

September 20, 2015

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

All scripture is inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16



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

Deacons' Reception

Stone Hall, 12:30 p.m.

The NPC Deacon team invites you to be their guests for a light lunch and fellowship time. Come to meet your deacon team and learn about ways that our whole congregation can care for each other.

Welcome Back College Lunch

12:15 p.m.

College students are invited for lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet in the Court of Flags (directly outside of the Sanctuary) and we'll walk together to the Yellow House.

"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.

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners.

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

"Music at National" Concert

3 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Bach Consort presents church music of J.S. Bach in *Mass Appeal*. Tickets available at the door.

Join a Small Group this Fall

Sign up today! Groups begin Oct. 4

Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of a busy life?

Become part of a small group this fall!

Beginning Oct. 4, small groups will meet regularly for seven weeks for fellowship, prayer, and discussion based on Sunday's scripture passage and sermon. *Sign up today: tables in Stone Hall or visit nationalpres.org/small-groups*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 A.M.

Adults

- Called: Fulfilling God's Purpose for Our Lives (*begins today*): Church Bldg. Room 5
 - Life in Progress (*class for parents & couples*): School Bldg. Library
 - The Acts of the Apostles: Church Bldg. Room 110/111
 - Financial Peace University (*last day to join!*): Church Bldg. Room 105
 - Genesis 1-11, Elson Parlor
 - Men's Class: Admin. Bldg. Library
 - Ephesians: Agencies Bldg. Room 105
 - Wrestlers: Agencies Bldg. Lower Level
- Today's speaker: Rev. Jen Dunfee,**
Chaplain at National Presbyterian School

Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- Middle School (8th grade)
Agencies Bldg. Room 102
- High School (9th–12th grade)
Youth House

Children

Drop off kids at 9:30 in Jones Hall (school gym); pick up in classrooms at 10:30.

- 2 & 3-year olds: School Bldg. Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Bldg. Room 106
- Kindergarten: School Bldg. Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Bldg. Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Bldg. Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Bldg. Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Bldg. Room 206
- 5th Grade: School Bldg. Room 242

Assisted Listening Devices

Need help hearing during the service?

Assisted listening receivers can be found on the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G Major

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 255 *verses 1-5*

Now Praise the Lord

St. Anne

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 255, verse 6

No other people are so graced, no nation is so blest,
As those who know God's living Word, and this one name confess.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God and merciful Father,
you have given us your holy Word to be written on our hearts.
Forgive our willful disobedience and sin
when we hear your Word and do not do it, or say we believe and do not obey it.
By the power of your Spirit
use your Word to our everlasting comfort,
to our daily renewal,
and to our transformation into the likeness and image of your Son.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Deacon Melinda Moore
and Deacon Dennis Burgart

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 835

Thanks be to God.

9:15 a.m. Deacon Alfreda Robinson Bennett

11 a.m. Deacon Ed Kindred

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Thy Word

Thy Word

Choir then Congregation as directed

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Soloist

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *Repeat Refrain*

with Matthew Daley, piano

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9:15 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

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

Behold, Now, Praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

Behold, now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,

even in the courts of the house of our God

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

Psalms 134

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Thanks to God whose word was written in the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation showing God to every age.
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Wylde Green

R. T. Brooks

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the 2015 Deacon team in honor and memory of all the Deacons present and past who have faithfully served the NPC community with compassion and dedication.

Take 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 bring some cheer!

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.

DEACONS

Deacons are ordained officers and servant leaders of the church. Their special mission is to care for those in need in our congregation and to mobilize the congregation to care for one another.

Together, a team of 30 Deacons works to support individuals who need encouragement and care. Our Deacons also help to build caring, Christ-centered community by serving Communion, helping with Chapel prayers, bringing church members together, and welcoming new members.

Questions, requests for care, and offers to help care for our congregation are always gratefully received by the NPC Pastoral Care office (bdear@nationalpres.org), our staff pastor Donna Marsh (dmarsh@nationalpres.org), NPC Deacon Moderator Dennis Burgart (dennis.burgart@gmail.com), or any member of the Deacon team. Wondering who is currently serving as a Deacon? Come down to Stone Hall after church today to meet the Deacons and to discover how you can be part of this rewarding ministry of caring.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Betty Bennett
Schestopol Family
Dick Tingley

We mourn the deaths of:

Elinor Kindelberger on September 8. A memorial service was held on September 12 at the Bridgewater United Presbyterian Church in Beaver, PA.

Roberta Huey on September 14. A memorial service will be held at the Great Oak Clubhouse at Ashby Ponds Retirement Community in Ashburn, VA at 11 a.m. on September 21.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God *Hanover*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- SERMON Bible: A Book Worth Reading Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
- 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God and merciful Father, you have given us your holy Word to be written on our hearts. Forgive our willful disobedience and sin when we hear your Word and do not do it, or say we believe and do not obey it. By the power of your Spirit use your Word to our everlasting comfort, to our daily renewal, and to our transformation into the likeness and image of your Son.

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)

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- ▲ WELCOME SONGS One Thing Remains Jeremy Riddle
- Forever Kari Jobe
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Donna Marsh
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE All Creatures of Our God and King David Crowder
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE My Lighthouse Rend Collective
- SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-15
- SERMON Bible: A Book Worth Reading Dr. David Renwick
- Luke 4:16-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Donna Marsh
- 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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THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

Adult Fellowship Luncheon *Monday, Sept. 21, Noon, Stone Hall*

Two former U.S. Ambassadors, David Mack and David Zweifel, will share experiences from their lives as diplomats in the Middle East. *Register (\$12) today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

NPC Membership Class

Saturday, Sept. 26, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Sept. 21 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Book Study: “The Confessions of St. Augustine”

Thursdays through Nov. 12, 7:15 p.m. Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a study of the number one Christian classic of all time: the extended poetic, passionate, intimate prayer of St. Augustine. Newcomers welcome! *We will discuss Book 4 on Sept. 24. Reading schedule: www.nationalpres.org/midweek*

Installation of Rev. Taylor and Rev. Marsh

Sunday, Sept. 27, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

All are invited to support and celebrate the ministries of Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor as they are officially installed as associate pastors of the congregation by our presbytery.

Train to Care as a Stephen Minister

Training classes begin Sept. 28

Stephen Ministers provide a listening ear and spiritual support for those going through a difficult time in life. You too can share Jesus’ love with others as a Stephen Minister by joining the next training class! *Contact: Lucille Smiley, lucille.smiley@gmail.com or 202.832.1596.*

Fall Conference with Dr. Curt Thompson

Saturday, Oct. 3

8:45 a.m.–Noon, Sanctuary

Psychiatrist Curt Thompson will lead us in a consideration of how faith in God actually changes our brain – the way we think and relate to others leads to deeper, closer connections with God and the people we love. *This conference is free and open to the public; no registration required. Invite a friend!*

The Circle Family Group

Sunday, Oct. 4, 4:30–6 p.m.

School Gym & Playground

Families are invited for our monthly gathering with a potluck meal, play time, and the first discussion of this year’s topic of “Bible Blockbusters.”

Men’s Retreat: Sign Up Today!

October 9 & 10, The Bolger Center Potomac, MD

Former Washington Redskins Chaplain Jerry Leachman will be the speaker at the Men’s Retreat this fall. *Sign up in Stone Hall or online: nationalpres.org/mens-ministry*

GriefShare

Sundays beginning Oct. 18, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor.

September Food Donations: Bring Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring boxes of unsweetened cereal 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.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

September 20 - 27

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
2 Kings 4:8-37
Acts 9:10-31
Luke 3:7-18

Monday

Psalms 57; 47
2 Kings 5:1-19
1 Corinthians 4:8-21
Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99
2 Kings 5:19-27
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Matthew 5:27-37

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91
2 Kings 6:1-23
1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11
Matthew 5:38-48

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116
2 Kings 9:1-16
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Friday

Psalms 88; 20
2 Kings 9:17-37
1 Corinthians 7:1-9
Matthew 6:7-15

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63
2 Kings 11:1-20a
1 Corinthians 7:10-24
Matthew 6:19-24

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
2 Kings 17:1-18
Acts 9:36-43
Luke 5:1-11

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray, Eat, Love: Thank You!

Together at the "Pray, Eat, Love" event on Sept. 6 we:

- Sorted, cleaned and bagged 11,000 lbs of fresh produce for local food banks.
- Collected 37 boxes of books for local mission partners, and 3 boxes of vitamins for our international mission partners.

Welcome John Marienau Turpin!

Please join us in warmly welcoming John Turpin to the NPC staff as our Director of Serve Ministries. John is a graduate of Georgetown University and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. He has a heart for mission which has been shaped by a diverse ministry experiences including serving at 3 Strands Community Church here in DC and teaching in South Sudan. John, his wife Stephanie, and daughter Junia have moved back to DC from the Boston area to join the NPC community, and we are grateful.

Able to smile and say, "Good Morning"? Become a Greeter!

You can be a welcoming presence to all entering our doors on Sunday mornings, just by offering a smile and a friendly hello! Becoming a volunteer greeter on a rotating basis is a simple and meaningful way to volunteer in the life of the church.

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 Fellowship Hall after worship.
- 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: 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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