



April 17, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The earth is the Lord's.

Psalm 24:1

You are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:7

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

National Presbyterian School Sunday

Please welcome Interim Head of School

Jim Hendrix, Chaplain **Jen Dunfee**, and the **NPS Handbells** in worship this morning! Interested in learning more about NPS? *Contact Katy Harvey: KHarvey@nps-dc.org.*

Small Groups

New small groups begin this week; sign up online today!

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of a busy life? Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study. *Information: groups@nationalpres.org or visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups*

Prayer Rocks

During the children's time, baskets will be passed down the pew.

- Take a stone and a pen and write one word or short phrase on the rock that represents a prayer of need or thanksgiving to God.
- At the end of the service, place your stone writing side down on the prayer pathway just outside the Sanctuary.
- Next Sunday after worship, you are invited to pick up someone else's stone, take it home, and pray for that person or concern. 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.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at the church entrances.

Today in Wrestler's Class: "Christian and Islamic Theology: Compare and Contrast," with NPC member Thom Webster, a student of Middle East languages and biblical literature.

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg. Room 102*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

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

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings to NPC friends in need of friendship and encouragement! Supplies are available in Stone Hall every Sunday; simply write your greeting and the person's name, and we'll take care of the rest.

April Food Donations: Canned Tuna

Please bring donations 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.*

"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.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia & Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 455 *verses 1-4* All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 455, verse 6

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness,

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *prayed responsively*

Wondrous God, you have set suns and moons above us,

mountains and valleys beneath us, and friends and strangers among us.

How seldom have we looked for your creating face and fashioning hand!

Wondrous God, you disclosed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ,

who came to us fully in human flesh and form.

How seldom have we fully loved or followed you!

Wondrous God, you freely pour out the Holy Spirit

to convict us of our need for you, and to empower us to follow you.

How often have we ignored your promptings, and our need to seek your help.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us, and forgive all our sins.

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

Prayer Rocks

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

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 1 *selected verses*

Dr. Jim Hendrix, Interim Head

Rev. Jen Dunfee, Chaplain

National Presbyterian School

SERMON

Is the Bible Environmentally Friendly?
Romans 8:18-23; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Revelation 11:16-18

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Bunessan

Choir

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Congregation

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning; God's re-creation of the new day!

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Dunfee

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

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Kevin McChesney

National Presbyterian School Handbells

Anne Hancock, Director

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 293

This Is My Father's World

Terra beata

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

John Rutter

Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

▲ POSTLUDE

G.F. Handel

Need hearing assistance during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary. *Please remember to return the receivers after the service.*

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 455 *verses 1, 4 & 6* All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *see pg. 3*
- SCRIPTURE Genesis 1 (*Related scriptures: Rom. 8:18-23; 2 Pet. 3:9-13; Rev. 11:16-18*)
- SERMON Is the Bible Environmentally Friendly? Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Dr. Quinn Fox
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
An offering will be received at the center aisle.

CONFESSION OF SIN *see pg. 3*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Let the Heavens Open Kari Jobe
Holy Spirit Bryan Torwalt
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Be Thou My Vision *Slane*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE How Can It Be? Jason Ingram
- SCRIPTURE Genesis 1 *selected verses* McLane Stone and Rev. Taylor
- SERMON Is the Bible Environmentally Friendly? Dr. David Renwick
Romans 8:18-23; 2 Peter 3:9-13; Revelation 11:16-18
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* God's Not Dead Daniel Bashta
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Tomorrow, Monday, April 18

Noon, Stone Hall

Parish Associate **Dr. Nancy Fox** will present "**Pilgrimage to Rwanda**," with photos and stories of both the continuing scars of the 1994 genocide, but also amazing reconciliation, healing and growth. Rwanda is a small country, and her team, hosted by the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda, visited congregations and ministries in many regions. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for reservations.*

Book Discussion:

"The Chronicles of Narnia"

Thursday, Apr. 20, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a weekly discussion of these classic stories by C.S. Lewis during April and May.

This week we will discuss *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Copies of the book are available in the church bookstore. *The weekly schedule is available at www.nationalpres.org/book-study. For more information, call 202.537.7527.*

Men's Sunday School Class: Bible Study on James

Five Sundays beginning April 24

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Culbertson Library

The men's Sunday school class will begin a new study next week on the Book of James, led by **Rev. Dr. Steven A. Schaick**, Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Newcomers welcome! *Contact: Harry Johnson, 202.251.1565 or Adel Sanchez 202.409.3793.*

The Circle Family Group

Sunday, May 1, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

School Gym & Playground

Families are invited for our monthly gathering of a potluck meal, play time, and a separate discussion for parents with a corresponding activity for children.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 7

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Stuart McAlpine** on "Healing the Family Tree." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Saturday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.

Stone Hall

Minister Deborah Chambers, from NPC mission partner Central Union Mission, will share about the work they do for homeless women in our city and for inner city children through their Camp Bennett program. There is no cost for the 12:50 p.m. presentation. *Contact Jo Schoolfield, to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14; sign up today!

Choose from a variety of hands-on, family-friendly projects that make a difference, including feeding the homeless, packing dehydrated meals for disaster zones, collecting clothes for the needy, and packing backpacks for refugee children. *Learn more and sign up for a project: www.nationalpres.org/greatdayofservice or contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Your Recommendation Needed

The 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 at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate or using the brochures at the church entrances.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

April 17–24

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38
1 John 2:18-29
Mark 6:30-44

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Exodus 32:1-20
Colossians 3:18-4:6-18
Matthew 5:1-10

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Exodus 32:21-34
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 5:11-16

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Exodus 33:1-23
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 5:17-20

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Exodus 34:1-17
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Matthew 5:21-26

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36
Hebrews 12:1-14
Luke 4:16-30

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Be a Leader at Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy storytelling, making crafts, playing games, or meal-prepping? Consider using your gifts at Vacation Bible School this summer. We need leaders for our craft, recreation, story, and snack stations – each of which reinforces the truths we'll be learning about God, who knows and cares for us. You can sign up for one morning, up to all five mornings. *If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*

Tutor a Child

Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m., Mount Sinai Baptist Church (1615 3rd St NW)

The Unique Learning Center, one of NPC's local mission partners, needs tutors! You can help make learning exciting and make a difference in a child's life. *Contact: Sherry Woods, 202.716.4106, or swoodsdc@gmail.com.*

Serve at Ingleside Retirement Community

Enable retirement community residents to attend worship services by assisting in wheeling residents from their rooms to services at Ingleside on Sundays at 4 p.m. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis the first Sunday of each month. *Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.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 Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** are available upon request; *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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