

January 31, 2016

# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*You are not your own...  
your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.*

1 Corinthians 6:19

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

## Plenary Presentation with Peter Wehner

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Peter Wehner, a committed Christian, well-known journalist, and Senior Fellow at The Ethics and Public Policy Center, will present **“How Christians Can Flourish in an Increasingly Adversarial Culture.”**

*The Winter/Spring term in Adult Sunday School begins next Sunday. Pick up a brochure at the information table or visit [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults) for a full listing of classes.*

## Kindergarten Milestone

11 a.m. worship

Today we welcome our Kindergarteners in worship as they sing the Doxology as their Milestone in Worship Education. The Milestone component of Sunday School teaches kids about our worship liturgy and helps them to lead in what they have learned.

## REGISTER TODAY:

### Small Groups

February 7–March 13

Be part of a small group this winter for Christian community, prayer, discussion and study. *Find your place in a group:* [www.nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://www.nationalpres.org/small-groups)

### Annual Women’s Retreat

April 8–10, Ellicott City, MD

Leigh McLeroy will lead this popular annual retreat with a reflection on being “Fully Alive!” from Ephesians, chapter 2. All women are encouraged to attend! *Registration begins today online:* [nationalpres.org/womens-retreat](http://nationalpres.org/womens-retreat)

### Vacation Bible School

July 11–15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Kids age 4 through rising 5th graders enjoy a week packed full of faith and fun, including service projects, games, crafts, snacks, music, and Bible stories. *Register online:* [www.planetreg.com/NPCVBS2016](http://www.planetreg.com/NPCVBS2016)

### Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, February 8, Noon, Stone Hall

Register today in Stone Hall for the luncheon. *Details of the event on pg. 7.*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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### Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

#### 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.

### Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings to NPC friends in need of friendship and encouragement! Supplies will be available in Stone Hall on each Sunday morning; simply write your greeting and the person’s name, and we’ll take care of the rest.

### 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. *Beginning next week, we will be collecting canned fruit during the month of February.*

### 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                      Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major                      Dietrich Buxtehude  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 138 *verses 1-3*      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!                      *Nicaea*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      Hymn 138, verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our sins and offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned,  
in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, Lord.  
We are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to dishonor and displease you.  
Forgive our sins.  
Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.                      Henry van Dyke

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM                      Rev. Donna Marsh

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 9:15 a.m.                      Brandon John Cibor  
Andrew Wiley Cibor  
*sons of Jennifer Renee Cibor and Steve Cibor*

Baptism 11 a.m. Eleanor Elizabeth Crumpler  
*daughter of Jane Kiser Crumpler and Ryan Phillip Crumpler*

**Prayer of Response**

*Children (grades K-2) may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader in the transept on the right.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. David Renwick

**SCRIPTURE**

Song of Solomon 3:2-5

9:15 a.m. Elder Donna Duss

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible pp. 744*

11 a.m. Deacon Carol Cryer

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

What's So Sacred About Sex?

Dr. David Renwick

1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL**

**RESPONSE**

*Tenderness*

**Choir**

Sacred the body God has created, temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.

Cherish each person, nurture relation; treat flesh as holy that love may abide.

Holy, all holy, God ever loving, make us your temples indwell all we do.

May we be careful, tender and caring; so may our bodies give honor to you.

Ruth Duck

**Congregation**

*Lord Be Glorified*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;

in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;

in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Bob Kilpatrick

▲ **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 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

### As the Bridegroom to His Chosen

John Rutter

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,  
As the keeper to the castle, as the pilot to the helm,  
As the captain to his soldiers, as the shepherd to his lambs,  
*So, Lord, art thou to me.*

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,  
As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark,  
As the firelight in the winter, as the sunlight in the spring,  
*So, Lord, art thou to me.*

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,  
As refreshment to the fainting, as the wine cup at the meal,  
As the singing on the feast day, as the amen to the prayer,  
*So, Lord, art thou to me.*

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey to the comb,  
As the light within the lantern, as the father to the home,  
As the eagle in the mountain, as the sparrow in the nest,  
*So art thou, Lord, to me.*

As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,  
As the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew unto the grass,  
As the rainbow on the hilltop, as the river in the plain,  
*So art thou, Lord, to me.*

John Tauler (1300-61)  
translated by E. F. Bevan

### ▲ 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 391 *verses 1, 5 & 6*

Take My Life

*Hendon*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL AMEN

John Rutter

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Major

Vincent Lubeck

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

**Consider a floral dedication** to honor a loved one or celebrating a milestone with the NPC family. For scheduling, please contact Janice Sessing at 202.422.2300 or NPCFlowers@gmail.com

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

**Chapel prayers after worship.** A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

**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.*

## PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

Michele Fenton   Joyce Martin   Diana Schwanhausser

*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 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9
- SERMON *Probing Questions: What's So Sacred About Sex?* 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

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, Lord. We are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to dishonor and displease you. Forgive our sins. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 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 Touch the Sky Dylan Thomas  
My Worth Is Not In What I Own Keith and Karen Getty
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS McLane Stone
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE My Heart Is Yours Jason Ingram
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE I Lift My Hands Chris Tomlin
- SCRIPTURE Song of Solomon 3:2-5
- SERMON *Probing Questions: What's So Sacred About Sex?* Dr. David Renwick  
1 Corinthians 6:12-7:9
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH McLane Stone
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* Soul on Fire Brenton Brown
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NPC's Membership Class

*Rescheduled: Sat., Feb. 6, 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 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

## Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, Feb. 6, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. David Renwick on "God's View of You." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

## Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

*Sat., Feb. 6, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Stone Hall*

All women are invited for a special presentation from NPC's local mission partner, Friendship Place, on their work to end homelessness. Guest speaker **Shelley Gilbert** is a staff member at Friendship Place and alumnus of their Veterans First Program. *Contact Jo Schoolfield for lunch reservations (\$12): 301.598.6284.*

## The Circle Family Group

*Next Sunday, Feb. 7, 4:30–6:30 p.m.*

*School Gym & Playground*

Families are invited for our monthly gathering of a potluck meal, play time, and a separate discussion for parents with a corresponding activity for children.

## Muskingum University Concert Choir

*Next Sunday, Feb. 7, 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

**Come 10 minutes early** to 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship next Sunday for a prelude concert presented by the Muskingum University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Zebulon Highben.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

*Feb. 10, 7–8 p.m., Sanctuary*

Dr. David Renwick will preach on the message: "Keep Breaking My Heart."

## Adult Sunday School Classes

*Next Sunday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m.*

The Winter/Spring term in Adult Sunday School begins next Sunday:

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities  
*School Room 236, Facilitator: Katherine Pippert*
- The Early Church: From the Apostles to the Council of Chalcedon  
*Church Room 110/111, Teacher: R. V. Seep*
- Financial Peace University  
*(begins Feb. 14) Church Room 105, Facilitator: Laurie Denham*
- The Book of Revelation: Discipleship on the Edge  
*Elson Parlor, Teachers: Quinn Fox, Margaret Gardner and Randy Elliott*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues  
*Agencies Lower Level, Moderator: Paul Arveson*
- Invitations from God  
*Church Room 5, Facilitators: Nancy Fox, Melinda Moore*
- Nehemiah: Finding Courage to Face Life's Challenges  
*Agencies 105, Teacher: Currie Renwick*
- Men's Sunday School Class  
*Culbertson Library, Facilitators: Harry Johnson, Adel Sanchez*

## Wednesday Evenings in Lent

*Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., Chapel*

*Soup and Salad meal:*

*5:30–6:45 p.m. in the Court of Flags*

Meal, music, prayer and preaching on Micah, and communion, as a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment in our busy lives.

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

*Monday, Feb. 8, Noon, Stone Hall*

Dr. Eleanor Elson Heginbotham will share some highlights and wisdom from correspondence between her father, former NPC Pastor Rev. Dr. Edward Elson, and eight U.S. Presidents. Enjoy lunch and time together at this special multimedia program. Sign up today in Stone Hall. *(\$12 with advanced registration; \$15 if not registered in advance.)*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

Jan. 31 – Feb. 7

### Sunday

Psalms 108; 23  
Genesis 18:16-33  
Galatians 5:13-25  
Mark 8:22-30

### Monday

Psalms 62; 9  
Genesis 19:1-29  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:27-40

### Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 6:41-51

### Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 6:52-59

### Thursday

Psalms 116; 130  
Genesis 23:1-20  
Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
John 6:60-71

### Friday

Psalms 84; 40  
Genesis 24:1-27  
Hebrews 12:3-11  
John 7:1-13

### Saturday

Psalms 63; 90  
Genesis 24:28-51  
Hebrews 12:12-29  
John 7:14-36

### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Luke 9:18-27

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Calling All Festival Choir Singers!

The first rehearsal for the Mozart *Requiem* is Saturday, Feb. 20 (10 a.m. –1 p.m. the Chapel). Come and bring your friends to sing this masterpiece together. Scores will be available for small fee.

Remaining Saturday rehearsals: Feb. 27 and March 5 & 12 (10 a.m. –1 p.m. in the Choir Room). Dress rehearsals: Friday, March 18 (7 p.m. –10 p.m.) and Saturday, March 19 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) in the Sanctuary. Performance on Palm Sunday: March 20 at 5 p.m.

## Mission Gifts – *Thank you!*

Together we gave \$64,543 to missions organizations in DC and throughout the world through Mission Gifts for Christmas – over \$5,000 more than last year!

## Good Financial News – *Thank you!*

The Finance Council is pleased to report that NPC finished 2015 “in the black.” While the final accounting is not complete, it is clear that strong December giving and savings on planned expenditures contributed to this success. *Thank you for your support of God’s work in and through National!*

## 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** are available upon request; *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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To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org) website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** Your safety is our priority, so please use your personal judgment before travelling.