

February 14, 2016

Welcome
to the
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

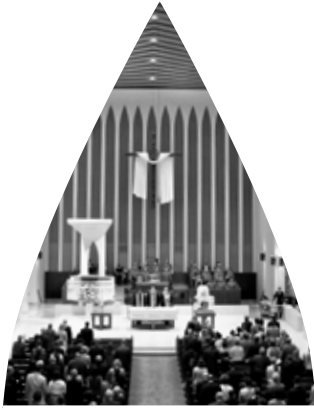
*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*The ways of the Lord are right;
the righteous walk in them,
but the rebellious stumble in them.*

Hosea 14:9b

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

James Madison University Chamber Choir

This morning in worship we welcome the Madison Singers Chamber Choir from James Madison University. Jonathan Alger, President of JMU and former NPC elder, will read Scripture at 9:15 & 11 a.m.

At 4 p.m. this afternoon, the JMU Music Department will present a free "President's Day Concert" featuring multiple ensembles.

Sandwich Making

Stone Hall, 10:30 & 12:15 p.m.

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 up to 800 sandwiches in 15 minutes!

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners.

REGISTER TODAY:

Small Groups

Through March 13

Be part of a small group this winter for Christian community, prayer, and discussion. *Find your group: nationalpres.org/small-groups*

Women's Retreat: "Fully Alive!"

April 8–10, Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD

Leigh McLeroy will lead this popular annual retreat with a reflection on being "Fully Alive!" from Ephesians, chapter 2. *Get the early bird price! Register **before Feb. 28** online: nationalpres.org/womens-retreat or in Stone Hall.*

Vacation Bible School

July 11–15

Kids age 4 through rising 5th graders enjoy a week packed full of faith and fun. *Register online: www.planetreg.com/NPCVBS16*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Life in Progress *School Bldg. Room 236*
- Apocalypse Now *Elson Parlor*
- Invitations from God *Church Room 5*
- Nehemiah *Agencies Bldg. Room 105*
- The Early Church *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers *Agencies Bldg. Lower Level*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Culbertson Library (Admin. Bldg. 2nd floor)*
- Financial Peace University *Begins Feb. 28*

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.

February Food Donations: Canned Fruit

Drop off donations at the baskets outside of Stone Hall or upstairs at the info table.

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., Admin. Bldg. Room 108

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during these weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. Each class is self-contained; attend whenever you are able.

Youth Group

Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

- Middle School (6th–8th grade):
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- Dinner (parents welcome!):
5:45–6:45 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- High School (9th–12th grade):
6:30–7:30 p.m., Youth House

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE	O Lux Beata Trinitas	Kurt E. von Kampen (1960)
	Do Not Be Afraid	Philip W. J. Stopford (1977)
	Stránnoye Rozhdestovó vídevshe (A Wondrous Birth)	Georgy Sviridov (1915 - 1998)
	Nunc Dimitis	Georgy Orban (1947)
	Madison Singers of James Madison University Dr. Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy, Director	

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 478 *verses 1-3* Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 478, verse 4

Angels, help us to adore him: Ye behold God face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Heavenly father,
in sovereign love you created the world good,
and made everyone equally in your image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

You are our Creator, but we have rebelled against you.

We have often ignored your commandments,
and violated the image of God in others and ourselves.

You are the Truth, but we listen to lies, mistreating neighbors,
and treating your creation as if we had made it and owned it.

We deserve your condemnation.

Yet we call on you.

Hear our cry to redeem us and your whole creation.

Grant us your mercy, and bring us into the covenant of your grace,
so that we may become a blessing to your world. Through Jesus Christ your Son.

adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Choir

Spiritual

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

Congregation

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

Isaac Watts

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 1:10, 11:8-9, 14:4-7

Jonathan Alger

President, James Madison University

The Word of the Lord. *pew Bible pp. 730, 737, 739*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prophetic Words: The Unfailing Love of God Rev. Evangeline Taylor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning; great is his faithfulness!

Great is his faithfulness!

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Kyrie

Franz Schubert

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

from *Mass in G*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ 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 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Franz Schubert

from *Mass in G*

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Daniel Campolieta, guest organist

▲ Congregation standing, as able

On each Lenten Sunday this season, the Chancel Choir will sing as an offertory a *Kyrie* set by a different composer. The Greek phrase *Kyrie eleison* ("Lord, have mercy upon us") has long been spoken and sung in Christian worship, often as a prayer of invocation or petition near the beginning of liturgies. This prayer has been the basis for profound musical expression, as in today's selection from Schubert's *Mass No. 2 in G*.

Next Sunday we will be able to enjoy the return of chimes to the sanctuary organ. They will ring once more, following a long absence after earthquake damage. NPC organist William Neil will offer a brief demonstration shortly after the 11 a.m. service for those who would like to hear them and other new organ "voices" recently installed. We are very grateful for those whose contributions have made this possible.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford by their daughter, Linda.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bep Rijkssen Rikken of The Netherlands in celebration of her birthday by her grandson Willem, granddaughter-in-law Courtney and great-granddaughter Isabelle Rijkssen.

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.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Mark Gourley

The Dickey Family

Ben Holman

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Hosea 1:10, 11:8-9, 14:4-7
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: The Unfailing Love of God* Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- ▲ 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.*

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN

See p. 3

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)

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS At the Cross Chris Tomlin
Holy Spirit Bryan Torwalt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Touch the Sky Dylan Thomas
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Multiply Jon Egan
- SCRIPTURE Hosea 1:10, 11:8-9, 14:4-7
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: The Unfailing Love of God* Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. David Renwick
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* Lay Me Down Chris Tomlin
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Evenings in Lent

Worship: 7–8 p.m., Chapel
Soup & Salad meal (\$8 suggested):
5:30–6:45 p.m., Court of Flags

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

“Powerful Talk from Micah”

Feb. 17 “The Power of a Great God”
Dr. David Renwick

Feb. 24 “The Power of a Few Small Sins”

March 2 “The Power of a Great Vision”

March 9 “The Power of the Few
and the Small”

March 16 “The Power of a Great
Question”

Join the Palm Sunday Festival Choir

Rehearsals begin this Saturday, Feb. 20
10 a.m.–1 p.m., Chapel

All singers are invited to be part of this year's Palm Sunday concert, Mozart's *Requiem*, on March 20 at 5 p.m. Come and bring your friends to sing this masterpiece together. (Additional rehearsals on Feb. 27 and March 5, 12, 18, and 19.)

Contemplative Christian Prayer Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 20, Agencies Building

In the midst of life's demands, learn to pause and pay attention to the quiet but insistent yearning for God using the wisdom of Thomas Keating, sponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Maryland & Washington. The program fee is waived for NPC members. *Information & registration: www.comwcp.org/events. Contact: comwcentering@gmail.com.*

Mother/Daughter Craft Day

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2–4 p.m., Yellow House

Middle and high school girls and their moms are invited for a fun afternoon of crafts and time together.

Intergenerational Mission Trip First Planning Meeting & Sign Up

Sunday, Feb. 21, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor
If you are going, or thinking of going, with the church to the Dominican Republic June 25–July 1, join the mission team for our first planning meeting to review FAQs and plan for bringing in-kind donations to our partner community. Light fare will be provided at the meeting. *Contact: John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Music at National

Sunday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

The Concordia College Choir

presents the *Concordia College Choir Tour Concert*. Information and tickets: www.ConcordiaTickets.com or call 800.838.3006. *Volunteer usher/greeter opportunities are available for complimentary admission; please contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7553.*

Sunday, Feb. 28, 5 p.m., Sanctuary

The Washington Chorus

presents *New Music for a New Age*. Information and tickets: www.thewashingtonchorus.com.

Meet an NPC Missionary

Sunday, Feb. 28, 12:30–2 p.m.

Meet NPC missionary Keith Patman and get an update on the progress of work with indigenous teams in the Francophone area of Africa.

Children's Ministry Internship

Apply by April 1; begins mid-June

Do you have a heart for children, and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ? This is what the **Children's Ministry Summer Internship** is all about! The intern will gain leadership and ministry experience, supporting kids' faith through Sunday School, camps, and more. Apply now for this 8-week position which begins in mid-June. *Contact: Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministries, JMeek@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7535.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

Feb. 14– 21

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Daniel 9:3-10
Hebrews 2:10-18
John 12:44-50

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Genesis 37:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Genesis 37:12-24
1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Genesis 37:25-36
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Mark 1:29-45

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Genesis 39:1-23
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
Mark 2:1-12

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Genesis 40:1-23
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Mark 2:13-22

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Genesis 41:1-13
1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Genesis 41:14-45
Romans 6:3-14
John 5:19-24

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Tutor a Child

Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m., Mount Sinai Baptist Church (1615 3rd St NW)
The Unique Learning Center, one of NPC's local mission partners, needs tutors! Help make learning exciting and make a difference in a child's life. *Contact: Sherry Woods, 202.716.4106, or swoodsdc@gmail.com.*

A/V Team

Bring the Gospel to others through video and audio production as part of our A/V Team. Our current volunteers span all ages, and training is provided! *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcNett@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7576.*

NPC Library and Archives

If you enjoy books and meeting people, consider helping in the Satellite Library (right outside of Stone Hall) periodically on Sundays, or serving with the Library and Archives Committee (which meets 6 times a year). *Contact Jim Anderson at 202.537.7529 or Library@NationalPres.org.*

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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