

October 23, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

The measure you give will be the measure you get.

Mark 4:24

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate	Dr. Nancy Fox
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (<i>Director</i>), William Neil (<i>Organist</i>) Hilda Gore (<i>Contemporary Music Leader</i>)
Ministry Directors	J. Theodore Anderson (<i>Library, Archives, & Older Adults</i>) Jill Meek (<i>Children</i>), Leslie Saum (<i>Connections</i>) John Turpin (<i>Serve</i>)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

The Refugee Family Project

The NPC session has approved The Refugee Family Project, in which we will welcome and support one refugee family from Iraq or Syria in their first year in the United States. *See insert for details.*

Moldova Prayer

12:30 p.m., Church Room 107

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg who was born on October 21 and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg who joined him in heaven on October 21.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for his blessings on Don and Marcia Bini as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

New Member Connections

Join in welcoming our newest members into the NPC church family at a reception in Stone Hall after worship!

NPC welcomes the following new members:

- Gin Bell, *Washington, DC*
- Doug Biernacki, *Germantown, MD*
- Sherrie Biernacki, *Germantown, MD*
- Jace Han, *Arlington, VA*
- Goddess Hill, *Takoma Park, MD*
- Malik Hill, *Takoma Park, MD*
- Derek Hoffmann, *Alexandria, VA*
- Tamara Shaya Hoffmann, *Alexandria, VA*
- Doreen Kposowa, *Silver Spring, MD*
- Grace Moe, *Washington, DC*
- Carrie Murphy, *University Park, MD*
- Alan Swendiman, *Alexandria, VA*
- Kathy Swendiman, *Alexandria, VA*
- Jennifer Thornton, *Silver Spring, MD*
- Patricia Wingfield, *Falls Church, VA*
- Robert Wingfield, *Falls Church, VA*

Interested in church membership at National? *Contact: Kemet Rakiatu:*

KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- The History of the Church in the Middle Ages, *Church Bldg Room 110/III*
- Abiding in Jesus, *Church Bldg Rm 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class, *Admin Bldg Culbertson Library*
- I & II Samuel, *Agencies Bldg Room 105*
- Wrestlers, *Agencies Bldg Lower Level*
- Today's topic: "Science and Faith: Cosmic 'Coincidences' that Shape the Universe" Dr. David Siegrist
- Parents' Gathering
10–10:30 a.m., Chapel (this week only)

Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- Middle School (8th grade)
Agencies Bldg. Room 101
- High School (9th–12th grade)
Youth House

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade at the National Presbyterian School building.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., School Bldg

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 10:20–10:50 a.m. Church Bldg, Rm 5

October Food Donations:

Canned Tuna

Please bring donations of **canned tuna** for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table.

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

Send postcards to NPC members and friends who are in need of cheer and encouragement. *Supplies are available each Sunday in Stone Hall.*

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Antiphon

Marcel Dupré

William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 375

Lord of All Good

Toulon

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, we praise you, for you have created us in your image, and have given us hands and mouths and eyes, even our very lives. *You ask for our hands*, that we might use them for your purpose, but we give them for a moment, and withdraw them when the work is hard. *You ask for our mouths* to speak against injustice, but we give you a whisper, in fear of being accused. *You ask for our eyes* to see the pain of poverty, but we close them when we do not want to see. *You ask for our lives*, that you might work through us, but we give you only small parts of ourselves. Lord, forgive us for serving only when it is convenient, safe, and familiar. Prepare us to be those who give our lives to you and others, as ambassadors of the cross.

Prayer from South Africa (adapted)

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 *see p. 5*

Gloria Patri

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed *see p. 6*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Craig Courtney

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice and let me sing always only for my King. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Michael Denham, Eileen Doty, and Joanna Jones

▲ DOXOLOGY *see p. 6*

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *see p. 6*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children (grades K–5) may leave now for Sunday School. Leaders will escort children to the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:21-25; 10:17-22; 12:41-44

Rev. Marsh and Rev. Taylor

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gracious and Generous

Dr. David Renwick

"What Jesus Said" sermon series

2 Corinthians 8:1-4,9; Acts 2:43-47

WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

▲ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Final (Symphony No. 1)

Louis Vierne

Jones Hall (School Gym)

▲ WELCOME SONGS	Cornerstone	Reuben Morgan
	Touch the Sky	Dylan Thomas

Dr. Quinn Fox

Hilda Gore

Keith and Kristen Getty

O Lord, *you ask for our hands*, that we might use them for your purpose, but we give them for a moment, and withdraw them when the work is hard. *You ask for our mouths* to speak against injustice, but we give you a whisper, in fear of being accused. *You ask for our eyes* to see the pain of poverty, but we close them when we do not want to see. *You ask for our lives*, that you might work through us, but we give you only small parts of ourselves. Lord, forgive us for serving only when it is convenient, safe, or familiar. Prepare us to be those who give our lives to you and others, as ambassadors of the cross.

Prayer from South Africa (adapted)

Lauren Daigle

Dr. Quinn Fox

Dr. David Renwick

2 Corinthians 8:1-4,9; Acts 2:43-47

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.

Jeremy Riddle

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Toulon

Lord, you alone are generous and good; in grace and mercy e'er you freely give.

Teach us the truth so oft misunderstood: Gifts in like measure giv'n shall we receive.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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but we give them for a moment, and withdraw them when the work is hard.

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▲ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Unison Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 391

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Hendon

Verse 1 *Choir* Verses 5 & 6 *Congregation*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
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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

An Offering

Dan Forrest

O Christ, who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld, but poured forth your redeeming blood in love unparalleled, what would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross? Why should I cling to gifts you give? Why grasp in fear or pride what you who gave yourself for me now bid me lay aside? To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice, a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price. Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost, teach me that nothing offered you is ever truly lost. A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of your face, my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of your grace.

Eileen Berry

▲ 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.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 339

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Slane

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

"The Great Experiment" Book Group

Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a weekly discussion featuring readings from *The Great Experiment: Faith and Freedom in America*, by Dr. Os Guinness. Please read Part 2 for our Oct. 27 meeting.

Fall Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 30, 10:30–10:55 a.m., Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend the congregational meeting to receive and vote on a report from Congregational Nominating Committee. There will also be a time of corporate prayer for our nation. *Nominated officer bios are available today at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary.*

New Military Ministry

Sunday, Nov. 6, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Are you current or former military, a military family member, DOD civilian employee, military contractor, or just interested in issues affecting the military? Mark your calendar now for the inaugural meeting of our new Military Ministry. A light lunch will be available. *Contact: Dick Pera 202.364.0405 or Glenn Schmitt 703.924.9246.*

National Presbyterian School Applications

Applications due Nov. 21

NPC family's applications receive special consideration for Nursery (Age 3) through Sixth Grade. NPC applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-K are due November 21; Kindergarten and older are due January 13. *More information at www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.*

Help Out on a Sunday Morning

You can help our congregation welcome, worship, and know each other better – in just a few minutes once a month!

- **Greet** before worship
- **Help gather** Friendship Pad sheets after the 11 a.m. service
- **Welcome guests** as a "Connections Ambassador"

Contact: Leslie Saum, 202.537.7494 or LSaum@NationalPres.org.

- **Play an instrument or sing** with the contemporary service (10:50 a.m.) band. *Contact: Hilda Gore, 202.537.7483 or HGore@nationalpres.org.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Nov. 5, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by former NPC Youth Director Paul Lauerma on "God's View of You." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Sat., Nov. 5, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m., Stone Hall

All women are invited for lunch, and time with one another. NPC's African Mission Team will present "Celebration in Africa" at 1 p.m. *Contact Jo Schoolfield, to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Handel's "Messiah" Rehearsals Begin Soon

Saturdays: Nov. 12, Nov. 19 & Dec. 3, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Be a part of this exciting performance on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m., open to all interested singers. Register at the first rehearsal in the Choir Room on Nov. 12. Final rehearsals in the sanctuary will be Friday, Dec. 9 (7–10 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 10 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.). *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7553.*

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups are offered for all ages for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to serve as Christ's light in the world, serving and caring for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Childcare | Available 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
Children are always welcome in worship!

Prayers after worship | A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers, and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Shelley Barr	Max Schestopol
Richard Daniels	Irene Stadick
Deborah Hampton	Abbie Weber (NPC Staff)
Bob Rosenberry	

We mourn the death of:

Jim Rogers. The funeral will be held October 23 at 2 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

October 23 –30

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Jonah 1:1-17a
1 Corinthians 10:15-24
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
Jonah 3:1-4:11
Revelation 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
Nahum 1:1-14
Revelation 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
Nahum 1:15-2:12
Revelation 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
Nahum 2:13-3:7
Revelation 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
Nahum 3:8-19
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday

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



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Introducing

The Refugee Family Project

AN NPC MISSION INITIATIVE

Every day, the news is filled with images of refugees fleeing war in Syria and Iraq, with renewed conflict in Mosul just this week. Our hearts break for them, especially the children, and we wonder what we can really do.

In 2017, we are going to do something very personal. The NPC Session has approved the Refugee Family Project, in which we will welcome and support one family from Iraq or Syria, previously approved as refugees by our government, in their first year in the United States. This will be a partnership with Lutheran Social Services (LSS), which works with churches to welcome our new neighbors.

The US government determines how many refugees it will accept, puts them through a careful security screening process, and chooses who will come to the US. Agencies like Lutheran Social Services are contracted to provide case management and services for those who are selected, and to link them with Christian churches.

We will help to locate housing for the family and prepare an apartment, welcome them at the airport, help to enroll their children in school, help them to learn English and settle into the community, help them to find work, and provide transportation while they are learning to access public transportation. We will be their friends and a key part of their support system as they build a new life.

We will not be in this alone! In addition to working with LSS, we will be following in the footsteps of other peer churches, including

Chevy Chase Presbyterian, Immanuel Presbyterian in McLean, and Falls Church Anglican.

Our proposed mission budget for 2017 includes a \$20,000 line item for this project. Our funds are paired with resources provided by Lutheran Social Services, the US government, and the family themselves as they begin to earn income. After one year, the family is expected to be financially self-supporting. That's a tall order, but also a mandate of this program—and the refugee families want to become independent!

There are some things we can specify and know in advance about the family that God is preparing for us. We will request a family of up to 5 people from Syria or Iraq. There are also some things we won't know until shortly before they arrive. They may have had professional careers before they had to flee, or they may have little education. They may be Muslim or Christian. *In any scenario, we will have an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate God's love and grace, show what it means to be the body of Christ, and invite a family seeking refuge into our lives, our church, and our hearts.*

Please pray for the family that God will bring to us, as you pray for all those who are refugees. We will also need many volunteers to help with driving, tutoring, Arabic translation, job placement, and more. *If you feel called to help in some way, please contact John Turpin, Director of Serve Ministries, jturpin@nationalpres.org. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Pastor Donna Marsh, dmarsh@nationalpres.org.*



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