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THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

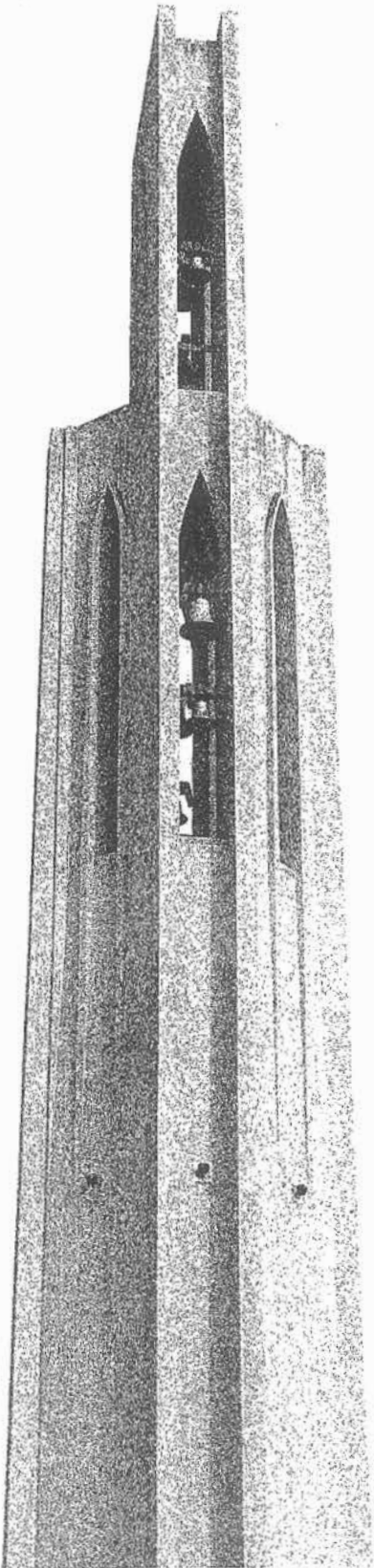
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

COMMUNION

*But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 1:8

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 (Seahawk)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Canzone

Giovanni Gabrieli
Brass Quartet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 371 *verses 1-3*

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 371, verse 4

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus Christ,

we approach your banquet table in humility and need, for we are sinners.

We dare not rely on our own worth,

but only on your goodness and mercy.

We are deeply marred by sins of both body and soul.

We are deeply marred by unguarded thoughts and deeds.

God of majesty and awe, we seek your grace and healing.

We cannot bear your judgment, but trust in your salvation.

So hear our cry for mercy, Fountain of all Grace.

Ambrose of Milan

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

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. (*grades K-5*) to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (*grades K-2*) to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:18-33

9:15 a.m. Ed Blanton

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 924-925

11 a.m. Joan Braitsch

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

*In Christ Alone**Choir*

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song –
 this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
 My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Congregation

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck us from his hand;
 'Til he returns or calls us home, here the power of Christ we'll stand.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Christ Calls Us Forth

K. Lee Scott

based on Acts 1:8

Choir, brass, and timpani

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim
 to all in hopeless pain and need, the glory of his saving Name.
*"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you,
 and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria,
 to the utmost ends of the earth."*

Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth,
 to humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria, to those of different clan and race,
 that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

▲ *Congregation joins singing* (please see music on insert)

Christ sends us forth to the world around. "To every creature bear the Word."
 Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as the Lord.

Choir, brass, and timpani

"You shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear. And though we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

Prayer of Response and 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.

▲ HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Pleading Savior

Lord, you give the great commission: "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Jeffrey Rowthorn

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello
William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Brass

John Terry Bingham and Woody English, trumpets

Matt Niess and Jeff Cortazzo, trombones

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of General Reginald C. Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of George and Constance Chaump on January 30th by their daughters, Lynda Rivera, Melanie Lenhard, and Melissa Chaump; son-in-law, Joseph Lenhard; and grandchildren, Collin Rivera and Caroline Lenhard.

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 after worship, just 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

A new term begins today in adult Sunday school! Classes and locations are listed on the back of the bulletin. *Pick up a brochure at the information table to learn more about these classes and other ways to grow spiritually in the months ahead.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During 11 a.m. worship, Church Room 106
Children in grades K-2 may leave for a special Children's Church program after the Time for Children, and return to their families after the sermon.

NPC YOUTH SUPERBOWL PARTY

Tonight is our annual Superbowl party! Youth group will resume its normal schedule next Sunday. *Contact McLane for party location: MStone@NationalPres.org.*

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.*

SIGN UP TODAY

Visit Stone Hall to sign up for:

- **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**, Feb. 9
see pg. 7 for details
- **Women's Retreat**, Apr. 17-19

WOMEN'S RETREAT: CULTIVATING A FLOURISHING FAITH

April 17-19 (Registration begins today)
Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

Save the date for this year's women's retreat! Our speaker will be Rev. Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hoffman will guide us in conversation and reflection on the topic of "Cultivating a Flourishing Faith," from Isaiah 58:11. This large-group retreat is a wonderful way to grow in relationship with Christ and meet other women in the church. *Registration begins today in Stone Hall, or online at: nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library
Those experiencing the loss of a loved one will find encouragement and support during weekly GriefShare classes. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy. You may attend as often as your schedule permits. A light lunch will be served. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Need help hearing during the service? Twelve new Assisted Listening receivers with your choice of a *T-Coil compatible* neck loop or a standard single ear bud can be found on the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service. *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcnett@NationalPres.org.*

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

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

*Thursdays in January & February
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a study of *Life Together*. On February 5 we will discuss “Service” (pp. 93-107) from the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore.

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m.

AU East Quad Building, Room 209

All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Feb. 7

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Jerry Leachman on “Meekness: Defined and Applied.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD

Saturday, Feb. 7, 12 p.m., Stone Hall

Hilda Gore, fitness professional, will be discussing faith, fitness, food, and fun! She will share her testimony along with nutrition tips and food samples. *Contact Joan Anderson for luncheon reservations (\$12): 202.362.7475*

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, Feb. 8, 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!

GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER: CARL MEDEARIS

Next weekend

Saturday Feb. 7 & Sunday, Feb. 8

The interface (sometimes clash) between Muslims and Christians is one of the biggest topics of our time. Carl Medearis is an American evangelist who has spent his life living in the Middle East and building respectful bridges with Muslim neighbors.

Come hear Rev. Medearis give his perspective on what we’re hearing in the news, how God has used him in unlikely places, and what it means to share Jesus:

- Small group **in-depth teaching** with Rev. Medearis, 4–5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7
- Rev. Medearis will **preach** at 8:15, 9:15, and 11 a.m. next Sunday, Feb. 8.
- There will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more at a **Lunch and Learn discussion** in Jones Hall after the 11 a.m. service next Sunday.

Learn more about Rev. Medearis and his ministry: www.carlmedearis.com

ASSOCIATE PASTOR “STATUS” FORUMS

Sunday, Feb. 8, 12:15 p.m., Agencies 105

AND Sunday, Feb. 15

10:35 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Last October, Session voted to begin a process established by our presbytery (National Capital Presbytery) to affirm the ministries of Associate Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor by transitioning them from “Associate Pastor Stated Supply” – a temporary, contractual status – to a permanent “Called and Installed” designation.

Part of the process is to invite members of the congregation to meet with members of NPC’s Personnel Council and Elders, to ask questions and offer comments both about the transitions and about the process. *Unable to attend? Please e-mail comments to npctaffing@nationalpres.org.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, Feb. 9, Noon, Stone Hall

Stewart McLaurin, **President of the White House Historical Association** will be our guest speaker. Come and learn about the unique history of the Executive Mansion – home to U.S. Presidents since 1800. *Sign up in Stone Hall today or call 202.537.7529.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday, Feb. 11, 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 “Balaam” (rescheduled because of January’s weather cancellation) from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will address cards to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

AFTERNOON T.E.A.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor

All **women with school-aged children** are invited for this 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. Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Saturday, Feb. 14

8:45 a.m.–3 p.m., Elson Parlor

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.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Carl Frandsen

Larry Kegley

Maj. Scott Porter, son of Aly Porter, deployed to Afghanistan

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY *Sundays beginning Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m. Church Room 105*

Eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. Dave Ramsey will challenge and motivate you, through DVD lectures and discussion, to get a hold on your finances, make a plan for your money and reorient your life! All are welcome to take part in this valuable course, but married couples receive the invaluable added benefit of vital communication skills in one of the most challenging areas for married couples. *Purchase class materials in the bookstore or online: www.daveramsey.com. Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Evening Communion services during Lent begin on Ash Wednesday. These one-hour evening services feature music, prayer and preaching, and communion and are a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment in our busy lives.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

February 22 – April 5

Our Strategic Plan invites us to “grow spiritually together” in several ways, including small groups. We invite you to be part of a group this year during Lent for fellowship and spiritual growth in preparation for Easter. *Learn more at nationalpres.org/small-groups. Want to participate? Contact: groups@nationalpres.org.*

FLORAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 21

9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Stone Hall

The NPC Flower Ministry invites you to a day of lecture, workshop, and fellowship. Dr. Renwick will speak about “A Flourishing Connection: Israel’s Temple, National’s Flower Ministry and the Garden of Eden.” This will be followed by demonstration and lecture on the art of floral arrangement, and an opportunity for workshop participants to make an arrangement to take home. Advanced registration is requested. *Contact Nora Szeto to register, noraszeto@hotmail.com.*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Feb. 1-8

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Isaiah 51:9-16
Hebrews 11:8-16
John 7:14-31

Monday

Psalms 62;9
Isaiah 51:17-23
Galatians 4:1-11
Mark 7:24-37

Tuesday

Psalms 12;7
Isaiah 52:1-12
Galatians 4:12-20
Mark 8:1-10

Wednesday

Psalms 96;134
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Galatians 4:21-31
Mark 8:11-26

Thursday

Psalms 116;130
Isaiah 54:1-10 (11-17)
Galatians 5:1-15
Mark 8:27-9:1

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
Isaiah 55:1-13
Galatians 5:16-24
Mark 9:2-13

Saturday

Psalms 63;90
Isaiah 56:1-8
Galatians 5:25-6:10
Mark 9:14-29

Sunday

Psalms 103;139
Isaiah 57:1-13
Hebrews 12:1-6
John 7:37-46

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *begins Feb. 15 *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- 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*

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.** *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.

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2 and 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 – 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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