



July 17, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone,
for kings and all who are in high positions.*

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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

Adult Sunday School Plenary

9:30 a.m. Stone Hall

"A Religion of the Book: The Literary Character of Our Faith"

Rebecca Weaver

Christianity is a "text-based religion."

As a result, a believer's relationship with God is remarkably literary. Presbyterians accentuate the literary character of our faith by the great significance we place on the authority of the Bible. This presentation will focus on the importance that Christians attach to the scriptures, from the earliest centuries into the present. Dr. Weaver is Professor Emerita of Church History, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia.

Next week: "The God of Justice," Kristy Pyke, International Justice Mission. *see p. 7 for details.*

General Assembly Briefing

Noon, Stone Hall

Dr. Quinn Fox and Dr. David Renwick will review the discussions and decisions of the PC(USA) General Assembly meeting held June 18–25 in Portland, Oregon.

Middle School Mission Trip Commissioning

Trip dates: July 18-22

Pray for our middle schoolers and their leaders as they head to Harrisonburg, VA to serve the local community in the name of Christ.

Lost & Found

Lost items are often turned in at reception in the Administration Building, which is open Sunday through Friday. Stop by or call 202.537.0800 to inquire about any missing items. *Items are held for 30 days and then donated to charity.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

June 12 – August 28, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults *Stone Hall & Jones Hall*

A plenary presentation takes place in Stone Hall and a parent gathering in Jones Hall.

Youth *Multipurpose Building*

Rising middle and high school students gather together.

Children *School Building*

Age 2– rising 5th grade gather in two age-appropriate groups.

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings of friendship and encouragement to NPC friends! 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.

Parent Gathering

Sundays through July 31, 9:30 a.m.

Jones Hall (School Gym)

Parents, bring your child to Sunday School, then stay for a fellowship-based conversation among parents. We will reflect on family, work, choices, and priorities using the life of Joseph as our example. Children will discover their own route through Joseph's journey as well during their Sunday School classes. *Gatherings take place weekly – drop in whenever you can!*

Bring Canned Tuna: July Food Donations

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table. *You can also help by packing and delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

Jones Hall (School Gym)

▲ WELCOME SONGS	My Worth Is Not in What I Own It Is Well	Keith and Karen Getty Horatio Spafford
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Dr. David Renwick

Hilda Gore

William Temple
Archbishop of Canterbury

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Please silence all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Concerto in B Minor

Johann Gottfried Walther

William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

One: God is our refuge and strength,

***All:* A very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear,

though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter;

God utters his voice, the earth melts.

God is in the midst of the city;

it shall not be moved;

Be still, and know that God is God!

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship the Lord together.

Psalm 46

▲ HYMN 260 *verses 1-3*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 260, verse 4

God's word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,

His kingdom is forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful Lord,

our hope is in no virtue of our own,

but in your sovereign grace and loyal love,

made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Help us to see ourselves as you see us,

and in repentance to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.

Speak to us your word of cleansing pardon.

William Temple

Archbishop of Canterbury

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

Dr. David Renwick

Middle School Mission Trip Commissioning

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	John 1:1-14	Deacon Ginny Beeson
The Word of the Lord. <i>pew Bible p. 862</i>		
Thanks be to God.		

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Proverbs (Selected)	Dr. David Renwick
<i>One:</i> Death and life are in the power of the tongue,		Proverbs 18:21
<i>All: the words we use will reap their consequences.</i>		
To make an apt answer is a joy to anyone,		Proverbs 15:23
<i>and a word in season, how good it is!</i>		
A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold		Proverbs 25:11
<i>in a setting of silver.</i>		
Anxiety weighs down the human heart,		Proverbs 12:25
<i>but a good word cheers it up.</i>		
A soft answer turns away wrath,		Proverbs 15:1
<i>but a harsh word stirs up anger.</i>		
A gentle tongue is a tree of life,		Proverbs 15:4
<i>but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.</i>		
The mind of the wise makes their speech judicious,		Proverbs 16:23
<i>and adds persuasiveness to their lips.</i>		
With patience a ruler may be persuaded,		Proverbs 25:15
<i>and a soft tongue can break what is strong as a bone.</i>		
Truthful lips endure forever,		Proverbs 12:19
<i>but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.</i>		
Put away from you crooked speech,		Proverbs 4:24
<i>and put devious talk far from you.</i>		
Death and life are in the power of the tongue,		Proverbs 18:21
<i>the words we use will reap their consequences.</i>		

SERMON	Words, Word, Words	Dr. David Renwick
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RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

	Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet	Michael W. Smith
<i>Refrain</i>	<i>Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.</i>	
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	When I feel afraid, 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 with me to the end.	
<i>Refrain</i>		

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles’ Creed	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

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but be not giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

▲ 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!

▲ HYMN

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

St. Leonards

May the mind of Christ our Savior live in us from day to day,

By his love and pow'r controlling all we do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in our hearts from hour to hour,

So that we may truly triumph only through God's pow'r.

May the Spirit fill and guide us with God's wisdom from above:

True disciples known to others only by our love.

May the light of Christ shine through us, never hidden, never dim;

To the glory of the Father visible in him.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Hal Hopson

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Concerto in A Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are to the glory of God and in celebration of the July 16th wedding of Lauren Vorisek and Christopher Weis.

Pick up a bud vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 6, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dick Pera on “Espionage in the Bible.”

Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.

Share Your Musical Gifts: Join the Contemporary Worship Band

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Are you a drummer, guitarist, bass guitarist, singer, or keyboard player? We're looking for musicians to play on a rotating basis on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. *Contact: Hilda Gore at HGore@NationalPres.org.*

Sing in Summer Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Choir Room

Participate as often as your schedule permits! Just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service; no midweek rehearsals. *Contact: Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org.*

Summer Sandwich Making

Sunday, July 24, Noon, Stone Hall

Help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Because of the increased need during the summer, and as a result of your generous donations, we will be making 500 sandwiches every other week through August. *Thank you for making this possible!*

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Next Sunday: July 24

International Justice Mission

The God of Justice

Kristy Pyke will share experience from her work with International Justice Mission (IJM) – the largest anti-slavery organization in the world. IJM is a mission partner of NPC with the mission of rescuing victims, restoring survivors, restraining criminals and repairing justice systems. Kristy's work began with IJM in the Kolkata, India office, which focuses on combatting sex trafficking. In her current capacity as Associate Program Manager, South Asia, Kristy assists the field offices in program design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. In August, she will relocate from DC to Bangalore, India for a project focusing on combatting bonded labor.

July 31, Robert Wauzzinski

A Kingdom Bank with a Mission

August 7, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed
Islam and the West: Promoting the Dialogue of Civilizations

August 14, Nancy Fox

Meeting Brothers and Sisters in Syria and Lebanon

August 21, Os Guinness

Fool's Talk

August 28, Mission Teams

Mission Trip Reports

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Shelley Barr
Betty Bennett

Mark Gourley
Susan O'Banion

Max Schestopol

We mourn the death of:

Colin Perkins on Monday, July 11. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

July 17–24

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

SAVE THESE DATES

"Pray Eat Love" Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 4

Be part of the planning team for our annual "Pray Eat Love" event! There are many ways to lend a hand in planning this fall event where we worship, grow, care, and serve as a church family. *Contact: Diane Stewart, snowmiss@cox.net.*

Forum on Faith and Politics

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

An evening conversation with E.J. Dionne and Michael Gerson: two *Washington Post* columnists who write from different "sides of the aisle," with similar Christian conviction. They'll share thoughts and insights about the upcoming elections. In particular, what concerns should Christians have before them?

Party with Purpose

Sunday, October 16, 5 p.m., Stone Hall

The whole church family is invited to an evening with our local mission partners. We'll enjoy dinner together, hear more from our partners, and participate in hands-on projects.

Contact: Ginny Taylor, ginnyestj@verizon.net.

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 Ambassadors**, 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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