

April 20, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A MINISTRY OF GRACE, PASSIONATE ABOUT
CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

EASTER

*I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that on the last day
he will stand upon the earth.*

Job 19:25

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*



*Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4

Today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On this Sunday in particular, our eyes and hearts are opened to the love of God, joy and hope in Christ, and peace of the Holy Spirit. Each week we live out this message together.

On Sundays we gather in community to worship God through music, prayer, and preaching. Classes and groups are offered for adults, youth, and children, and childcare is available all morning. Sundays are centered around growing **together** in Christ.

Just as preaching and teaching equips us to serve as Christ's light in the world, we are also called to engage the world by showing God's love to one another. We serve and care for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Whether you attend weekly or whether you have been away for awhile, this is a wonderful time to grow closer to Christ through worship and fellowship at National.

May your hearts be touched and your lives be blessed this morning and always.

Dr. David Renwick
Senior Pastor



AFTER WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Enjoy coffee, cookies, and Easter treats outside on the terrace (*weather permitting; alternate location in Elson Parlor*), and downstairs in Stone Hall.

WORSHIP

8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 A.M.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel

NSO Brass Quintet and Erik Suter, guest organist, with Adam Green, timpani

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:1-12

Dr. David Renwick

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

▲ HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died all souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION *please be seated*

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

10:00 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gratias agimus tibi

J.S. Bach

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

We give thanks to you because of your great glory.

from *Mass in B Minor*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Jesus Christ has broken the bonds of sin and death,
bringing the hope of everlasting life.

We confess that we do not always believe in this hope,
and remain captive to doubt, fear and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

May all who know Christ's redemption rejoice in his resurrection.

Hear, O risen Lord, our Easter praise.

May our songs of joy proclaim your victory,
as we celebrate the mystery of your wondrous love
and the majesty of your eternal glory.

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

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Leslie Saum
Director of Connections Ministry

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-31

8:30 a.m. Lew Crenshaw

The Word of the Lord.

10:00 a.m. David Low

Thanks be to God.

11:30 a.m. Jerry Wheat

SERMON

Sight for Sore Eyes

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 24:32-47

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John Rutter

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

10:00 a.m. 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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem

Howard Helvey
Kittredge

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise;

Sing to him who found the ransom, Ancient of eternal Days,

God of God, the Word incarnate, whom the heav'n of heav'n obeys.

There, for us and our redemption, see him all his lifeblood pour;

There he wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more;

Then, arising, lives forever, reigning where he was before.

High on yon celestial mountains stands his gem built throne all bright
 Midst unending alleluias bursting from the sons of light;
 Zion's people tell his praises, Victor after hard-won fight.
 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
 Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
 Consubstantial, coeternal, while unending ages run.

Job Hupton and John Mason Neale
 NPC Chancel and Youth Choirs
 with NSO Brass, organ and timpani

▲ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN Thine Is the Glory G.F. Handel

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 Kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.

Refrain

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
 Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 For the Lord now liveth. Death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
 Life is nought without thee. Aid us in our strife.
 Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Hallelujah! G.F. Handel from *Messiah*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
 The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
 And he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Evangeline Taylor

POSTLUDE Toccata Charles-Marie Widor

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please Note: There are entrances and exits at both the back of the Sanctuary and near the Pulpit and Scripture Lectern at the front of the Sanctuary.

National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) Brass Quintet: Tom Cupples, Steven Hendrickson, James Nickle, Craig Mulcahy, Seth Cook
Timpani: Adam Green

The Easter Garden in the Sanctuary and placed throughout the church celebrates the resurrection, healing, and care of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and his victory over sin and death. Hallelujah!

The flowers at the entrance to the Chapel of the Presidents are given to the glory of the Risen Christ, in honor of Shirley Pierson's 80th birthday and in recognition of her lifetime of loving care and support, from her grateful family.

The flowers at the entrance to the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving for their cherished grandsons, Zachary and Luke, by David and Mary White.

Join us for upcoming Sunday worship

APRIL 27 8:15, 9:15, 11 a.m.	"Becoming a Christian"	Dr. David Renwick
MAY 3 8:15, 9:15, 11 a.m.	"Growing in Faith"	Dr. David Renwick

2014 AT NATIONAL

Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather. Each Sunday, National is full of inspirational preaching and joyful music, classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. Opportunities for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth are offered during the week and at monthly gatherings. Many special events are also held yearly. Explore some of the ways that you may gather to meet others and deepen your relationship with Christ.

PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual journey? Please come and enjoy the next one-day Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. Find out more about NPC and church membership in brochures at the information desk and on our website.

Contact Kemet Rakiatu for info or to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.



GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 17

Bring friends and family for a day of service! Choose one of many meaningful and fun projects available at NPC and around the Metro area.

- **Martha's Outfitters:** Help to clothe inner city families and take a tour at their newest location in Anacostia.
- **Stop Hunger Now:** Feed 15,000 people by packing dehydrated meals.
- **Capital Area Food Bank's Urban Demonstration Garden:** Weed and garden to help the poor to grow their own food.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Help build a home.
- **Hero for a Day:** Lend a hand to an NPC member who could use a driver or assistance with a project.
- **Camp Bennett:** Make Christian summer camp possible by clearing trails and working outdoors.
- **Dress for Success and the Salvation Army:** Donate and sort clothes and housewares.

Learn more and sign up online: NationalPres.org/GreatDayofService



SPECIAL GUEST: PATTY STONESIFER

Sunday, May 18, 12:45–1:45 p.m., Stone Hall

Current Executive Director of Martha's Table, and former Gates Foundation CEO, Patty Stonesifer, will speak on the topic of high impact ministry to the poor. This event is free and open to the public. Join us for an optional boxed lunch (\$10) from 12:15–12:40.

RSVP for optional boxed lunch: Serve@NationalPres.org



DOXOLOGY II

Sunday, June 15, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

This second Celebration of Christian Hymns for NPC Choirs and Congregation will again begin our summer schedule of worship services. At 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, stirring music will feature brass, timpani, organ, and other special instrumentation as together we lift our hearts and voices to God. 8:30 a.m. worship in the chapel will feature electric guitar, bass, drums, piano and more.

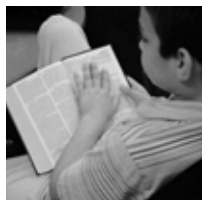


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7–11, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Kids age 4 – rising 5th graders will hear Bible stories, sing praise songs, make crafts, play games, and participate in service projects. Cost is \$20 per child.

Sign up today: www.nationalpres.org/vbs



PRAY, EAT, LOVE

Sunday, September 7

A fun and meaningful morning of worship, followed by a shared meal, and a collective service project to help those in need in our community and across the world. There will be music, games, and activities for all ages!



MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday September 19 & 20, Bolger Conference Center, Potomac, MD

Lee Corder, Senior Vice President for Young Life International Division, will be the guest speaker at this year's Men's Retreat. Enjoy a time of relaxation, spiritual renewal, and fellowship.



FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 18

NPC's Third Annual Fall Conference will feature *New York Times* columnist, David Brooks, and Executive Editor of *Christianity Today*, Andy Crouch, speaking on the topic of humility.



GRIEFSHARE

Sundays, 1 p.m.

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Weekly meetings provide a safe place to meet others with the same confusing emotions and tough decisions as you. Explore ways to recover through small group discussion and Bible study.

Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7540



PRAYER MINISTRY

We mourn the death of:

John Oskison on December 25

A memorial service will be held in Chapel on Monday, April 21 at 10 a.m.

To make a confidential prayer request, visit: www.NationalPres.org/prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

APRIL 20 – 27

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
Isaiah 51:9-11

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:29-41
Matthew 28:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Exodus 13:17-14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

These are just a sampling of the ways that we connect with each other and our community. Please visit our website, www.nationalpres.org, or call 202.537.0800 to learn more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of classes for all ages and stages are offered every Sunday.

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays, April 24–June 12, 7:15–8:45 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion of the book *Bad Religion* by New York Times columnist Ross Douthat.

Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527

DEACON TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, April 27, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

Please join the deacons for light snacks and great fellowship. Meet your team of local deacons and hear from Dr. Renwick.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY

April 27–May 11

Your opportunity is coming to share your thoughts about National: past, present and future.

Contact: StrategicPlanning@NationalPres.org

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 4, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All members are encouraged to attend! Light refreshments will be served. *Annual Reports will be available beginning April 27.*

AFTERNOON T.E.A. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, May 14, 1:30–3 p.m., Elson Parlor

Moms of school-aged children gather on the second Wednesday of the month for Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration.

Contact: Alison Dickey, NPAfternoonTEA@gmail.com

THE CIRCLE FAMILY GROUP

Sunday, May 18, 4–6:30 p.m., Jones Hall/School Gym

Families with young children gather on the third Sunday of the month for play time and a potluck meal. We love to see new faces.

Contact: Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7535

YOUTH POSITION OPENING

NPC is seeking to fill a part-time position assisting our youth program. Position description available upon request.

Contact: NPCyouth@NationalPres.org

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