

January 10, 2016



# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*When Jesus was reviled he did not revile in return,  
but trusted to him who judges justly.*

1 Peter 2:23

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
*Parish Associates:* Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Donald 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), John Turpin (Serve)

# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## 3-Week Classes in January Term

January 10, 17, and 24, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of three-week classes begin today:

- **The Refugee Crisis & Our Faith**  
*Church Room 105*  
Consider the plight of forcibly displaced people and Christian responses to them.
- **Practical Christian Ethics for Challenging Times**, *Church Rm 110/111*  
Learn to apply principles of Christian ethics practically in the modern world.
- **How God Did It: The Scientific Story of Creation**, *Church Room 5*  
See how scientific views are compatible with Christian faith.
- **The Gospel According to Downton Abbey**, *Chapel*  
Reflect on themes of Christian faith and the Church suggested by (and omitted from) this drama.

For full class descriptions, pick up a brochure on the information table or literature racks or visit [www.nationalpres.org/adults](http://www.nationalpres.org/adults)

## Second Sunday Sandwich Making

10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., *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 800 sandwiches!

## Firmly RootED: Talks for Christian Parents

Sundays in January, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

Join us for talks specifically for parents, covering topics such as digital media, stress, anxiety, friendships, achievement, and keeping the faith. Find insight into staying biblically rooted as a parent as your children experience youth and adolescence.

- **TODAY Biblically Rooted in the Digital World**
- Jan. 17 Biblically Rooted in Christ
- Jan. 24 Biblically Rooted in Church
- Jan. 31 Biblically Rooted in the Home

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

#### Adults

- The Refugee Crisis & Our Faith  
*Church Room 105*
- Practical Christian Ethics for Challenging Times  
*Church Room 110/111*
- How God Did It: The Scientific Story of Creation, *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey*, *Chapel*

#### Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg. Room 102*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

#### Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

### January Food Donations: Canned Tuna

Please bring cans of tuna for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by delivering these monthly donations to Martha's Table; contact Nancy Chapman Colb, [nancy@nchapman.com](mailto:nancy@nchapman.com).*

### GriefShare

12:30 p.m., *Culbertson Library*

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. Each class is self-contained; attend whenever you are able. *Contact: Barb Dear, [BDear@NationalPres.org](mailto:BDear@NationalPres.org), or 202.537.7540.*

# 9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

*Sanctuary*

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*Kindly turn off all electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ 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*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.  
Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies exult over me.  
Be mindful of your mercy, and of your steadfast love.  
Do not remember my sins or my transgressions.  
According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake.  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt,  
for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious;  
relieve the trouble of my heart, and bring me out of distress.  
Consider my affliction and all my trouble,  
and forgive all my sin.

Psalm 25

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-48

9:15 a.m. Eric Young

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible p. 786*

11 a.m. Charles Petty

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Probing Questions: Is Self-Defense Christian?*

Dr. David Renwick

Romans 13:1-5, 12:9; 1 Peter 2:20-24

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Terra Beata*

This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;

Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Maltbie D. Babcock

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. 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

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 peril 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 vic'try is at hand.

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

As undefiled and purely goes forth God's holy word.

His hand our hearts will strengthen, God's love our trust increase.

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

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*  
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. Amen.
- ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- ▲ HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Dieu parmi nous Olivier Messiaen  
from *La Nativité du Seigneur*

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Marcia and Don Bini in loving memory of their fathers, Louis Bini and Carl Freeman.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound, pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to bring some cheer!

Prayers after worship. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be available in the chapel to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations. Prayers will take place in Elson Parlor after the 9:15 a.m. service, and in the chapel after the 10:50 and 11 a.m. services.

Need assistance hearing during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary. Please remember to return the receivers after the service.

## "Probing Questions" Sermon Series with Dr. Renwick

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January 17

*Whose Life Matters?*

January 24

*What's So Sacred About Sex?*

January 31

*Is the Bible Environmentally Friendly?*

February 7

*Is Religion Inherently Dangerous?*

### PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

June Dickinson

Elizabeth Hurlow-Hannah

Diana Schwanhauser

Carol Wehrer

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

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Chapel*

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! *Lyons*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48; Romans 13:1-5, 12:9; 1 Peter 2:20-24
- SERMON *Probing Questions: Is Self-Defense Christian?* Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- An offering will be received at the center aisle.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies exult over me. Be mindful of your mercy, and of your steadfast love. Do not remember my sins or my transgressions. According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious; relieve the trouble of my heart, and bring me out of distress. Consider my affliction and all my trouble, and forgive all my sin.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.

# 10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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- ▲ WELCOME SONGS How Can It Be? Jason Ingram  
Touch the Sky Dylan Thomas
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Waiting Here for You Chris Tomlin
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE This Is Amazing Grace Jeremy Riddle
- SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48
- SERMON *Probing Questions: Is Self-Defense Christian?* Dr. David Renwick  
Romans 13:1-5, 12:9; 1 Peter 2:20-24
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* We Believe Matthew Hooper
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

*Monday, January 11, Noon, Stone Hall*  
Acclaimed local author Anthony S. Pitch will be the guest speaker at tomorrow's luncheon. Pitch has been featured on PBS and Smithsonian programs, and is the author of the recent book, *Our Crime Was Being Jewish: Holocaust Survivors Tell Their Stories*. There will be a book signing after the presentation. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800; the lunch is \$12 with advance reservation; \$15 at the door.*

## Book Discussion: "Augustine's Confessions"

*Thursdays through February 4  
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a discussion on the final four chapters of this classic book. If you were not able to join us in the fall, you will not be behind – the material is entirely new. We will continue our discussion on Book 10 this week. Copies of the book are available for sale in the church bookstore. *More info: grow@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

## Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

*Wednesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of Moses on Mt. Nebo, followed by writing cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

## Afternoon TEA Moms Group

*Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1:30–2:45 p.m.  
Elson Parlor*

Women with school-aged children are invited on the second Wednesday of each month for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God using *Romans: The Gift of God*, by Timothy Keller. This week we will be discussing Romans chapter 5. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com for info or to sign up for our weekly email devotional.*

## NPC's Membership Class: Pathway of Christian Discipleship

*Saturday, Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*  
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 Jan. 17 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

## Intergenerational Mission Trip

*Learn more: Sunday, Jan. 17  
12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Learn about our mission trip for all ages, June 25–July 1, 2016. During the trip, we will build literal and metaphorical bridges, help with a community medical clinic, and construct a church with our friends in the central Dominican Republic. Light fare will be provided at the meeting. *Contact: John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

## Reformed Institute's Annual Convocation at NPC

*Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 a.m.–Noon, Stone Hall*  
Guest speaker Dr. Suzanne McDonald will present "Election Again?", suggesting an approach to election that helps us to root our Reformed priorities in the bigger scriptural picture. This event is free, and registration is helpful but not required. *Contact: Mary Hill, 703.518.5125, or mhill@reformedinstitute.org.*

## Small Groups Begin Soon!

*Sign up begins Jan. 24*

Be part of a small group this winter for Christian community, prayer, discussion and study. *For more information, visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

### January 10–17

#### Sunday

Psalms 104; 29  
Genesis 1:1-2:3  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:29-34

#### Monday

Psalms 5; 29  
Genesis 2:4-25  
Hebrews 1:1-14  
John 1:1-18

#### Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133  
Genesis 3:1-24  
Hebrews 2:1-10  
John 1:19-28

#### Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33  
Genesis 4:1-16  
Hebrews 2:11-18  
John 1:29-42

#### Thursday

Psalms 97; 62  
Genesis 4:17-26  
Hebrews 3:1-11  
John 1:43-51

#### Friday

Psalms 51; 65  
Genesis 6:1-8  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
John 2:1-12

#### Saturday

Psalms 104; 98  
Genesis 6:9-22  
Hebrews 4:1-13  
John 2:13-22

#### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
Mark 3:7-19

## BIBLE READING FOR 2016

Several Bible reading guides are available as we begin the new year. *Pick up guides at the information table or [nationalpres.org/bible-guides](http://nationalpres.org/bible-guides)*

- **Read the Bible's "Top 100"** essential passages in 20 weeks – get to know the main themes of the Old and New Testaments by the summer. There are a variety of resources available to help you follow this plan:
  - listen to the daily readings on our website
  - pick up a guide at the information table
  - purchase an additional study resource at the church bookstore
- **Read through the New Testament or the entire Bible** in a year. Guides are available at the information table or online.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Thank you to all those who contributed to this year's beautiful Christmas and Advent flowers, including:

- Linda Botsford, in memory of Charles and Doris Botsford
- Kay Diane Bowles, in memory of Katherine F. Clammer
- Jan Childress, in memory of Jim Childress and Conrad and Anna Owen
- Parkash and Roma Samuel, in memory of Aneer H. Samuel
- Nora Szeto
- Jerry and Mildred Wheat
- Dave and Mary White
- Estelle and Dick Woodcock, in memory of Virginia and Joseph Woodcock
- Adraes Young

## 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.
- **Childcare** is available from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for infants through age four. Nursery rooms are located in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing blue 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 back six pews of the sanctuary.*



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