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# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME  
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST  
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

*The Lord disciplines the one he loves.*

Hebrews 12:6

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
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Rev. 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)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

*Kindly silence your electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chaconne and Fantasy in G Minor

Louis Couperin

Stephen Ackert, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 483 *verses 1-3* Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*Mit Freuden zart*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 483, verse 4

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body take your part: to God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

When we think of ourselves, O Lord,  
and the meanness, and ugliness, and weakness of our lives,  
we thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Grant us true repentance for our sins,  
and in your mercy forgive.  
Grant that at the foot of the Cross,  
we may find our burdens rolled away.  
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit,  
that in the days ahead we may live more nearly as we ought.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

William Barclay

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

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.*

Hebrews 10

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Genesis 29:1-30

*pew Bible pp. 22-23*

9:15 a.m. Joanna and Chris Chai

11 a.m. Margaret and David Gardner

SERMON

## Jacob the Chastened: Learning Slowly

Dr. David Renwick

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

## RESPONSE

Michael Ledner

*Choir*

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,*

*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

### Congregation

*You are my hiding place, you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,*

*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## Nicene Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

Neumark

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,

God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.

Who trusts in God's unfailing love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure, in cheerful hope with heart content

To take what'e'r thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning Love hath sent.

No doubt our inmost wants are known to God who chose us for his own.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully:

Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee.

God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Georg Neumark

Translated by Catherine Winkworth

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## Invitation to the Table

## Words of Institution and Distribution

## Music Meditation

## Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

with Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-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 172

### My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Resignation*

### ▲ BENEDICTION

### ▲ CHORAL AMEN

Samuel Wesley

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ▲ POSTLUDE

### Grand Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

### ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The **flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 16th wedding anniversary of Courtney and Willem Rijkse.

The **yellow roses at the entrance to the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by the family of Loris Witherspoon in celebration of her arrival home following knee replacement surgery last June 17th.

**Want to brighten someone's day?** If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound, take along flowers 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.

## **NEXT WEEK: YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Next Sunday we celebrate God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth take part in leading all worship services. Each service will include testimonies from some of NPC's high school seniors, and we will be receiving this year's Confirmation class as new members during the 11 a.m. service. *A special offering will be received to support our ministry to youth.*

## 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.
- 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 first ten pews as you enter the Sanctuary.*

# TODAY

## CRISIS IN NEPAL: YOU CAN HELP

Over 5,000 people are feared dead and there is great destruction in Nepal after last Saturday's massive earthquake. If you would like to help, we encourage you to support Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization providing immediate aid and shelter on the ground in Nepal. *You may donate at [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org), or make a check out to NPC clearly marked for Samaritan's Purse and put it in the offering plate.*

## PRAYER ROCKS

After worship, you are invited to pick up a prayer rock and pray for that person or concern. Prayer rocks may be found on the prayer pathway outside of the sanctuary. We care for one another by bearing each other's burdens, even when we don't know the details, and by lifting each other up to the Lord in prayer. *If you were not able to make a prayer rock last Sunday, please help yourself to the extra stones and markers by the prayer pathway.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

*Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

## WRESTLERS CLASS

*Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level*

Today Lisa Rindner, a licensed social worker, will speak about practical and emotional matters related to aging, and caring for aging family members.

## YOUTH GROUP: ROCK CLIMBING

*4:45–6:45 p.m., ClimbZone, Laurel, MD*

Middle and high school students are invited to ClimbZone Indoor Climbing, the premier new indoor climbing facility in the DC area, located at 13200 Mid Atlantic Boulevard, Suite 130, Laurel, MD. Cost is \$15 and you must sign the online waiver BEFORE you arrive at: [www.climbzone.us/](http://www.climbzone.us/) Pizza will be provided towards the end. Parents are welcome to join.

## THIS IS “WILLS EMPHASIS” MONTH

*Consider remembering NPC in your will. It's never too soon to make a will. You can make a significant contribution to the future of NPC by mentioning NPC in your will (or updating your existing will). Contact Joe Abatemarco, NPC Finance Manager at 202.537.7484 ([JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org](mailto:JAbatemarco@NationalPres.org)) with questions.*

*Do you need assistance with tax-efficient planned giving?*

The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving is an affiliate of NPC, organized to assist members and friends of the church with tax-efficient planned giving. *Contact Chuck Petty, [CPetty@NationalPres.org](mailto:CPetty@NationalPres.org) about Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Real Estate or other forms of planned giving.*

*Representatives of our Stewardship Committee and Fund are in Stone Hall today to meet with you.*

## GRIEF SHARE

*Sundays beginning today, 12:30 p.m.  
Culbertson Library*

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, 202.537.7540 or [BDear@NationalPres.org](mailto:BDear@NationalPres.org).*

## “THE ROAD TO CHARACTER”

*The Road to Character* by David Brooks is now available in the NPC bookstore. Purchase your copy today, and come hear author David Brooks speak at NPC on May 7 (*details on p.6*).



# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING



## An Evening with David Brooks

THIS THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 7 P.M.

The Road  
to Character



DAVID  
BROOKS

In today's culture, the drive for external success and attention is so fierce, there's little time to cultivate inner depth. David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of the new book, *The Road to Character*, will lead us in an exploration of true fulfillment in a society that emphasizes professional achievement.

Brooks, one of the finest writers and thinkers of our time, will discuss topics from *The Road to Character*. The book graciously makes a case for living lives that matter by considering the character development of some of the world's great thinkers and inspiring leaders. In addition to Mr. Brooks' presentation of his book, there will be a time for audience Q&A. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing by the author.

*This event is free and no tickets are required, so bring along a friend or co-worker!*

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Chapel*

The chapel will be open for prayer, contemplation, or meditation as we join in observing the National Day of Prayer.

### NPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS

*Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual pathway? Learn more about the Christian faith, membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Monday, May 4 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.

### AFTERNOON T.E.A.

*Wednesday, May 13*

*1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor*

All women with school-aged children are invited for a monthly gathering with *Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration* as we study the The Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7, share our lives and worship God together. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

### WEDNESDAY WOMEN

#### BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,  
Church Room 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of Ahab and Jezebel from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards of encouragement to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

### INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUPS?

Are you looking for Christian community? Some of our Lenten small groups are continuing in May. *Become part of a group today! Visit [nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://nationalpres.org/small-groups) or email [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org).*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Children age 4 to the 5th grade will enjoy a week filled with service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. This year's theme is “Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power.” *Register online today: [nationalpres.org/VBS](http://nationalpres.org/VBS)*



## GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 16



### SIGN UP TODAY

in Stone Hall or online at

[www.nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService](http://www.nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService)

All are welcome for a meaningful morning of family-friendly service projects at NPC and around Northwest DC!

- Work in a community garden that grows food for a homeless shelter.
- Help package 10,000 nutritious, dehydrated meals to be sent to the world's poorest people. *Perfect project for families – kids can work alongside adults!*
- Join with others to pray for Great Day of Service participants, projects and partners.
- Receive, sort, and box clothes for the needy.
- Cook meals for the homeless.

Contact: Susan O'Banion, [SObanion@nationalpres.org](mailto:SObanion@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7503.

### SUMMER HORIZONS CAMP

June 22–August 28

*National Presbyterian School*

Kids can experience a memorable summer of friendship, laughter and learning at Summer Horizons Camp at NPS with traditional day camp (age 3-grade 4), soccer camp (ages 4-5), and our project-based STEM programs (grades 1-6). Extended day programs and instructional swimming are also available. *For more information: [www.nps-dc.org/summer](http://www.nps-dc.org/summer) or contact us at [summerhorizons@nps-dc.org](mailto:summerhorizons@nps-dc.org).*

### THANK YOU: CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Thank you to all those who brought in homemade cookies for care packages for college students. Thanks to you, over 50 care packages were mailed to students all over the country in preparation for their finals.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

*Please pray for:*

Ruth McKelvie

Mary Elisa Norment

*Confidential prayer requests:*  
[www.nationalpres.org/prayer](http://www.nationalpres.org/prayer)

### YOUR RECOMMENDATION NEEDED FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Your 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:** [www.nationalpres.org/nominate](http://www.nationalpres.org/nominate)
- **email:** [Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org](mailto:Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org)
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

### NPC DIRECTORY ONLINE & IN PRINT

Printed congregational directories are available on the information table and at the church office. You may also access the current directory any time on "NPC Online." Members of the congregation receive a secure login and password to access these features. Step-by-step instructions to access NPC online are at the information table.

### CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE DENHAM

Director of Music, Michael Denham, is graduating May 6 with a doctorate in ministry degree from Beeson School of Divinity, Birmingham, Alabama.

# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

### May 3-10

#### Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Isaiah 32:1-8  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
Matthew 7:7-14

#### Monday

Psalms 97; 115  
Jeremiah 32:1-15  
Colossians 3:18-4:18  
Luke 7:36-50

#### Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116  
Jeremiah 32:16-25  
Romans 12:1-21  
Luke 8:1-15

#### Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118  
Jeremiah 32:36-44  
Romans 13:1-14  
Luke 8:16-25

#### Thursday

Psalms 47; 113  
Jeremiah 33:1-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Luke 8:26-39

#### Friday

Psalms 96; 138  
Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14  
Romans 14:13-23  
Luke 8:40-56

#### Saturday

Psalms 92; 114  
Deuteronomy 32:34-43  
Romans 15:1-13  
Luke 9:1-17

#### Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Deuteronomy 15:1-11  
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Matthew 13:24-34a

## ADULTS

### Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m., classes continue through May 17

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

### Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7–8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **April 11, 8–9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30–10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*

## YOUTH

### Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) *Multipurpose Building Room 101*
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Youth House*

### Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

## CHILDREN

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

*Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.*

- 2 and 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

### Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

*Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.*

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

### Children's Church, 11 a.m.

*Church Room 106*  
*Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.*

## CHILDCARE 8 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

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

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

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

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