

March 13, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?*

Habakkuk 1:2

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

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!

One Great Hour of Sharing: Pick Up a Coin Bank

Coin banks and envelopes are available at the information table or in the literature racks for you to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, collected on Palm Sunday. *Through this traditional annual offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in the U.S. and around the world.*

Become a "Sunday Ambassador" 10:30 & 12:15 p.m.

Meet in the Court of Flags

Would you like to meet people and foster an atmosphere of welcoming and caring here at church? Consider serving as a Sunday Ambassador! Learn more at this fun and informative gathering after each worship service. Refreshments provided. *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7494.*

Music at National

3 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Bach Consort presents *Little Organ Book, Part II*. Tickets available at the door. *Greeter opportunities are available for complimentary admission, contact Carolann Haley at 202.537.7553 or chaley@nationalpres.org.*

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

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. *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

The Bells of St. Anne de Beaupré

Alexander Russell
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

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.

Spiritual

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.

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

Habakkuk 1:2-4

9:15 a.m. Deacon Sarah Crumley

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 762

11 a.m. Elder Faith Burton

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prophetic Words: Darkness

Dr. Quinn Fox

Habakkuk 3:17-19

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Sursum corda

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand;

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.

If I should say, "Let darkness cover me, and I shall hide within the veil of night,"

Surely the darkness is not dark to you: The night is as the day, the darkness light.

Ian Pitt-Watson on Psalm 139

▲ 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

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,

for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

based on Isaiah 26:3

- ▲ 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 539 Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name We Raise *Ellers*
verses 1-3
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN Samuel Sebastian Wesley
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Voluntary in D Major William Boyce
 - ▲ Congregation standing, as able

SANCTUARY ORGAN CHIMES ARE BACK

The chimes on the Sanctuary organ ring once more, following a long absence after the 2011 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 by in memory of William E. Johnson on the occasion of his March 16th, 100th birthday by Harry and Natalie Johnson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to God's glory and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins.

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

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 138 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1:2-4; 3:17-19
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: Darkness* Dr. Quinn Fox
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 4*
- 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

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED *see pg. 4*

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Let the Heavens Open Kari Jobe
- At the Cross Chris Tomlin
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Marsh
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Lord I Need You Christy Nockels
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Oceans Joel Houston
- SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1:2-4
- SERMON *Prophetic Words: Darkness* Dr. Quinn Fox
- Habakkuk 3:17-19
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Donna Marsh
- ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS Dr. David Renwick
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble? Martin Smith
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid-Week Worship

March 16, 7–8 p.m., Chapel

Soup & Salad meal (\$8 suggested):

5:30–6:45 p.m., Court of Flags

Dr. Renwick will conclude our Lenten Vespers sermons on Micah with a message on "The Power of a Great Question." Come for music, prayer, and communion, as a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment in our busy lives.

Friends of the Library and Archives Brunch

Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m., Stone Hall

Former NPC Parish Associate **Rev. John**

T. Wagner, will join us to speak about

his new book, *Perfect: Sacred Stories*

from the Heart of a Dad. Wagner will

share experiences from the book about

his son David, a 17-year-old boy with

Down Syndrome, and how David has

led him more fully to the sacred stories of

Jesus. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call*

202.537.7529.

Lunch and Learn: God's Work in Croatia and Armenia

Sunday, March 20, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Learn about God's work in Croatia and

Armenia from members of the NPC

Eurasia Mission Team who traveled there

last year. We'll also discuss the exciting

direction of Eurasia ministries in 2016.

Light refreshments provided. Contact: John

Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or

202.537.7505.

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.)

Women's Retreat: Saturday Day Option Available

April 8-10, Turf Valley Resort

Ellicott City, MD

Registration is now open to join the women's retreat on Saturday for lunch, dinner, and the sessions with speaker

Leigh McLeroy – *perfect for those who couldn't make the whole weekend!*

Day rate (\$95) includes meals, sessions, music, and prayer, as we think biblically about our Christian identity and living as "Fully Alive" heirs of God. *Register online: nationalpres.org/womens-retreat*

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@](mailto:JMeek@NationalPres.org)*

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@](mailto:MStone@NationalPres.org)*

NationalPres.org, 202.537.7520.

Vacation Bible School

July 11–15: register now!

Kids age 4 through rising 5th graders enjoy

a week packed full of faith and fun! *Register*

online: www.planetreg.com/NPCVBS16

Intergenerational Mission Trip

There's still time to sign up!

June 25–July 1, Dominican Republic

You can be a part of building crucial

infrastructure, assisting with a community

medical clinic, and providing educational

opportunities. NPC is joining Foundation

for Peace and a local congregation

of Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal in the

Dominican Republic to share life and

participate in community development

projects. *Contact John Turpin, [JTurpin@](mailto:JTurpin@NationalPres.org)*

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

March 13 - 20

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Exodus 4:10-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Exodus 5:1-6:1
1 Corinthians 14:20-40
Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Exodus 7:25-8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Exodus 10:21-11:8
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20

WORSHIP: 8:30, 9:15, 10:50, 11 A.M.

PALM PARADE: 10:30 A.M.

Parade for all ages (with donkey!) beginning just outside the Court of Flags, preceding 10:50 and 11 a.m. worship.

CONCERT: Mozart *Requiem* 5 P.M.

The National Presbyterian Festival Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra present Mozart's masterpiece. No tickets required; a voluntary 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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