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THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

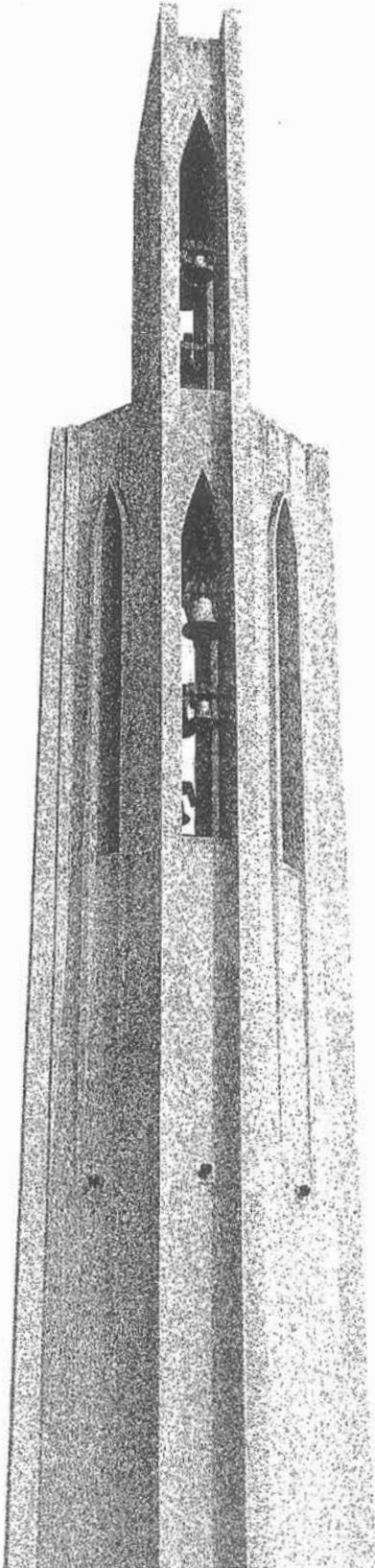
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

EASTERTIDE

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Mark 10:17

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

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547b

J.S. Bach

Stephen Ackert, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 477 *verses 1-3* Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 477, verse 4

Then let us adore, and give God his right,
All glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

In confidence of your goodness and great mercy, O Lord,
we draw near to you,
as those sick, to the Healer,
as those hungry and thirsty, to the Fountain of life,
as creatures, to the Creator,
as needy souls, to their only Comforter.

In you is all that we can or ought to desire:
our Salvation and Redemption,
our Help and our Strength.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, we pray, and bring joy this day the hearts of your servants,
for to you we lift up our hearts.

Thomas à Kempis

SILENT CONFESSION

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

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:17-31

9:15 a.m. Deacon Sarah Crumley

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 822-823

11 a.m. Deacon Carol Cryer

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Surrender

Choir

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all; all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Congregation

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;

Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all; all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise and adoration now and forevermore be thine! Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Jesu, Heaven’s Treasure

J. S. Bach

Jesu, heaven’s treasure, more than earthly pleasure, thou art all to me.

Trusting thy salvation, free from condemnation, I seek after thee.

Here where moth and thief would steal, I give my allegiance to thee,

Thou who hast redeemed me.

Here thy sweet voice calls me, and whate'er befalls me, I hear thy command.
Thou, thy word conveying, faith, alone obeying, need not understand.
I would rise to follow thee; leave at once all else to find thee;
Leave the old behind me.

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.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 339 Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE *Herr Jesu Christ*
Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major, BWV 547a J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States of America, in recognition of the 150th anniversary of his assassination.

The flowers at the entrance of the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Lynda Nersesian Gordon by her loving children, George and Louise Gordon, and her mother, Elsie Nazarian, remembering her April 11th birthday.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in memory of Norman O. Scribner, founder and artistic director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington and honors his nearly 50 years of advancing sacred choral music in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

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.

Invite a friend to NPC!

TODAY

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

HELP BUILD A SCHOOL FOR DEAF STUDENTS IN SENEGAL

Stone Hall, after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship

The Africa Mission Team is sponsoring the sale of art cards (\$10 for seven cards) in Stone Hall. The gift cards were made by deaf children at **École Renaissance des Sourds**, where NPC mission partner, Angela Bednarczyk, serves as Curriculum Specialist. All proceeds will aid construction of additional classroom space for the children at the school in Dakar, Senegal.

SECOND SUNDAY 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!

LIBRARY RESOURCES

See p. 8 for hours and locations

Did you know that the church has two well-stocked libraries? Books, magazines and movies on a wide range of religious subjects are all ready for you to borrow. *There is a special display on Sundays with books specifically related to Eastertide.*

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.

MISSING ANYTHING?

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.*

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.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

BOOK STUDY:

CHRIST AND CULTURE

Tuesdays in April and May

7:15–8:45 p.m., Agencies 105

Join us this Tuesday as we continue six weeks of exploration and conversation about H. R. Niebuhr's classic analysis of the various ways Christians have responded in seeking to be faithful amidst their surrounding culture. Please read Chapter 2 for discussion this week. Newcomers welcome! *Copies of the book can be purchased in the church bookstore.*

CROATIA MISSION TRIP

A mission trip to support NPC partner Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia is being planned for about eight days in late May and early June. Tasks include helping the seminary library and the school's English language program. *Contact Howard Tucker-Frost before April 19 to register: 703.241.8519 or hefrost@gmail.com.*

BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, April 25, 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! *For information or to sign up, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com*

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

Saturday, April 18, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

U.S. Naval Academy Chorus and Orchestra presents Brahms *Requiem*. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m.

(Pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m.)

Washington Bach Consort presents Bach *Mass in B Minor*. Tickets and more information: www.bachconsort.org.

Extend the warm hospitality of NPC by welcoming concert guests, and stay to enjoy the performance. *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7553.*

WHAT DO YOU THINK: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD CALLING NPC TO DO? *Sunday, April 26, 12:15–1:30 p.m.* *Stone Hall*

We are seeking your prayerful input on NPC's mission work. We want to hear from you:

- How is NPC uniquely positioned to take part in God's work?
- Which needs in our community and the world cry out to us?
- How can we use our resources and partnerships to have the greatest impact?
- How do you personally feel called to participate in NPC's mission?

Discernment includes listening for the Holy Spirit speaking through community. Come share your thoughts! Snacks will be provided.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES *Sunday, April 26*

Help us reach out to our college students who are coming up on final exams. Homemade cookies will let them know they're loved and prayed for! Please bake 2-dozen cookies and **bring them by the University Ministry table in the narthex on Sunday, April 26.** *We hope to collect 1,000 cookies!*

PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual journey? Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by April 30 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

GRIEFSHARE

*Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m.
Culbertson Library*

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Weekly meetings provide a safe place to meet others with the same confusing emotions and tough decisions as you. Explore ways to recover through small group discussion and Bible study.

Contact: Barb Dear, 202.537.7540 or
BDear@NationalPres.org.

NEW FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING TEAM

National is developing a master plan for our facilities that will help achieve the goals of the 2014 Strategic Plan (nationalpres.org/strategic-plan). A broad variety of skills will be of value on the team, to include, but not limited to: architecture; engineering; environmental planning; interior design; construction; property development; understanding of NPC program needs, members, and heritage. *Interested or know of someone who could serve well on the team? More information and a nomination form can be found at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate*

EVENING FORUM WITH DAVID BROOKS, AUTHOR OF "THE ROAD TO CHARACTER" *Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.*

In today's culture of achievement, the drive for external success and attention is so fierce, there's little time to cultivate inner depth. David Brooks, *NY Times* columnist and author



of the new book, *The Road to Character*, will lead us in an exploration of true fulfillment in a society that emphasizes success and external achievement. Brooks will discuss topics from *The Road to Character*, which looks at the lives of some of world's greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders to illuminate how character is developed. There will also be a time for audience Q&A, and a book signing. *Copies of the book will be available in the bookstore beginning next Sunday.*

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

*Saturday, May 16
Flexible times, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

NPC is deeply involved in the community all year long, and on the Great Day of Service, everyone can pitch in – including kids! Teams will embody Christ's love by preparing meals for famine zones, working on a Habitat for Humanity house, collecting men's and women's clothing for people transitioning out of homelessness, and much more.



SMALL GROUPS

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the District? Some of our Lenten small groups are continuing in April and May! *For more information, and to become part of one of these groups, visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email groups@nationalpres.org.*

CONNECT ONLINE!

"NPC Online" is a simple and secure way for you to update your contact information, view the current congregational directory, or set up online giving all from your computer. Members of the congregation receive a secure login and password to access these online benefits. There are step by step instructions to access NPC online at the information desk. *For those who prefer a printed copy, printed NPC directories are available at the church office.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Betty Bennett

Mary Elisa Norment

Carol Wehrer

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

April 12-19

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Isaiah 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Daniel 1:1-21
1 John 1:1-10
John 17:1-11

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Daniel 2:1-16
1 John 2:1-11
John 17:12-19

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Daniel 2:17-30
1 John 2:12-17
John 17:20-26

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Daniel 2:31-49
1 John 2:18-29
Luke 3:1-14

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Daniel 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-10
Luke 3:15-22

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Daniel 3:19-30
1 John 3:11-18
Luke 4:1-13

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Daniel 4:1-18
1 Peter 4:7-11
John 21:15-25

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) **Resumes on April 26** *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.

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 **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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