



November 2, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

*Happy are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.*

Matthew 5:7

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
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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), and Sally Swanson (Serve)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Air in D Major (Suite No. 3)

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN

Thanks Be to God

Lobe den Herren

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation.
With them proclaim Jesus forever the same, author of life and salvation.

Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save, breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend, joy at the last for our weeping.
Timothy Dudley-Smith

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lobe den Herren

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name, Jesus forever the same, forth to his service he sends us.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,

Forgive our indifference to your will.

You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, when we are faithless servants.

In your mercy forgive our many sins.

As with the great cloud of witnesses that have preceded us,

keep us faithful to your call, that we may glorify and enjoy your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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) for Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (Grades K–2) for Children's Church in Church Room 106. Children return after the sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE *read responsively*

Psalm 112:1-10

9:15 a.m. Lou Crenshaw

11 a.m. David Gardner

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

All: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,

and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;

their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry;

they gnash their teeth and melt away; their desire comes to nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes - "Happy Are the Merciful"

Dr. David Renwick

Abundant Grace, Abundant Giving

Matthew 6:19-34

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

One: What is our chief end in life?

All: **To glorify God, and enjoy God forever!**

One: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That we belong body and soul in life and in death,
not to ourselves, but to our faithful savior, Jesus Christ,
who, at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins,
and who, by his Holy Spirit, also assures us of eternal life and makes us
wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Shorter and Heidelberg Catechisms, adapted

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 hand in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Souls of the Righteous

Gordon Young

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God are free from pain; they are at rest.

As gold in furnace tried they overcame the world; they are at God's right hand,

They shine like stars through all eternity.

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God are free from pain; they are at peace.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

Congregation seated

For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir: O blest communion, fellowship divine! We, feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of the Saints in Glory *please see names on page 5.*

Choir: And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ *Congregation standing*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be With You

Peter Anglea

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsel guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you.

God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur Dialogue

Eugene Gigout

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Women's Association in memory of its members, 1885-2014.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you 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.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN**
9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

NPC YOUTH
5–7:30 p.m., Youth House
Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!
• **Middle School (6th–8th grade):**
5–6 p.m., Youth House
• **NPC Youth 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

YOUNG ADULTS
12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111
“Across the Aisle” group for young adults (ages 22–35) gathers for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

GRIEF SHARE RESUMES NEXT WEEK
Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library
There will be no GriefShare this week. Weekly classes for those experiencing the loss of a loved one will resume next Sunday. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7540.*

PHOTO BOOTH
Stone Hall
There are only **two Sundays left to have your picture taken for the church directory (today and Nov. 16)** so please come by before or after worship if you haven’t yet had your photo taken.

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH
MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS**
Stop by Stone Hall after worship to choose how you can actively support the work of the Mission Gifts for Christmas on Dec. 7 & 14. Some tasks take only 1 hour – sign up today! *Contact: Sally Swanson, SSwanson@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

MUSIC AT NATIONAL
3 p.m., Sanctuary
Washington Bach Consort features Music Director and organist, J. Reilly Lewis.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
12:15 p.m., Church Room 5
Rev. Evangeline Taylor will conduct a Service of Remembrance to honor those who are inurned or memorialized in the Columbarium after 11 a.m. worship. All are welcome to attend.

This morning, we remember the legacy of NPC members who have died in the past year, celebrating the mystery and majesty of our eternal union in Jesus Christ with a “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1–2).

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *November 1, 2013 through October 28, 2014*

Kingsley P. Thompson	November 4, 2013
Gladys K. Totah	November 17, 2013
Henry Yu-hang Wong	November 18, 2013
David W. Wilson	November 27, 2013
Jean S. Showalter	December 2, 2013
A. John Oskison	December 25, 2013
Walter C. McCabe	December 28, 2013
Marietta B. Stevenson	January 4, 2014
Charles “Duke” R. Botsford	February 7, 2014
Doris J. Botsford	February 23, 2014
Laura R. Hart	March 19, 2014
Althea L. Wilbur	April 15, 2014
George K. Graber	April 26, 2014
Maribelle Moore	June 2, 2014
Margaret S. Custis	June 6, 2014
James “Jay” M. Merchant	June 25, 2014
Harley D. Wilbur	July 10, 2014
Barbara C. Priddy	August 8, 2013
Mary Alice Keller	August 28, 2014
George H. Bowman	September 17, 2014
E. Scott Dillon	September 17, 2014
Alphonse “Al” Strachocki	September 24, 2014
Rufus S. Hill	September 29, 2014

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 9

The Biblical concept of first fruits calls on us to give the first and best of the harvest – our resources – to the Lord. Each year on Commitment Sunday, we renew our commitment to God to support his work in and through NPC by giving our first fruits.

You will be receiving a first fruits commitment card in the mail this week. **Please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in our church in 2015, and bring your first fruits commitment with you to church next Sunday, November 9** as we return our commitments as an act of worship during the service.



COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.

AU East Quad Building, Room 209

All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

REAL MOMS COFFEEHOUSE

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Church Room 107

Moms of young children, please join us this Wednesday for a special talk about “When Less is More,” with NPC Children’s Director, Jill Meek. This will continue our theme of Biblical Wellness as each week we explore the ideas of wellness through giving and service. Join us when you can, for as long as you can. Come for conversation, coffee, snacks and free childcare all morning.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD LUNCHEON

Saturday, Nov. 8, 12–2 p.m., Stone Hall

All women are invited to a catered luncheon; feel free to invite a friend! Christini Sequenzia Titus will speak to us about her work with International Justice Mission. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call Joan Anderson, 202.362.7475.* The program begins at 1 p.m. (no charge).

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 9, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Stay after the 11 a.m. service for a meeting of the congregation to elect officers: Elders, Deacons, 2015 Congregational Nominating Committee, and members for the Board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving. Officer nominee biographies are available at the information table. All members are encouraged to attend.

SECOND SUNDAY

SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, Nov. 9, Stone Hall
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha’s Table. Together we can make 700 sandwiches! *Financial contributions are welcomed to purchase sandwich supplies.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday, Nov. 12, 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 “Samson and Delilah” from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we’ll enjoy snacks, and address cards to NPC members in need of care and prayer. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

NPC STRATEGIC PLAN

Last Sunday was a morning of celebration, community, and challenge as we gathered to hear the strategic plan presentation. God is calling our community here at NPC to lead others to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world. Prayerfully read the plan and use the enclosed insert to explore how you can be a part of this vision for our church.

Copies of the plan and ways to get involved in the plan are available at the information table and online at nationalpres.org/strategic-plan

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 11, 8:45 a.m.

Families with children 5th grade and younger, join us for a Fall Open House! Applications from NPC families to the 3-year-old and Pre-K classes receive priority consideration (due Nov. 24).
Contact: Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.

November 16 is NPS Sunday! NPS staff, students, and families will participate in worship and representatives from the school will be available for conversation in the school building.

SAVE THE DATE: WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE *Collection bins: Nov. 16–30*

You can help keep the homeless and families in need warm this winter. In a few weeks, we will be collecting new and gently used men's (XL and larger), women's and children's:

- socks (new only)
- gloves
- sweaters
- coats

NPC mission partners Central Union Mission, Martha's Table and Friendship Place will distribute our donations to those in need in our city. God has been generous to us; let us be generous to others this holiday season!

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org*

NOVEMBER'S FOOD DONATION: UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT NPC

Be part of a great team serving Christ and the church! NPC is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant for Serve Ministries. This is a paid, 35 hour per week position reporting to Rev. Marsh. *The job description and instructions on how to apply can be found at www.nationalpres.org/jobs*

VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Once a month, you can assist in wheeling residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service. This is a great opportunity to volunteer as a family!
Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Kristin Green
Emmet Mittlebeeler
Colin Perkins
Robert "Bob" Rosette
Loris Witherspoon
Patti Wilson

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

Nov. 2 - 9

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Zephaniah 1:1-6
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Zephaniah 1:7-13
Revelation 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Zephaniah 1:14-18
Revelation 14:14-15:8
Luke 13:1-9

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
Zephaniah 2:1-15
Revelation 16:1-11
Luke 13:10-17

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Zephaniah 3:1-7
Revelation 16:12-21
Luke 13:18-30

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Zephaniah 3:8-13
Revelation 17:1-18
Luke 13:31-35

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Revelation 18:1-14
Luke 14:1-11

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Joel 1:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- 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*
- A Living Faith for Hostile Times: Guidance from the Apostle Paul *Church Room 5*
- The Church in the 20th Century *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd 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 **2nd 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 **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st 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*
- GriefShare **Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth 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*

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-year olds: Church Room 8
- 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 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th 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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