











Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

The Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.

1 Samuel 17:45, 47

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 Donham, Director of Mucie Ministries

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

"Meeting Brothers and Sisters in Syria and Lebanon"

Dr. Nancy Fox

Though the war and refugee crisis in Syria and Lebanon may seem far away, Presbyterian brothers and sisters in those lands are living out their faith and ministry in this challenging time. Parish Associate Nancy Fox will report on her July visit to schools and other ministries of the church in Lebanon that serve Syrian refugees. She will also share stories from Syrian Presbyterian women who attended a church retreat.

Next week: "Fool's Talk," Os Guinness, *see p. 7 for details.*

Summer Sandwich Making 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!*

Sponsor Supplies for Refugee Children

You can sponsor a backpack full of supplies for refugee children. The 600 backpacks that we'll assemble during Pray Eat Love (see p.7 for details) cost \$24 each – please give what you can!

- Mark checks with the memo line: "Refugee Backpacks"
- Give online at nationalpres.org/ PrayEatLove

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School Through August 28, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults Stone Hall

A plenary presentation takes place in Stone Hall.

Youth *Multipurpose Building*Rising middle and high school students gather together.

Children *Church Building*Through August, elementary-aged children gather in Room 106 and preschool children gather in Room 7.

Bring Canned Fruit: August Food Donations

Please bring donations of **canned fruit** 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.*

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.

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

Please silence all electronic devices.

▲ Welcome Songs

How He Loves My Worth Is Not in What I Own

John McMillan Keith and Karen Getty

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE

O Breath of Life

Andy Piercy

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

Confession of Sin

Living Lord, you bless those who do not walk in wicked paths, or stand in sinful ways, but who delight in your law, and cherish it day and night.

Make us like trees, planted by the water,

to blossom with righteous fruit in season.

Forgive and make us clean, O God,

and guide us as we follow your ways through Jesus our Lord.

Nigerian prayer based on Psalm 1

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Brokenness Aside

David Leonard

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-50 (23:1-18; 24:1-17) Dr. David Renwick and

Rev. Donna Marsh

SERMON

The Path to Success

Dr. David Renwick

"Life of King David" sermon series

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

CLOSING SONG offering received

In the Secret

Chris Tomlin

- CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Please silence all electronic devices.

Entering God's Presence

Prelude Largo G.F. Handel

from Xerxes William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

▲ Prayer of Adoration

▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 416 verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father,

laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

Confession of Sin in unison

Living Lord, you bless those who do not walk in wicked paths, or stand in sinful ways, but who delight in your law, and cherish it day and night.

Make us like trees, planted by the water,

to blossom with righteous fruit in season.

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and guide us as we follow your ways through Jesus our Lord.

Nigerian prayer based on Psalm 1

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

Dr. David Renwick

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

Welcome and Announcements

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-50 Rev. Donna Marsh and

The Word of the Lord. pew Bible pp. 227-228 Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Thanks be to God.

The Path to Success "Life of King David" sermon series 1 Samuel 23:1-18; 24:1-17

Responding to God's Grace and Call

CHORAL RESPONSE

When in the Night Psalm 16 of David

Shepherd's Pipes

When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied,

my grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.

Forever in my thought the Lord before my face shall stand;

Secure, unmoved I shall remain, with God at my right hand.

My inmost being thrills with joy and gladness fills my breast;

Because on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest. The path of life thou showest me; of joy a boundless store

Is ever found at your right hand, and pleasures evermore.

The Psalter, 1912

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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

Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

G.F. Handel

from the First Chandos Anthems, 1717 Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and lead me to thine end. In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful, and lead me to thine end.

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 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

- ▲ Benediction
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ
- ▲ Postlude Concerto No. 4 in F Major
 4. Allegro

G.F. Handel

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.

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.

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.*

PRAYFRS

Please pray for:

Virginia Barney Shelley Barr Betty Bennett Alfreda Bennett Mark Gourley Max Schestopol

Charles Simmons Carol Wiseman

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

Fall Schedule Begins September 11

9 A.M. Sanctuary Worship 10:50 a.m. Jones Hall Worship

11 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Pray Eat Love" Annual Picnic Sunday, September 4

Let's make a difference together!

- One worship service at 10:45 a.m. featuring exceptional music
- Hands-on service project for all ages: packing backpacks for refugee children in Lebanon with school supplies, blankets, toiletries, and other essentials
- Collection of devotional, educational. and children's books for local literacy classes in our community
- Buffet lunch, music, and games and activities for the kids
- Held rain or shine

You can help facilitate this event! Contact: Diane Stewart, snowmiss@cox.net.

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

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

Next Sunday: August 21

Os Guinness: "Fool's Talk"
Speaker and best-selling author, Dr.
Guinness will present key themes from his latest book, Fools Talk: Recovering the Art of Christian Persuasion. This, his magnum opus, was the 2016 Christianity Today Book of the Year in Apologetics/ Evangelism. Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase.

August 28

NPC Mission Trip Reports

Wholeness & Healing Service Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m., Chapel Chaplain Larry Greenslit will be our guest speaker, reflecting on his experiences of 9/11. All are welcome for a quiet time of worship, with an opportunity to pray for others as well as to receive prayer for needs of wholeness and healing in body, mind, or spirit. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it. Dr. Greenslit served for 27 years in the Navy Chaplain Corps and is currently the Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel.

Facilitate or Host a Small Group October 9–November 13

Help foster Christian community and spiritual growth as a small group facilitator or host! Training and materials will be provided for facilitators (no experience needed); all you need in order to host is a willingness to welcome the group in your home. Groups gather once a week for six weeks. To learn more, contact: groups@nationalpres.org.

Join the Livestream Team

Help to bring the Gospel live to others every Sunday morning as part of our video production team. No experience needed – training is provided! *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcNett@NationalPres.org or* 202.537.7576.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

August 14-21

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113 Judges 16:15-31 2 Corinthians 13:1-11 Mark 5:25-34

Monday

Psalms 135; 112 Judges 17:1-13 Acts 7:44-8:1a John 5:19-29

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86 Judges 18:1-15 Acts 8:1-13 John 5:30-47

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4 Judges 18:16-31 Acts 8:14-25 John 6:1-15

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27 Job 1:1-22 Acts 8:26-40 John 6:16-27

Friday

Psalms 130; 139 Job 2:1-13 Acts 9:1-9 John 6:27-40

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111 Job 3:1-26 Acts 9:10-19a John 6:41-51

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93 Job 4:1-6, 12-21 Revelation 4:1-11 Mark 6:1-6a

SAVE THESE DATES

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?

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, September 24, 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. 19*: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.

"American Ulysses" Evening with the Author Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m.

Dr. Ronald C. White, Presbyterian pastor and author of American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant, will present a reading of the book followed by audience interaction and signing. Dr. White has previously spoken at NPC, presenting his books on Abraham Lincoln.

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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