

August 9, 2015

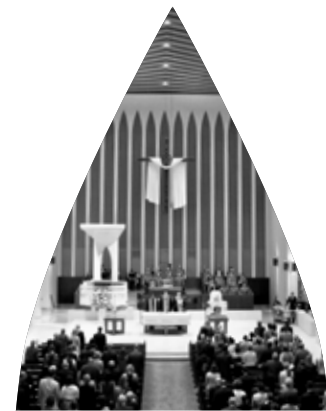
# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become  
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ  
Together in God's World*

*The troops with you are too many...  
Israel would only take the credit away from me saying,  
"My own hand has delivered me."*

Judges 7:2

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
*Parish Associates:* Dr. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson  
Dr. 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)





10:45 A.M. WORSHIP  
*Sanctuary*

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Major

J.S. Bach  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 139 *verses 1-3* Come, Thou Almighty King

*Italian Hymn*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 139, verse 4

To thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and through eternity love and adore!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord, we bring before you our sins and offenses.

Consume them all in the fire of your love,  
and burn away their stains.

Cleanse us and restore us to your grace and favor.

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon our hearts,  
engraved as a reminder of your sovereign care.

Be to us a strong tower of defense,  
a comforter in trial,  
a deliverer in distress,

a very present help in trouble.

Bring us to our heavenly home,  
through the temptations and dangers of life.

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

Glorify 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

Taylor Aaltje Porter

*Daughter of Autumn Rose Porter and Scott James Porter*

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Judges 7:1-8

Elder Emmy Lewis

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible p. 195*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Gideon: Too Many Cooks

Dr. David Renwick

Judges 7:9-21

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Cheshire*

In God alone our honor rests, who brings deliverance sure;

Our rock of strength is found in God, our refuge most secure.

For truly God has spoken once, and twice to us made known:

That strength and power belong to God, and unto God alone.

*The Psalter, 1912*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

God Is Our Strong Salvation

Austin Lovelace

God is our strong salvation: What foe have we to fear?

In darkness or temptation, our light, our help is near.

Though troubles here surround us, firm in God's might we stand;

With all God's strength around us, God's victory is at hand.

In him we rest securely: the battle is the Lord's,

As undefiled and purely goes forth his holy word

God's hand our hearts shall strengthen, God's love our trust increase;

Mercy our days shall lengthen; the Lord will give us peace.

▲ 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

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Taylor Aaltje Porter by her grandparents, Aly Porter and the late Jim Porter.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound? 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

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## Summer Sandwich Making *Noon, Stone Hall*

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 400 sandwiches!

## Food Donations in August: Brown or White Rice

Please bring 1 lb. bags of brown or white rice for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by gathering donations or packing and delivering food to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, [nancy@nchapman.com](mailto:nancy@nchapman.com).*

## Childcare

*Sundays, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

- Crib Room (Babies 6 weeks - crawling): Church Room 16
- Walker Room (Strong walkers up to 4 yrs.): Church Room 7

## PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

Nettie Broyhill  
Chaplain Dave Chambers  
Darlene Gardner  
Mary Jo Pera  
Schestopol Family

*We celebrate:*

Emmet Mittlebeeler, whose  
100<sup>th</sup> birthday was August 8.

*We mourn the deaths of:*

Allan Frederick Paro on July 29.  
Helen Holt on July 12. A memorial  
service will be held at NPC on  
Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.

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### Adults *Stone Hall*

Dr. Michael Cromartie and Christine Gutleben

*Every Living Thing: Animal Welfare and Christian Faith*

Christine Gutleben (Director of Faith Outreach for the Humane Society of U.S.) and Michael Cromartie (V.P., Ethics and Public Policy Center) will lead us in a Biblical and theological exploration of why animals are worthy of our respect and care.

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### Youth

#### *Multipurpose Building*

- Middle and high school (rising 6th–12th grade): Multipurpose Room 101

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### Children

#### *School Building*

- Preschool (age 3-5): Room 104
- Elementary (rising 1st-5th grade): Room 144  
*Elementary begins together with worship music, then splits into two groups for age-appropriate teaching and activities.*
- **Gathering for parents:** Multipurpose room (in the back of the gym)  
Drop your kids off at Sunday School and stay for coffee and conversation.

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

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## Adult Sunday School Plenaries

*Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

**August 16**, Tom Lippman

*Religion and Rebellion: What's Next in  
the Arab World?*

Veteran Columnist and former Middle East Bureau Chief for the Washington Post Tom Lippman will share his insight and experience as he reflects on the current situation in the Middle East, especially in Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Mr. Lippman currently serves as adjunct scholar for the Middle East Institute. He is the author of several books.

**August 23**, Karen Wright Marsh

*Saints, Sleep and Sanity: An Ancient  
Path to Balance in Life*

**August 30**

*Youth Mission Trip Reports*

## Want to Facilitate or Host a Small Group?

*October 4–November 15*

Help build Christian community by becoming a small group facilitator or host this fall. Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion, and study based on the previous Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon. Training will be provided for facilitators and hosts.

Contact: [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org).

## Great Day of Service: Exciting News!

Meals packed at NPC's Great Day of Service are feeding the hungry in Uganda, especially in areas receiving refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These meals will be distributed through a daily feeding program for impoverished children in seven schools throughout the greater Kampala area of Uganda.

## Be a Friend to International Students

*Sunday, Aug. 16, 12–1 p.m.*

*Elson Parlor*

As part of NPC's "American Friends" ministry, you could befriend an international student from nearby American University, sharing an occasional meal, outing, or other activity with them as part of their exposure to American culture. *To learn about this outreach opportunity, come to this informational meeting or contact Nancy Fox at [NancyTFox@gmail.com](mailto:NancyTFox@gmail.com).*

## Tenleytown Outreach Pilot Program

*Sunday, Aug. 23, Noon, Elson Parlor*

You're invited to an informational meeting with Shaun Smithson of Search Ministries, who will be partnering with NPC in a pilot effort to reach out to our unchurched neighbors through a home-based, relational evangelism program. Shaun will help us understand how to love our neighbors by giving them space to voice life's tough questions. Come see how you can be a part of sharing Christ's love.

## SAVE THE DATE *and invite a friend!*

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### Pray Eat Love

**Sunday, Sept. 6, 10:45 a.m. (worship) & 11:45 a.m. (service project and lunch)**

All are invited for a morning of special worship, service projects, and a picnic lunch. All ages can take part in a hands on service project to feed the hungry in our city, and we will be collecting children's books and vitamins for our local and international mission partners. This fun and meaningful morning is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor!

Contact: Leslie Saum, [LSaum@NationalPres.org](mailto:LSaum@NationalPres.org).

### Men's Retreat: Get the Early Bird Discount!

**Retreat: October 9 & 10, The Bolger Center Potomac, MD**

Former Washington Redskins Chaplain Jerry Leachman will be the speaker at the 3rd Annual Men's Retreat this fall. Sign up today in Stone Hall or online at [www.nationalpres.org/mens-ministry](http://www.nationalpres.org/mens-ministry) and get a \$50 Early Bird discount. Contact: Gene Thompson, 202.244.5558.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS *Year 1*

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### August 9 – 16

#### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
2 Samuel 13:1-22  
Romans 15:1-13  
John 3:22-36

#### Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33  
2 Samuel 14:21-33  
Acts 21:15-26  
Mark 10:17-31

#### Saturday

Psalms 104; 98  
2 Samuel 16:1-23  
Acts 22:17-29  
Mark 11:1-11

#### Monday

Psalms 5; 29  
2 Samuel 13:23-39  
Acts 20:17-38  
Mark 9:42-50

#### Thursday

Psalms 97; 62  
2 Samuel 15:1-18  
Acts 21:27-36  
Mark 10:32-45

#### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
2 Samuel 17:1-23  
Galatians 3:6-14  
John 5:30-47

#### Tuesday

**Psalms 42;133**  
2 Samuel 14:1-20  
Acts 21:1-14  
Mark 10:1-16

#### Friday

Psalms 51; 65  
2 Samuel 15:19-37  
Acts 21:37-22:16  
Mark 10:46-52



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