

February 15, 2015

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

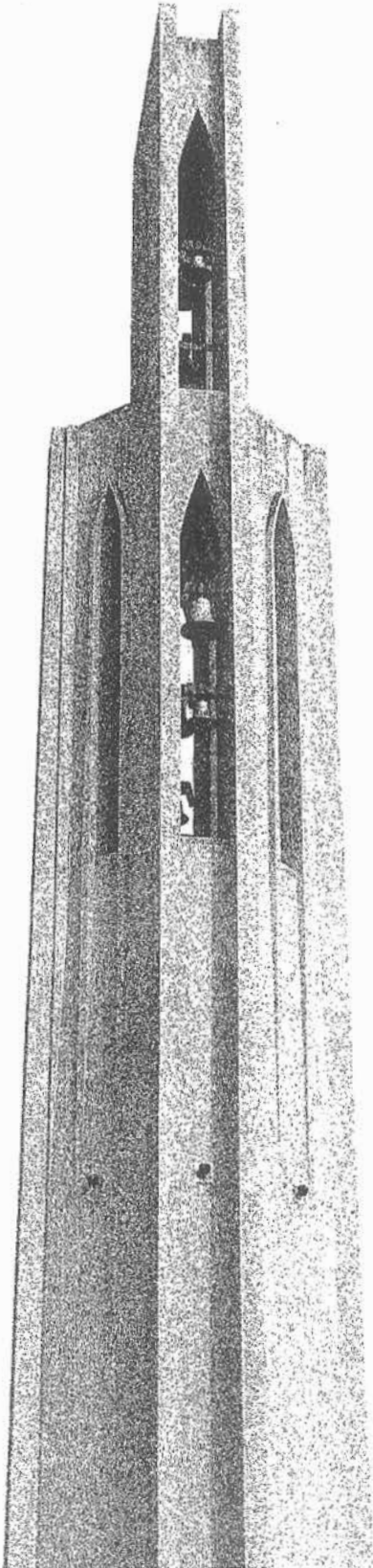
God to Noah: "Make yourself an ark."

Genesis 6:14

*God to Moses: "Have them make me a sanctuary
so that I may dwell among them."*

Exodus 25:8

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 (Youth)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris Francis Poulenc
Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us Gloria

How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Ronald Staheli

Adon alam Uzi Hitman & Obed Ben-Hur
The Lord God was, and is, and shall be ruler of the universe arr. Marsha Bryan Edelman

The Indian Springs School Choirs
Dr. Tim Thomas, Director of Music; Cindy St. Clair, Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 482 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Behold the Tabernacle of God Paul Sjolund
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and he will dwell with us, and we shall be his people.
And God himself shall be with us, and be our God.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace,
we are truly grateful that you forgive us yet again.
Grant us grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray.

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

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 31:1-11; 36:2-7

9:15 a.m. Lisa Kennelly

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 68; 73

11 a.m. Elder Laurie Denham

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God Matters

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 9:1-4; Romans 16:3-5

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lux aurumque

Eric Whitacre

Lux aurumque calida gravis que pura velut aurum canunt et canunt et canunt...

Light, warm and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing and sing and sing...

Indian Springs School Choirs

▲ 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

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

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay against the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold,

The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord,

Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength, for the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord,

Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from dark to light and your will obey,

O Lord of heaven and earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord,

Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 486 *verses 1 & 2* When the Morning Stars Together

Weisse Flaggen

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Jabula Jesu
Be joyful in Jesus

arr. Stephen Hatfield
Indian Springs School Choirs

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*This morning we welcome the **Indian Spring School Choirs**, from Birmingham, Alabama. The Indian Spring School Choirs, directed by Tim Thomas, have performed across the country and around the world, delighting audiences of all ages and diverse backgrounds in cathedrals, universities, and arts centers from San Antonio, Chicago, and New York City to Beijing, Dijon, and Vienna, where they have performed with the Vienna Boys Choir.*

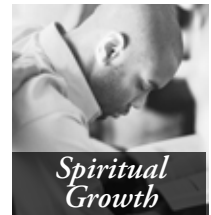
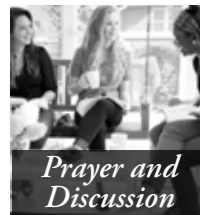
The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dianne and John Tingley in loving memory of their parents, David and Audrey Rhea, and Ethel and Stuart Tingley.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford by their daughter, Linda.

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.

Become part
of a *small*
group this
Lent!



Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of busy life in the District? Are you eager to grow in faith? Become part of a small group this Lent! Small groups will meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study based on the previous Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon.

Groups will meet in a variety of locations and times, including at the church on Sunday after worship, and Wednesday evenings before and after Lenten Vespers.

Find your place in a group today:

www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or *today* in Stone Hall

Questions? Contact groups@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7527.

TODAY

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

*Sundays beginning today, 9:30 a.m.
Church Room 105*

Gain control of your finances, eliminate debt, make a plan for your money, save for the future, and reorient your life! Dave Ramsey will challenge and motivate you, through DVD lectures and discussion. All are welcome to take part in this life-changing course. Married couples receive the invaluable added benefit of vital communication skills in one of the most challenging areas in marriage. *Purchase class materials in the bookstore or online: www.daveramsey.com. Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

NPC YOUTH

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.*

MOLDOVA PRAYER

12:15 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a special time of prayer for the people of Moldova.

SANDWICH MAKING

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!

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

Today in worship we welcome Stef Walker, from Ligonier Christian Camps. The Ligonier Camp experience has been a meaningful way for many NPC children and youth to grow in their faith. Stef will visit children and youth Sunday school and will be available for conversation after the 11 a.m. worship service in Stone Hall.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR “STATUS” FORUMS

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 npcstaffing@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.*

In order to share God’s word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. An usher will be happy to seat you if you do not wish to appear on camera.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

COME TO THE CROSS: 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES:

“Jesus’ Questions”
7 p.m., Sanctuary

February 25 “What Will the Owner Do?”
Dr. Quinn Fox

March 4 “How Can the Scribes Say?”
Dr. David Renwick

March 11 “Why Do You Trouble Her?”
Rev. Donna Marsh

March 18 “Are You Still Sleeping?”
McLane Stone

March 25 “Who Is Greater?”
Rev. Evangeline Taylor

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., Agencies 105

This weekly Bible study welcomes men and women with all levels of Bible knowledge. A new study of the book of Daniel begins Feb. 19. Newcomers welcome! Study booklets are available for \$10. *Contact: Robin King, robin@kinghome.us*

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

NEW TIME & LOCATION

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m.

AU Kay Spiritual Life Center Basement

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.*

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.*

BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!

Sunday Feb. 22

10:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., Court of Flags

Would you **like to meet more people at church, but small talk feels awkward?** Whether you are new to National, or have been coming for some time: join us for a casual and interactive conversation on “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community” right after 9:15 or 11 a.m. worship. *All are welcome – we will gather in the Court of Flags outside of the sanctuary.*

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

Feb. 22, 12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Drop by after the 11 a.m. service for a home cooked lunch and some casual time to connect with fellow students.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Maurietta “Jo” Schoolfield

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

*Confidential prayer requests:
www.nationalpres.org/prayer*

WOMEN'S RETREAT: CULTIVATING A FLOURISHING FAITH

April 17-19

Registration now through March 15

Sign up today 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 strengthen your relationship with Christ and meet other women in the church. *Register today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6-10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Registration begins March 1

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with faith and fun, including Bible teaching, service projects, cool crafts, yummy snacks and awesome music! *We're building our volunteer team now – to volunteer, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org.*

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS

Lisa Rindner, MSW, LGSW is a trusted resource for our congregation, providing free expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. She can provide support and help for older adults, their families, and caregivers in navigating elder care services, programs, and activities. *Contact Lisa at LRindner@iona.org or 202.895.9440 for an appointment at NPC.*

FEBRUARY'S FOOD DONATION: UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal 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.*

MUSIC AT NATIONAL PRESENTS:

Washington Master Chorale

Sunday, March 8 – 4 p.m.

Rachmaninoff Vespers

www.washingtonmasterchorale.org

The City Choir of Washington

Sunday, March 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Mozart Coronation Mass

Arvo Pärt Te Deum

www.thecitychoirofthewashington.org

Washington Bach Consort

Sunday, March 22 – 3 p.m.

All in the Family: Motets of the Bach Dynasty

www.bachconsort.org

Greater opportunities are available for each of these performances. Welcome our guests and enjoy a complimentary seat at the concert! *For information and to volunteer, contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org*

WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY

To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the nationalpres.org website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** As always, please use your personal judgment before travelling.

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Log on to NPC Online (link on the bottom of the NPC website) to:

- View current congregational directory.
- Set up recurring or one-time giving.
- View and update your contact info.

Questions? Communications@NationalPres.org

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Feb. 15-22

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Corinthians 3:1-9
John 12:27-36a

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Deuteronomy 6:1-15
Hebrews 1:1-14
John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Deuteronomy 6:16-25
Hebrews 2:1-10
John 1:19-28

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Hebrews 12:1-14
Luke 18:9-14

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Titus 1:1-16
John 1:29-34

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Deuteronomy 7:12-16
Titus 2:1-15
John 1:35-42

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Deuteronomy 7:17-26
Titus 3:1-15
John 1:43-51

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 9:23-24
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Mark 2:18-22

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *begins today *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 **concludes today, 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 **Thursdays, 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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