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THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

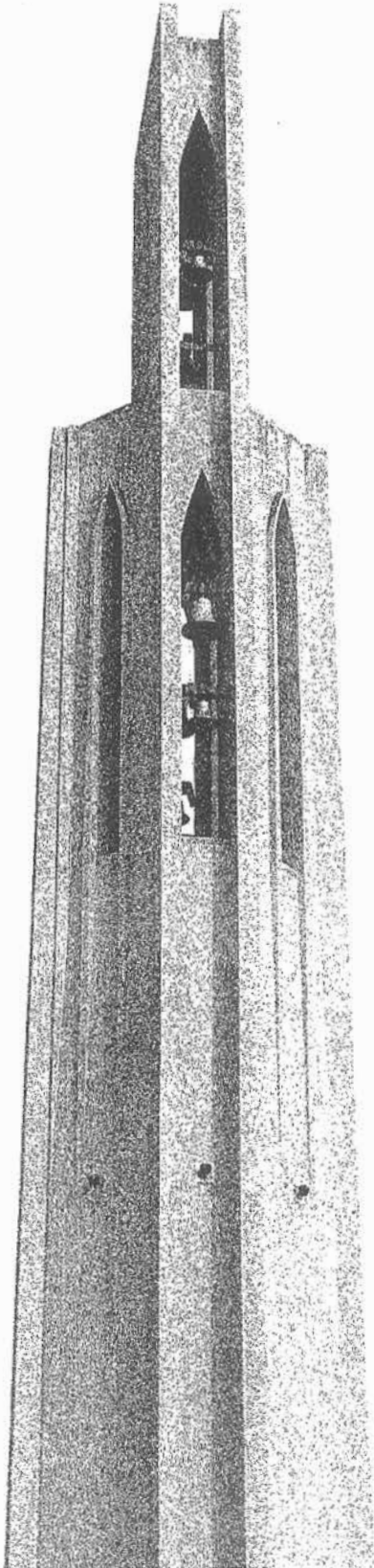
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*"Tell us, when will this be,
and what will be the sign that all these things
are about to be accomplished?"*

Mark 13:4

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*
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.

Please silence all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune and Bell Symphony Henry Purcell
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Evangeline Taylor

BELL PEAL

▲ HYMN 6 Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsey*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Henry Purcell

Come to me. O Savior, come, I pray. O Lord, come to me.
O Savior, come, O come and hear my plea.

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir then the congregation*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn 572

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Olivet*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:

Now hear us while we pray, take all our guilt away; O let us from this day be wholly thine!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:15 a.m.

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 Henry Wilmont DeHaan

Son of Cheryl Elizabeth DeHaan and Robert Alexander DeHaan

Pax William Stepp

Son of Starr Melissa Stepp and Wesley Hunter Stepp

Prayer of Response

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

Mark 13:1-8; 32-37

9:15 a.m. Dottie McKnight

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 825; 826

11 a.m. Deacon Ron Martinson

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Questioning Jesus

Rev. Donna Marsh

When Will This Be?

2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-10

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Llangloffan

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear; the evening is advancing and darker night is near.

Messiah is returning, and soon he will draw nigh; up, work with expectation, at midnight comes the cry.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. David Renwick

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

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Jason Krug

Grace Chimes

Carolann Haley, director

▲ DOXOLOGY

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.

Old Hundredth

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

Samuel Wesley

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11 a.m.

Members of the congregation are requested to stay in the sanctuary for a brief meeting of the congregation.

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major (*the Fanfare Fugue*)

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Members of the congregation are requested to stay in the sanctuary immediately following 11 a.m. worship for a brief meeting of the congregation to:

- approve the creation of two called and installed Associate Pastor positions, and
- elect Session as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) with the express purpose of presenting Reverends Marsh and Taylor for election at a subsequent meeting.

BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!

10:15 a.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 time together – “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community” right after 9:15 a.m. worship. *All are welcome – we will gather in the Court of Flags outside of the sanctuary.*

FOOD DONATIONS IN MARCH: CANNED TUNA

Please bring donations of canned tuna 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.*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today NPC children will receive fish-shaped coin banks to begin saving for their One Great Hour of Sharing offering, collected on Palm Sunday. Adults can join in the OGHs offering, too. **Envelopes are available in the sanctuary pews today and next Sunday.** *Through this traditional annual offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in the US and around the world.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

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

WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT

3 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Bach Consort presents *All in the Family: Motets of the Bach Dynasty*. Tickets available at the door.

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.

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. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and first ten pews as you enter the Sanctuary.



come celebrate
EASTER



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:15, 9:15, & 11 a.m.

“Is It Not Written?”

Dr. David Renwick

Donkey and Palm Procession

All ages gather outside the Court of Flags at 10:30 a.m. for a festive procession with palms and a live donkey!

Palm Sunday Concert

5 p.m., Sanctuary

“Written on His Hands” NPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra, featuring Dan Forrest’s “Requiem for the Living.” *No tickets required; a freewill offering will be received.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate the first Lord’s Supper and Jesus’ command to love one another.

“Is It I, Lord?”

Rev. Donna Marsh

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Reflections in word and song on the seven last words of Christ.

“What Evil Has He Done?”

Dr. David Renwick

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

8:30, 10, & 11:30 A.M.

IDENTICAL SERVICES

“Is What You See All You Get?”

Dr. David Renwick

Glorious music with the Chancel Choir, brass, organ, and timpani: Beethoven and Handel “Hallelujahs!”

In past years, there have been over 1,000 people in attendance at the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary! You’ll be less crowded if you come at 8:30 or 11:30 a.m. Bring the whole family; classes or groups will resume the Sunday after Easter.

FAMILY CELEBRATION

10 A.M.

IN JONES HALL (SCHOOL GYM)

Families, let’s worship the risen Lord together! We will celebrate with:

- Hymns and praise songs
- A message from Dr. Fox
- Children’s choirs and Easter play
- And more!

An egg hunt on the playground follows the Celebration.

Children age 4 and under must be accompanied by a parent at the Celebration. Childcare is available all morning in the main church building for children age 4 and under.

Invite a friend!

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Come for mid-week spiritual refreshment featuring music, prayer and preaching, and Communion. Wednesday worship during Lent concludes this week with **McLane Stone** preaching, “Who Is Greater?”

EASTER FLOWERS

Support this year’s Easter Garden! Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. *You may make your donation by check, payable to “NPC Flower Fund” and write “Easter” on the memo line.*

BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, April 4, 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. NPC sponsors a Habitat build on the second Saturday of every month. *For information or to sign up, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com.*

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD

Saturday, April 4, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Stone Hall

All women are invited for lunch and presentation from Bread for the World. Bread for the World is a Christian organization urging our nation’s leaders to end hunger. Learn how your voice as a Christian can affect the lives of millions of people struggling with hunger in the U.S. and around the world. *Contact Joan Anderson, to join the noon luncheon (\$12), 202.362.7475*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, April 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 Judas Iscariot from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards of encouragement to members in need of care and prayer.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Peter D. James on “Man, God, and the 21st Century Man.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

CONNECT ONLINE

NPC Online is a simple and secure way to update your contact information, view the current congregational directory, or set up online giving. Members and friends of the congregation can access the NPC Online login via the NPC website. Step-by-step instructions to access NPC Online are available at the information table. *For those without computer access, new printed NPC directories are available in the Administration Building on Sundays.*

SMALL GROUPS THIS LENT

24 small groups with over 240 participants are meeting weekly during Lent. Interested in learning more about small groups? *Visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email groups@nationalpres.org.*

LOST & FOUND

Missing any winter wear (or glasses, umbrellas, or keys)? Please stop by the lost and found in the Administration Building to pick up any missing belongings. *Any items left by the end of April will be donated to charity.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Betty Bennett

Erland Heginbotham

Mary Elisa Norment

Carol Weihrer

We mourn the death of:

Guy Jarrett on March 17

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

March 22-29

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Jeremiah 24:1-10
Romans 9:19-33
John 9:1-17

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Jeremiah 25:8-17
Romans 10:1-13
John 9:18-41

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Romans 10:14-21
John 10:1-18

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Jeremiah 26:1-24
Romans 11:1-12
John 10:19-42

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Romans 11:13-24
John 11:1-27

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Romans 11:25-36
John 11:28-44

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Matthew 21:12-17

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*
- 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 beginning May 3, 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 **April 11, 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.

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 **Lenten Wednesdays, 8 – 10 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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