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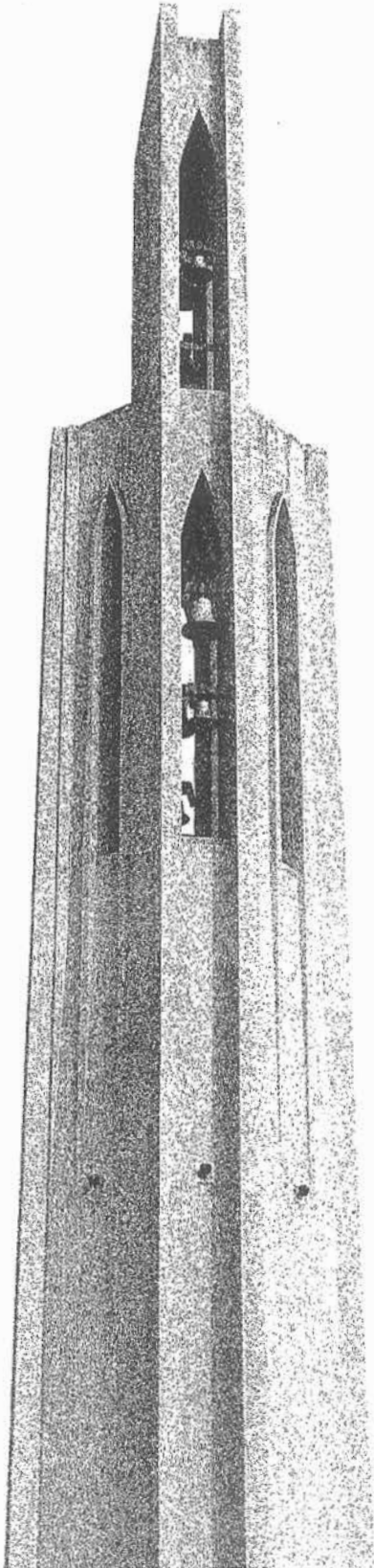
# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Behold, I am with you  
and will keep you wherever you go.*

Genesis 28:15

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 Prelude in G Major Felix Mendelssohn  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 147 *verses 1-3* Blessing and Honor *O quanta qualia*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 147, verse 4

Give we all glory and praise to the Lamb;  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness but rising to reign.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord,  
for too long we have embraced our old hurts,  
fed our old habits,  
and harbored our old anger.  
For far too long they have pulled joy out of our lives.  
Too often we are afraid of the new things you might do in us,  
if we follow you.  
Forgive our fear, O Lord. Forgive our sins.  
Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us.

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

JOYFUL NOISEMAKERS Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet Michael W. Smith  
*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near; please be with me to the end. Mandy Brown, director  
with Joanna Jones, piano

*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

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

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:1-28

9:15 a.m. Mary Beth and George Nethercutt

11 a.m. Ginny and Clyde Taylor

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible pp. 20-21*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jacob: God's Scoundrel

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*Dundee*

*Choir*

O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,  
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all thy servants led.

*Congregation*

Through each perplexing path of life may all our wand'ring cease,  
Till at our God's beloved abode our souls arrive in peace.

▲ 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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Moses Hogan  
Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

On the road, Lord, O walk with me.

When the way seems dark and dreary, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm lost, Lord, please walk with me.

Lord, when the way is dim before me, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

with Michael Denham, tenor

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- ▲ HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Litanies Jehan Alain
  - ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Walter Hampton Jr. in loving memory of his mother Elizabeth Hampton, sister Carol Hampton, and father Walter Hampton.

Want to brighten someone's day? If you are 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.

## 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.*

# TODAY

## PRAYER ROCKS

After worship, you are invited to pick up a prayer rock from the prayer pathway outside of the sanctuary, take it home, and pray for that person or concern. We care for one another by bearing each other's burdens, even when we don't know the details, and by lifting each other up to the Lord in prayer. *If you were not able to make a prayer rock last Sunday, please help yourself to the extra stones and markers by the prayer pathway.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

*Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

## WRESTLERS CLASS

*Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level*

Today, David Siegrist completes a series on "How He Did it" with "From Humans to Society." In next week's class Lisa Rindner, a licensed social worker, will speak about practical and emotional matters related to aging, and caring for aging family members.

## NPC YOUTH

*5–7:30 p.m., Youth House*

Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **NPC Youth dinner (parents welcome!):**  
5:45–6:45 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
6:30–7:30 p.m., Youth House

## "THE ROAD TO CHARACTER"

*The Road to Character* by David Brooks is now available in the NPC bookstore. Purchase your copy today, and come hear author David Brooks speak at NPC on May 7 (*details on p. 7*).

## MUSIC AT NATIONAL

*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](http://www.bachconsort.org).

## SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS TODAY: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD CALLING NPC TO DO? *12:15–1:30 p.m., Stone Hall*

We are seeking your prayerful input on NPC's mission work:

- 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?

Come share your thoughts at round table conversations. Light fare will be provided.

## COOKIES FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES DROPOFF

If you baked cookies for college students who are coming up on final exams, please bring them by the University Ministry table in the narthex. *Thank you for supporting our students!*

## END OF YEAR BBQ FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS *12:15 p.m., Youth House*

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

## HELP BUILD A SCHOOL FOR DEAF STUDENTS IN SENEGAL *Art cards on sale: Stone Hall after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

Art cards (\$12.50 for seven cards) made by deaf children at **École Renaissance des Sourds**, are for sale in Stone Hall. Proceeds will aid construction of additional classroom space for the children at the school in Dakar, Senegal where NPC mission partner Angela Bednarczyk serves as Curriculum Specialist.

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING



## An Evening with David Brooks

THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 7 P.M.

The Road  
to Character



DAVID  
BROOKS

In today's culture, the drive for external success and attention is so fierce, there's little time to cultivate inner depth. David Brooks, *New York 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 professional 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.

*This event is free and no tickets are required, so bring along a friend or co-worker!*

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Saturday, May 2*

*8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast as NPC Parish Associate, Dr. Don Wilson, a retired Air Force Chaplain, speaks: "It's Not in Your Hands." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD**

*Saturday, May 2, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Stone Hall*

All women are invited for lunch and to hear from Hon. Nancy Harvey Steorts, who will share an inside look at her outstanding career serving under five U.S. Presidents as the former Chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. *Contact Joan Anderson, to join the noon luncheon \$12: 202.362.7475.*

### **BENEFIT CONCERT**

*Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m., Falls Church, VA  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

NPC mission partner, New Hope International, presents a free benefit concert featuring string quartet Ensemble Gaudier and a program of French Baroque music. *For more information, contact 703.241.8519.*

### **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.*

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

*Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Chapel*  
The chapel will be open for prayer, contemplation, or meditation as we join in observing the National Day of Prayer.

### **NPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

*Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.*  
Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual pathway? Learn more about the Christian faith, 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.*



## GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Saturday, May 16, Flexible times, 9 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 doing things such as:

- preparing meals for famine zones
- receiving, sorting, and boxing clothes for people transitioning out of homelessness
- working in a garden that grows food for a homeless shelter

Contact: Susan O'Banion, [SObanion@nationalpres.org](mailto:SObanion@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7503.

>> SIGN UP TODAY: in Stone Hall or online: [nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService](http://nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService) <<

### BOOK STUDY:

#### **CHRIST AND CULTURE**

*Tuesday, May 5*

*7:15–8:45 p.m., Agencies 105*

There will be no book study this Tuesday, April 28; the weekly study of H. R. Niebuhr's *Christ and Culture* will resume May 5. Please read Chapters 4 and 5 for discussion. Newcomers welcome! *Copies of the book can be purchased in the church bookstore.*

### AFTERNOON T.E.A.

*Wednesday, May 13*

*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 God together. Contact Alison Dickey: [NPCAfternoonTEA@gmail.com](mailto:NPCAfternoonTEA@gmail.com).

### INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUPS?

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the DC metro area? Some of our Lenten small groups are continuing in April and May! *Become part of a groups today! Visit [nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://nationalpres.org/small-groups) or email [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org).*

### PRAYER MINISTRY

*Please pray for:*

Mary Elisa Norment

David Trisler

*Confidential prayer requests:  
[www.nationalpres.org/prayer](http://www.nationalpres.org/prayer)*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Children age 4 to the 5th grade will enjoy a week filled with service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Register online today: [nationalpres.org/VBS](http://nationalpres.org/VBS)

### YOUR RECOMMENDATION NEEDED FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in selecting our church's leaders as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee.

*Submit your recommendations:*

- **online:** [www.nationalpres.org/nominate](http://www.nationalpres.org/nominate)
- **email:** [Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org](mailto:Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org)
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

### NPC DIRECTORY ONLINE & IN PRINT

New NPC printed directories are available on the information table or at the church office. You may also access the current directory any time on "NPC Online" – a simple and secure way for you to update your contact information, view the congregational directory, or set up online giving – all from your computer. Members of the congregation receive a secure login and password to access these features. Step-by-step instructions to access NPC online are at the information table.

# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## ADULTS

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

April 26-May 3

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Genesis 18:22-33  
1 Peter 5:1-11  
Matthew 7:15-29

Monday

Psalms 97; 115  
Jeremiah 30:1-9  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 6:1-11

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116  
Jeremiah 30:10-17  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Luke 6:12-26

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118  
Jeremiah 30:18-22  
Colossians 1:24-2:7  
Luke 6:27-38

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113  
Jeremiah 31:1-14  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Luke 6:39-49

Friday

Psalms 96; 138  
Jeremiah 31:15-22  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 7:1-17

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114  
Jeremiah 31:23-25  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 7:18-35

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Isaiah 32:1-8  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
Matthew 7:7-14

### 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, 12:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Youth House*

### Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> 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–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> 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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