

May 1, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*There is now no condemnation
for those who are "in Christ Jesus."*

Romans 8:1

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

Prayer Rocks

We still have prayer rocks on our pathway that need your uplifting prayer! Please pick up one or two remaining rocks from the prayer pathway outside of the sanctuary, take them home, and pray for the people or concerns expressed. We care for one another by bearing each other's burdens, even when we don't know the details, and by lifting one another up to the Lord in prayer.

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.

SIGN UP TODAY:

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14

All ages can participate in this morning of hands-on service projects.

- **Sign up today:** www.nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService
- **Another way to help:** Donate \$24 for supplies for backpacks we assemble for refugee children: mark checks with "Refugee Backpacks" or give at www.nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService

Vacation Bible School

July 11–15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School (for children age 4–rising 5th grade) is a week packed full of faith and fun. *Sign up online:* www.nationalpres.org/VBS or contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.

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.

Today in Wrestler's Class: "Armenia Trip Report." Howard Frost and other NPC team members who assisted with Young Life and leadership development in Armenia last September present their trip report.

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

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings to NPC friends in need of friendship and encouragement! Supplies are available in Stone Hall every Sunday; simply write your greeting and the person's name, and we'll take care of the rest.

May Food Donations: Canned Fruit

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.*

"Across the Aisle"

Young Adults Group

Sundays, 12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

All young adults (ages 22–35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Virginia Girlchoir
Julia White, Artistic Director and Marie Masincup, accompanist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 371 *verses 1-3*

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 371 verse 4

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and almighty Father,

we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty
that we are sinners, prone to evil.

We make no end of breaking your holy commandments,
thus calling down just condemnation from your judgment.

Most gracious God and Father,

bestow on us your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Cleanse us from all our sins.

Increase in us the work of your Holy Spirit,

that our sins may displease us more and more,

and that the fruits of righteousness may increasingly grow in us.

Through Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray.

from John Calvin

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

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

Romans 8:1-4

9:15 a.m. Elder Jim Anderson

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 918-919

11 a.m. Joan Braitsch

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Bethany

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today;
 Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.
 Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
 In us, through us, then, forever, may your perfect will be done.

Henry Smart

▲ 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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name,
 Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.
 As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
 Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So bind now our friendship up.
 All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
 That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Praise, O Praise the Lord

W. A. Mozart

Praise, O praise the Lord, all ye nations! Praise him, all ye peoples!
 For he has shown to us evermore his merciful kindness.

Laudate Dominum, K 339

O praise the Lord, all ye people. His truth endureth forever.
 Glory to Father and to the Son; glory be to the Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

Prayer of Response 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.

▲ HYMN *music provided on insert*

And Can It Be

Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me who caused his pain – for me, who him to death pursued!

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?

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He left his Father's throne above – so free, so infinite his grace!

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ, my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?

Charles Wesley

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fanfare

John Cook

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

This morning we welcome the 30-voice Virginia Girlchoir as they sing the prelude for our 9:15 and 11 a.m. worship services. These young women, ages eight through 15, are drawn from the Southern and Central Shenandoah Valley and rehearse regularly in Fishersville, Virginia, under the leadership of Founder and Artistic Director Julia J. White.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Keyser on her birthday, celebrating her love of the Lord, the joy she found in the beauty of flowers, and her many friends in this congregation, by her family Laurie, Russ, Russell and Matthew Brunner.

Pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound!

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

Lori Backlund

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 371 Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN
- SCRIPTURE Romans 8:1-4
- SERMON Inside God Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Quinn Fox
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredh*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

An offering will be received at the center aisle.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are sinners, prone to evil. We make no end of breaking your holy commandments, thus calling down just condemnation from your judgment. Most gracious God and Father, bestow on us your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from all our sins. Increase in us the work of your Holy Spirit, that our sins may displease us more and more, and that the fruits of righteousness may increasingly grow in us. Through Christ our Lord and Savior, we pray.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 SONG All Creatures of Our God and King David Crowder
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Good, Good Father Anthony Brown
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Christ Is Risen Matt Maher
- SCRIPTURE Romans 8:1-4
- SERMON Inside God Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Quinn Fox
- SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION I Lift My Hands Chris Tomlin
- 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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 7

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Stuart McAlpine** on “Healing the Family Tree.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Saturday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Stone Hall

Minister Deborah Chambers, from NPC mission partner Central Union Mission, will share about working with homeless women in our city and Central Union Mission's Camp Bennett program for inner city children. There is no cost for the 12:50 p.m. presentation. *Contact Jo Schoolfield, to reserve a place for the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 8, 8:30, 9:15 & 11 a.m.

On Youth Sunday we celebrate God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth take part in leading worship services. Some of NPC's high school seniors will share testimonies in the 8:30, 9:15, and 11 a.m. services (**please note: there will be no 10:50 Jones Hall service next Sunday, May 8**), and we will receive this year's Confirmation class as new members. *A special offering will be received next week to support our ministry to youth; you may also give online now at nationalpres.org/giving.*

Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Church Rooms 110/111 & 105

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of the Mount of Transfiguration. We also write cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14; sign up today!

Choose from a variety of hands-on, family-friendly projects that make a difference, including feeding the homeless, packing dehydrated meals for disaster zones, collecting clothes for the needy, and packing backpacks for refugee children.

Learn more and sign up for a project: www.nationalpres.org/greatdayofservice or contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.

Afternoon TEA Women's Group

Wednesday, May 11, 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 *In View of God's Mercy*, a study by Timothy Keller. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

Book Discussions:

“The Chronicles of Narnia”

Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a weekly discussion of these classic stories by C.S. Lewis. This week we will discuss *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (chapters 9-16) and *The Silver Chair*. Copies of the books are available in the church bookstore.

The weekly schedule is available at www.nationalpres.org/book-study.

Your Recommendation Needed

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in **selecting our church's leaders** as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. *Submit your recommendations online at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate or using the brochures at the church entrances.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

May 1 – 8

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117

Leviticus 25:1-17

James 1:2-8, 16-18

Luke 12:13-21

Monday

Psalms 97; 115

Leviticus 25:35-55

Colossians 1:9-14

Matthew 13:1-16

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116

Leviticus 26:1-20

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Matthew 13:18-23

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118

Leviticus 26:27-42

Ephesians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:41-46

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113

Daniel 7:9-14

Hebrews 2:5-18

Matthew 28:16-20

Friday

Psalms 96; 138

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:1-10

Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29

Ephesians 2:11-22

Matthew 7:28-8:4

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117

Exodus 3:1-12

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 10:17-24

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Connections Ministry

Help each person in this community of faith experience a sense of belonging! Assist individuals with finding opportunities for spiritual growth, receiving support, or discovering ways to serve.

Contact: *Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7494.*

A/V Team

Bring the Gospel to others through video and audio production as part of our A/V Team on Sunday mornings. Our current volunteers span all ages. No experience needed – 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.*

Greet our Guests

Learn more: informational gathering today, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Be a welcoming presence for all worshipers on Sunday morning by greeting guests at the door and answering their questions.

Contact: *Kristy Chikes, jklarsonchikes@hotmail.com.*

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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