

August 16, 2015

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Some friends play at friendship,
but there is a friend who sticks closer
than one's nearest kin.*

Proverbs 18:24

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
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Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections), McLane Stone (Youth)



8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall

▲ WELCOME SONGS	Forever Reign	Jason Ingram
	Sing, Sing, Sing	Chris Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dr. David Renwick
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CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE	Because He Lives	Daniel Carson
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Blessed Lord, you were tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin. Have mercy on us in our frailty. Grant us such reverence for you that we may obey you alone. Forgive our sins. Support us in times of temptation. Make us bold in times of danger. Help us choose you and your work with courage, continuing as faithful servants to our life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Brooke Foss Westcott

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE	Holiness	Micah Stampley
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SCRIPTURE	Judges 16:4-22; Romans 6:15-18
The Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	

SERMON	Samson: Choosing Friends Wisely	Dr. David Renwick
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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles' Creed	Dr. Don Wilson
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.		

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i>	You Never Let Go	Matt Redman
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▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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10:45 A.M. WORSHIP
Sanctuary

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major

G.F. Handel
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 476 *verses 1-4* O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Lyons

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 476, verse 5

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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you were tempted in all things just as we are,
yet without sin.
Have mercy on us in our frailty.
Grant us such reverence for you
that we may obey you alone.
Forgive our sins.
Support us in times of temptation.
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Help us choose you and your work with courage,
continuing as faithful servants to our life's end;
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▲ 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

Dr. David Renwick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

SCRIPTURE
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Judges 16:4-22
pew Bible p. 204

Rev. Jerry Wheat

SERMON

Samson: Choosing Friends Wisely
Romans 6:15-18

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

G. F. Handel

from the first *Chandos Anthem*

Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and lead me to thine end.
In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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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

Let the Bright Seraphim

G. F. Handel

Let the bright Seraphim in burning row their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.

from *Samson*

Let the Cherubic host in tuneful choirs touch their immortal harps with golden wires.

Sheri Jackson, soprano with Chuck Seipp, trumpet

▲ 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We don't need to be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arm he'll take and shield you, and will offer solace there.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

In his arms he'll take and shield you, and will offer solace there.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Hornpipe
from *Water Music*

G.F. Handel
with Chuck Seipp, trumpet

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for his blessings by David and Roz Mack to celebrate the anniversary of their wedding in Jerusalem.

The flowers in the Court of Flags and the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Holt, from her loving family.

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.

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

Become a Friend to International Students

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.*

Bring August Food Donations: 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.*

Moldova Prayer

12:15 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners, including marriage and family ministries, orphans, and university support for students.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Gloria Borden	Jane McDonald
Walter Burns	Emmet Mittlebeeler
Dave Chambers	Doris Rosenberry
Alice Foreman	Louie Rapp
Darlene Gardner	Schestopol Family
Eleanor Kindelberger	William Stokes

We mourn the death of:
Fred Fuhrken on August 11.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 A.M.

Adults

Stone Hall

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.

Youth

Multipurpose Building

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

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

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

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

August 23, Karen Wright Marsh
*An Ancient Path to Balance in Life:
Saints, Sleep and Sanity*
Join us for insights from St. Benedict
and St. Scholastica. Karen Wright
Marsh directs Theological Horizons,
a strategic ministry that supports
Christians in academia (students,
professors, clergy) on the campus of
University of Virginia.

August 30
Youth Mission Trip Reports
Join us for reports of our middle
school and high school mission trips
to the Dominican Republic and rural
Virginia over the summer.

Global Lunch & Learn: Damascus, Syria

Sunday, Aug. 30, Noon, Elson Parlor

Last fall, NPC members generously donated \$6,000 to help people affected by violence in the Middle East, especially to help those in the Christian community. Next Sunday, Rev. Boutros Zaour, a Presbyterian pastor in Damascus, Syria will be here to share his experience of ministry in a war-torn country and to give us an update on how Christians are faring in that part of God's world.

Exciting News from Great Day of Service!

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.

Join the Pray Eat Love Team

August 23, Noon, Church Room

You can still be a part of the planning team for our annual "Pray, Eat, Love" event on Sunday, Sept. 6. There are many ways to lend a hand in planning this fall event where we worship, grow, care, and serve as a church family. *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org 202.537.7494.*

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE *and invite a friend!*

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.

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 and get a \$50 Early Bird discount. Contact: Gene Thompson, 202.244.5558.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPC Member in Mission

NPC member, Alyson Wilson, begins a year of mission work for the PC(USA) Church as part of the "Young Adult Volunteers" program in Chinook, Montana, beginning August 24. Details of Alyson's work can be found at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/chinook/.

Alyson is a member of the early service Praise team and is the daughter of Parish Associate, Dr. Don Wilson, and Becky Wilson. Please keep Alyson in your prayers.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS *Year 1*

August 16 – 23

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
2 Samuel 18:19-33
Acts 23:23-35
Mark 12:13-27

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17
Acts 25:13-27
Mark 13:1-13

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Acts 22:30-23:11
Mark 11:12-26

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
2 Samuel 19:1-23
Acts 24:1-23
Mark 12:28-34

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25
Galatians 3:23-4:7
John 8:12-20

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:27-12:12

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
2 Samuel 19:24-43
Acts 24:24-25:12
Mark 12:35-44



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