

March 6, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*You are a gracious God and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and ready to relent from punishing.*

Jonah 4:2

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy 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

Women's Retreat: Register Today!

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

Speaker **Leigh McLeroy** will challenge us to think biblically about our Christian identity and living as "Fully Alive" heirs of God. You won't want to miss this weekend of prayer, music, and friendship.

Today is the last day for registration!

*Register in Stone Hall or online:
nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

Rejoice! Reading the Gospel for the First Time

Longtime NPC missionaries Stuart and Cathie Showalter's translation team has published a translation of the New Testament into the Kaansa language! NPC members Scottie Griffin, Jane Gore, and Angela Bednarczyk (a missionary to Senegal) are in Obire, Burkina Faso, West Africa for the public celebration today.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at the church entrances.

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.

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

One Great Hour of Sharing: Pick Up a Coin Bank

Today NPC children will receive fish-shaped coin banks to begin saving for their One Great Hour of Sharing offering, collected on Palm Sunday. Adults can join in the offering, too! Coin banks and envelopes are available at the information table or in the literature racks. *Through this traditional annual offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in the US and around the world.*

The Circle Family Group 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.

Music at National

4 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Master Chorale presents *Song of the Beloved*. Tickets available at the door.

GriefShare

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

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. Each class is self-contained, so attend whenever you are able. *To register, please contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

March Food Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by packing and delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Rhapsody No. 1 in D Flat Major

Herbert Howells

Dan Campolieta, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 143 *verses 1-3*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Diadem

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 143 verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him,

Crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

LENTEN 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 still.

Hear our cry to redeem us and your whole creation.

Grant us mercy, and bring us into your covenant of 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* Hymn 572

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.

LENTEN RESPONSE TO PARDON *seated*

Hymn 362

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.

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.

Spiritual

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

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-4:4

9:15 a.m. Deacon Annette Burgart

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 753

11 a.m. Elder Bruce Boyd

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prophetic Words: Grace

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's judgment, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

Congregation

For the grace of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;

As our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

E. W. Faber, alt.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Kyrie

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros. Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

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

Ariel Ramírez
from *Missa Criolla*

with Michael Ford, tenor and Adam Green, percussion

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Aus tiefer Not

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone prevaieth.

Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

For none can glory in God's sight, all must alike confess thy might, and live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.

On God my soul shall rest; God's word upholds my fainting spirit.

God's promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support; I wait for it with patience.

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,

My heart still trusteth in God's might; it doubteth not nor feareth:

So let the Israelites in heart, born of the Spirit, do their part, and wait till God appeareth.

Martin Luther

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 252

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Jerusalem

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

Jacques Lemmens

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The 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 the *Missa Criolla* of Ariel Ramirez.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Support this year's Easter Garden! Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.

Bring 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 take with you!

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:
Nettie Broyhill
Adele Jackson
Caroline Van Mason

We mourn the death of:
Douglas Flack on February 23.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison, see p.3*
- SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-4:4
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: Grace* Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Quinn Fox
- 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 All the Poor and Powerless David Leonard
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE All Creatures of Our God and King Brent Milligan
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Chris Tomlin
- SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-4:4
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: Grace* Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Quinn Fox
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Let the Heavens Open
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* I Am David Crowder
- ▲ 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”

Dr. David Renwick

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

March 16 “The Power of a Great Question”

Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105

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

Afternoon TEA Women's Group

Wednesday, March 9, 1:30–2:45 p.m.
Elson Parlor

Women with school-aged children are invited to a monthly gathering for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God using *Romans: The Gift of God*, a study by Timothy Keller. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

Men's Breakfast

Sat., March 12, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Don Meeks**, pastor of Greenwich Presbyterian Church, on “Touching Heaven: Experiencing the Power of Praying the Psalms Daily.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Sunday Ambassador Orientation

Sunday, March 13, 10:30 & 12:15 p.m.
Meet in the Court of Flags

Would you like to meet people and foster an atmosphere of caring here at church? Consider serving as a Sunday Ambassador!
Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, March 21, Noon, Stone Hall
Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President of Wesley Theological Seminary, will share how he came to Washington and Wesley in his presentation, “*The Seminary in the 21st Century and My Role as President.*” Sign up today in Stone Hall. (*Pay at the door; \$12 with advanced registration; \$15 if not registered in advance.*)

Children's and Youth Ministry Summer Internships

Apply by April 1; begin mid-June

- **Children's Ministry Summer Internship:** Gain leadership and ministry experience and support kids' faith through Sunday School, camps, and more. *Contact: Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7535.*
- **Youth Ministry Summer Internship:** Support the spiritual growth of middle and high school teens through Sunday School, youth group, and mission trips. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7520.*

Session Report

At its February Session meeting, among other things, the Session addressed Objective 5.2 of the Strategic Plan:

- by establishing a 7-8 person Session executive team to provide for better strategic focus and administration (members of the team will be selected later in the year); and
- by discussing a new leadership development council.

The Session, functioning as the Board of Trustees, re-elected Mills Williams as President, Rich Davies as Vice President, Margaret Gardner as Secretary, and Gerri Hall as Treasurer of the corporation.

Expert Advice for Older Adults

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

March 6 - 13

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Genesis 48:8-22
Romans 8:11-25
John 6:27-40

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Genesis 49:1-28
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Mark 7:24-37

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Genesis 49:29-50:14
1 Corinthians 11:2-34
Mark 8:1-10

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Genesis 50:15-26
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Mark 8:11-26

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Exodus 1:6-22
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Mark 8:27-9:1

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Exodus 2:1-22
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Mark 9:2-13

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Exodus 2:23-3:15
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Exodus 3:16-4:12
Romans 12:1-21
John 8:46-59

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, 8:30, 9:15, 10:50, 11 a.m.

Palm parade (with donkey!) beginning at 10:30 a.m. just outside the Court of Flags, preceding 10:50 and 11 a.m. worship.

Palm Sunday Concert

Sunday, March 20, 5 p.m.

The National Presbyterian Festival Choir and Orchestra present Mozart's *Requiem*. No tickets required; a freewill offering will be received. *Complimentary childcare is available for children 4 and under with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday

Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27

Sanctuary Worship

8:30, 10, & 11:30 a.m.

Dr. David Renwick will preach on the message "Rock Solid Hope." There will be special music including the choir, organ, brass, and timpani.

Family Celebration

10 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)

A great morning of hymns and praise songs, children's choirs, and an Easter play and message, followed by an egg hunt.

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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