gospel of Jesus Christ and how you can play a part, please contact her at anne.g.snow@gmail.com.*

YEAR END GIVING TO NPC

Please consider supporting the mission and ministry of NPC with your year-end giving as we end 2014 and look forward to what God has planned for us in 2015.

- Set up **recurring gifts** at NPC Online (link at the bottom of the NPC website, www.nationalpres.org)
- **Easy one-time gifts** to NPC can be made on www.nationalpres.org/giving. Your gift will be processed through PayPal, but you do not need to have a PayPal account.
- You can contribute to NPC by **shopping on Amazon!** Input "The National Presbyterian Church, Inc." as your designated charity using Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases.
- **Stock donations** may be made by providing the following information to your broker:
Deliver to: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
DTC Clearing Number: 0015
Client Account number: 504-152559-468
Client Name: The National Presbyterian Church, Inc.
NPC TIN: 53-0196611
(Please be sure to identify yourself as the donor to ensure proper acknowledgement.)

Questions? Contact the Finance Office, JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7484.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Classes and groups resume January 4

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Dec. 28 - January 4

Sunday

Psalms 2; 111
Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 1:18-25

Monday

Psalms 96; 97
Isaiah 12:1-6
Revelation 1:1-8
John 7:37-52

Tuesday

Psalms 93; 89:19-52
Isaiah 25:1-9
Revelation 1:19-20
John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday

Psalms 98; 96
Isaiah 26:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
John 8:12-19

Thursday

Psalms 98; 8
Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16
Colossians 2:6-12
John 16:23b-30

Friday

Psalms 48; 29
Genesis 12:1-7
Hebrews 11:1-12
John 6:35-42, 48-51

Saturday

Psalms 111; 15
Genesis 28:10-22
Hebrews 11:13-22
John 10:7-17

Sunday

Psalms 20; 97
Deuteronomy 33:1-5
1 John 2:12-17
John 6:41-47

January Term Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m., beginning January 4

- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness *Church Room 105*
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life *Agencies 101*
- Listening for God's Voice in Scripture *Church Room 5*
- Your Mind Matters *Church Room 110/111*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey* *Chapel*

Groups - Resume in January

- 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 Resumes Jan. 11, **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m., Resumes January 4

- 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. Resumes January 4

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

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m., Resumes January 4

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., Resumes January 4

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 - 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 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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