

July 20, 2014

THE  
NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the  
Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give  
you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

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*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

*Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Witness  
O For a Faith  
The Children of God  
All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord  
Valley Choral Society of Pennsylvania  
Patricia D. Conrad  
Artistic Director and Conductor

arr. Jack Halloran  
arr. Nathan Carter  
Steven Janco  
Z. Randall Stroope

CALL TO WORSHIP

McLane Stone

▲ HYMN 216

O Sing a New Song to the Lord

*Gonfalon Royal*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

God reigns over the nations. God sits on his holy throne! Clap your hands, all ye peoples!

Kent Newbury  
Psalm 47

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they are from of old.

Do not remember my sins or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake.

For your name's sake, O Lord,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;

relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sin.

Psalm 25

CHORAL MEDITATION

By the Waters of Babylon

By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept for thee, Zion. We remember thee, Zion.

*By the Waters*  
Psalm 137

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

## PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Children in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may meet their Sunday School leader in the Court of Flags to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 105. Parents, pick up your children in Room 105 after the service.*

## SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Holly Novak

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible pp. 638-639*

Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Lessons from Babylon

Dr. Quinn Fox

Daniel 1:1-2; 3:1-16

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### CHORAL RESPONSE

If You Search with All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

If you seek me you shall find me, if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans of welfare, not of evil;

For I know the plans I have for you, plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage to a place that I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to me.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

### ▲ 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

### 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

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come, fathers and mothers, come, sisters and brothers,

Come, join us in singing the praises of Zion!

O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?

We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion!

Valley Choral Society

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
*Alleluia, Alleuia!*  
 Praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
- ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
- ▲ HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Austrian Hymn*  
 From on high the Holy City to God's people will descend;  
 There, amidst exultant glory and rejoicing without end –  
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah – shall we praise the great I AM!  
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah – shall we praise the great I AM!
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Imperial March Edward Elgar  
Erik Suter, guest organist
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

**This morning we welcome** the Valley Choral Society, an auditioned volunteer choir made up of singers from four Pennsylvania counties: Montgomery, Bucks, Berks and Lehigh.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by Kim Keriakos in loving memory of Van Angello Keriakos on the anniversary of his birthday.

**Take flowers to brighten someone's day.** Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? Take along a bud vase to bring some cheer! Bud vases with fresh flowers may be found on the table outside of Elson Parlor.

**Chapel prayers after worship:** If you have a joy or concern on your heart, come to the chapel down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be there to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

## 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.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Members of our **Connections Team**, wearing purple badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** on Sundays or weekdays are available upon request. Please call for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

# TODAY

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLENARY** *9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

*Trends in Global Christianity:  
What's Happening in God's World?*

**John Bernbaum**

In the past several decades, the center of gravity for world Christianity has shifted southward and eastward. What are the consequences and implications of this change for North American congregations? Elder John Bernbaum is the President and CEO of the Russian-American Institute.

*Next Sunday: Donna Marsh will discuss "The Lord of the Conscience and the Public Square."*

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Sundays, Multi-Purpose Room* *9:30 a.m.*

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.* *Church Room 8 & 105*

- Ages 3 & 4 – Church Room 8
- Rising K-5th grade – Church Room 105

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** *Sundays, 10:45 a.m.* *Church Room 10*

- Ages 3 & 4 go to Church Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.
- After the Time for Children, rising K-2nd Graders leave worship for program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.

## **SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH** *12 p.m., Parlor*

Come after 10:45 a.m. worship to hear news from NPC missionaries who work in the north of Iraq, in the Kurdish region, in a ministry of witness to Christ among the majority Kurdish population.

Invited by the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Iraq, these NPC missionaries also do bridge-building activities in support of the Christian population in the Kurdish region, including Iraqi Presbyterians. Because of violence elsewhere in the country, Christians have been fleeing to the safety of the Kurdish region, Presbyterians among them.

## **PRAY. EAT. LOVE.** **PLANNING MEETING**

*12:15 p.m., Church Room 5*

Join the planning team for our annual "Pray. Eat. Love." event on September 7 – a morning of worship, service, family fun, and a shared meal. You can be a big help preparing for this special event. *Contact: Leslie Saum, [LSaum@NationalPres.org](mailto:LSaum@NationalPres.org).*

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBRIEFING** *Missed Last Sunday?*

Visit [nationalpres.org/lectures](http://nationalpres.org/lectures) for an audio recording and handout from last Sunday's General Assembly debriefing with David Renwick, Quinn Fox, and John Huffman.

## **GRIEFSHARE RESUMES NEXT WEEK** *Sundays, 12:30 p.m.*

*Administration Building Room 108*

There will be no GriefShare meeting today; the weekly support gathering will resume next Sunday.

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES *Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

- July 27**, Donna Marsh  
*The Lord of the Conscience and the Public Square*
- August 3**, Bill Robinson  
*Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014?*
- August 10**, R.V. Seep  
*But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition*
- August 17**, RADM Margaret Kibben  
*Military Chaplains: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths*
- August 24**, Evangeline Taylor  
*Healing the 7 Deadly Sins*
- August 31**, Trip Reports  
Join us for reports of the June Holy Land pilgrimage and our youth mission trips to Belize and West Virginia.  
**9:30 a.m.** – Holy Land  
**11:45 a.m.** – Youth Mission Trips  
*Light luncheon fare will be provided at 11:45*

## PRAYER MINISTRY

*Please pray for:*  
Dave Schottke  
Carol Weihrer

*We mourn the death of:*  
Jay Merchant, on June 25th.  
A memorial service will be held on  
July 26th at 1 p.m. at NPC.

*To make a confidential prayer request, visit:*  
[www.NationalPres.org/prayer](http://www.NationalPres.org/prayer)

## SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: FOUR REPORTS *Sundays, Noon, Parlor*

NPC members and missionaries bring news of the vitality of Christ's church in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. Light refreshments will be served.

### NEXT SUNDAY: July 27

Moldova Ministries

As Moldova struggles to overcome poverty and hardship, God's presence is evident as he calls NPC to help lift up the lives of children, families and leaders in churches, communities and colleges. Hear how God is at work through his Church in Moldova.

### August 3, Angela Bednarczyk

Serving Senegalese deaf children through teacher training.

### August 17, Stuart & Cathie Showalter

Equipping Kaansa speakers in Burkina Faso through Scripture translation.

## SUMMER SANDWICH MAKING *After 10:45 a.m. worship, Stone Hall*

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during the summer when the need for sandwiches increases. In just 20 minutes you can help make 800 sandwiches we will provide each month for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted by mail or at the event to help offset project costs.*

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

### *Panther, West Virginia: July 21-26*

A group of NPC middle school students will be traveling to West Virginia to accomplish service projects and build relationships in the local community. Please pray for our students' learning and impact as a team – as they express God's love in a tangible way and experience joy in serving others.

## SMILE!

### *Sundays beginning July 27, Stone Hall*

Your church family wants to know you by name – and help us all know one another here at NPC. Come by the Connections Photo Booth before or after worship and have your picture taken and pick up some free donuts and lemonade. NPC is compiling an updated church directory and we want to include everyone.

Contact: [RClement@NationalPres.org](mailto:RClement@NationalPres.org).

## INTERESTED IN OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

*August 3 and 10, 12 p.m.*

### *Culbertson Library (Admin. Building)*

Nearby American University has hundreds of international students, from over 130 countries. Would you be willing to befriend one of these students— sharing an occasional meal, outing or other activity with them, as part of their exposure to American culture? Come to an informational meeting to learn more about this outreach opportunity, called “American Friends.” Contact: *Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org*.

## SUMMER CHOIR

*Sundays, 10 a.m., Choir Room*

“Let us lift our hearts and voices and together worship God!” If this call to worship stirs you to action, we want YOU in the Summer Choir. No Wednesday rehearsals, just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service. Come as often as your schedule permits. We would love to welcome you! Contact: *Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org*.

## SUMMER UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

*Thursdays through August 14*

*6:30 p.m., Youth House*

College students and recent grads gather weekly to discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book, *Life Together*—about developing deep Christian community. Please join us and invite a friend! Contact: *Grow@NationalPres.org*.

## RECOMMEND NPC LEADERSHIP

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in choosing 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:** [www.nationalpres.org/nominate](http://www.nationalpres.org/nominate)
- **email:** [Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org](mailto:Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org)
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

## SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

In July we are collecting **1 lb. bags of brown or white rice** for mission partner Martha’s Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the information table.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Pray. Eat. Love.**  
*Sunday, Sept. 7*

All are invited for a morning of special worship, mission service projects, and a delicious picnic lunch. With games for the kids, it will be a fun time for all, and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor! Contact: *Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org*.

## Men’s Retreat

*Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20*

### Reason to attend the Men’s Retreat:

R U 2 BZ 4 friendships? Become the disciples God wants men to be. Join us for 24 hours that could change your life. Early bird registration (\$175) starts today in Stone Hall and online at [nationalpres.org/mens-ministry](http://nationalpres.org/mens-ministry). See brochure for details or contact *Holly Novak: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527*.

## All-Church Conference

*Saturday, October 18*

NPC’s Third Annual All-Church Conference will feature *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, and *Christianity Today* Executive Editor Andy Crouch.

# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## LECTIONARY READINGS

*Year 2*

**July 20 - 27**

### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
Joshua 6:15-27  
Acts 22:30-23:11  
Mark 2:1-12

### Monday

Psalms 135; 112  
Joshua 7:1-13  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 26:36-46

### Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86  
Joshua 8:1-22  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 26:47-56

### Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4  
Joshua 8:30-35  
Romans 14:13-23  
Matthew 26:57-68

### Thursday

Psalms 36; 27  
Joshua 9:3-21  
Romans 15:1-13  
Matthew 26:69-75

### Friday

Psalms 130; 139  
Joshua 9:22-10:15  
Romans 15:14-24  
Matthew 27:1-10

### Saturday

Psalms 56; 111  
Joshua 23:1-16  
Romans 15:25-33  
Matthew 27:11-23

### Sunday

Psalms 67; 93  
Joshua 24:1-15  
Acts 28:23-31  
Mark 2:23-28

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

### Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- JULY 20: Trends in Global Christianity *Stone Hall*
- JULY 27: The Lord of the Conscience and The Public Square *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 3: Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014? *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 10: But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 17: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 24: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 31: Trip Reports from Holy Land (9:30 a.m.) and Belize (11:45 a.m.) *Stone Hall*

### Groups

- GriefShare **Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- The Circle Family Group **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Off campus*
- Men's Breakfast **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) *Resumes in August* *Church Room 110/111*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon *Resumes in the fall* *Stone Hall*
- Wednesday Women *Resumes in the fall* *Church Room 105*
- Afternoon T.E.A. *Resumes in the fall* *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study *Resumes in the fall* *Agencies 105*
- Women in the Word Bible Study *Resumes in the fall* *Church Room 105*
- "Real Moms" *Resumes in the fall* *Church Room 5*
- WomenConnect *Resumes in the fall* *Elson Parlor*

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Sunday School Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade *Agencies Lower Level*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 *Church Room 8*
- Rising K–5th grade *Church Room 105*

### Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 (*go directly to Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.*) *Church Room 8*
  - Rising K–2nd grade *Church Room 105*
- Children begin in worship. After the Time for Children, they leave worship for their program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.*

## CHILDCARE 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

## MUSIC

- Summer Choir **Sunday Rehearsal, 10 a.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells *Resumes in the fall* *Church Room 110/111*
- Children's Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade) *Resumes in the fall* *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) *Resumes in the fall* *MP Building; Multipurpose Room*

## BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library (Sundays) *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrl Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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