

March 16, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

A MINISTRY OF GRACE, PASSIONATE ABOUT
CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*This is my chosen son.
Listen to him.*

Luke 9:35

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11
selected

Gabriel Fauré

O Clap Your Hands
The Last Words of David
Pilgrims' Hymn
I Can Tell the World

John Rutter
Randall Thompson
Stephen Paulus
Moses Hogan

Maryville College Concert Choir
Maryville, Tennessee
Stacey Murphy Wilner, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 489

Open Now the Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE *please be seated* Seek Ye First

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Joyful Noisemakers Children's Choir
Mandy Brown, Director
Joanna Jones, piano

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God,

although your Son longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess we have been wayward children.

We have disobeyed your commands;

our ears have been deaf to your call, and to the needs of our neighbors;
our hearts have been cold to your faithful care.

In thought, word, and deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

In your great mercy forgive us, and receive us yet again as your beloved children;
not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus Christ,
who loves us and gave himself for us.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung by choir, and then by congregation*

Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Responsive Reading

Third Graders

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Indeed the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow.

It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I find delight in your commandments, because I love them.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

Excerpted from 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 119, 19, and 9 and Isaiah 40

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders 11 a.m. *Third Grade Milestone in Worship Education*

Presented by Jerry and Mildred Wheat, and Third Grade Teaching Team

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. *to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building. (grades K-5)*

11 a.m. *to go to the Worship for Life program in Church Room 106, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader in the transept on the right. (grades K-2)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 842-843 9:15 a.m. Elder Mary Beth Nethercutt

Thanks be to God.

11 a.m. Deacon Bill Morton

Stephen Ministers

SERMON

Lent: A Season of Caring

Dr. David Renwick

Caring Enough...to Listen

Job 2:11-13

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Servant Song

Choir

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let me be your servant, too.

Congregation

When you're troubled I will listen, to your heartache give an ear;
for the perfect love of Jesus casts out all our cares and fear.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let me be your servant, too.

Richard Gillard

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

	Listen to the Lambs	R. Nathaniel Dett Spiritual
Listen to the lambs! All a-crying! He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and carry the young lambs in his bosom.		
Listen to the lambs! All a-crying!		with Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 521	Here I Am, Lord	<i>Here I Am</i>
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▲ BENEDCTION

CHORAL RESPONSE	We Are Not Alone	Pepper Choplin
We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us. Now through all our days, always, forever and ever, we are never alone. And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always, forever and ever, we are never alone.		

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE	Toccata	Wayne L. Wold
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▲ Congregation standing, as able	Matthew Daley, guest organist
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This morning we welcome the Maryville College Concert Choir on tour from Maryville, TN. This auditioned ensemble is composed of students from Maryville College, the 12th oldest institution of higher learning in the South. Maryville maintains an affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to God's glory and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins.

The flowers at the entrance to the Chapel of the Presidents are dedicated to the glory of God in grateful appreciation for all who have served as Stephen Ministers at NPC.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or a home-bound congregant? Take along a bud vase 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. *To make a confidential prayer request, visit: www.NationalPres.org/prayer*

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available 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 the Director of Library and Archives for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

TODAY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

NEW LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:30–10:30 a.m., Church Room 5

Join us during Lent for “Looking at the Cross,” facilitated by Mildred Wheat, focusing on Bible study, discussion, and meditation.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

YOUTH GROUP & PARENTS’ FELLOWSHIP

Sundays, 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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE:

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Today in worship we welcome our Third Graders who are leading in worship and receiving their Bibles, on behalf of Older Adult Ministries.

Isabel Afnan
Price Burton
Dorothea Clark
Ella Davis
Alyssa DeSarbo
Drew Detlor
Zachary Durick
Chuks Eleonu
Aniah Gagliano
Eleanor Goodin
Darby LeFaivre
Dashiell May
Davis Moore

Chip Nordlinger
Charlotte Norment
Claire Perry
Abigail Rakow
Alexis Roades
Denton Ryan
Emmanuel Tamen
Duncan Taylor
Gordon Taylor
Owen Toner
Laughton Wingate
Nathan Yu

EUROPE MISSIONS TEAM SEMINAR

12:30–2 p.m. Agencies 105

“EU and the East: Three Countries – Three Responses.” Hear about key issues in Moldova, Ukraine, and Armenia as those countries have answered the EU’s offer for participation.

GIVING THANKS FOR PEG CANTWELL

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

A brief time for friends to gather in remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Peggy Cantwell, former associate pastor at NPC, who passed away on March 1.

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

“Across the Aisle” group for young adults (ages 22–35) gathers weekly for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

MID-CAREER FELLOWSHIP

12:30 p.m., Church Room 105

Connect with fellow professionals for lunch and conversation after worship weekly. *Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org.*

SIGN UP TODAY

Adult Fellowship Luncheon, see pg. 6

LENT

A SEASON OF CARING



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one emotional and spiritual support to members and friends of the congregation experiencing difficulty in their lives.

A Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting with that person once a week for about an hour.

*Contact: Stephen Ministry Coordinator
Glenn Schmitt, GRSchmitt@msn.com*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Chapel

A time for refreshment in busy lives! One hour of music, prayer, Communion, and preaching, focusing on the work of God's Holy Spirit in our lives and community.

MARCH 19 Rev. Donna Marsh
Fruit of the Spirit...Peace and Patience

MARCH 26 Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Fruit of the Spirit...Kindness and Generosity

APRIL 2 Dr. David Renwick
Fruit of the Spirit...Faithfulness and Gentleness

APRIL 9 Dr. David Renwick
Fruit of the Spirit...Self-Control

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Monday, March 17, Noon, Stone Hall

Adults are invited for a special luncheon and program – “Let Your Voice Be Heard: The Future at National.” The Strategic Planning Committee will join us to hear your ideas about what you'd like to see happen here at the church that will build our future. This is a great opportunity to learn about new plans and ideas that you can help shape! *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800 to make a reservation.*
Cost: \$10

UNIVERSITY STUDENT LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, March 23, Noon, Elson Parlor

Come and enjoy a home-cooked meal next Sunday in the Parlor (just down the hall from the sanctuary). No need to R.S.V.P.; just drop in after the 11 a.m. service. Hope to see you there!

SIGN UP TO SING IN “MESSIAH” *Rehearsals begin March 22,* *10 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Add your voice to The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra's presentation of “Bethlehem to Jerusalem: Our Savior and the Way of Salvation” in Handel's *Messiah* at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. Rehearsals begin soon! Reserve your place in the Festival Choir now by calling 202.537.7553.

Preliminary Rehearsals

Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, Apr. 11, with piano, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 12, with orchestra, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

“DRESS FOR SUCCESS” CLOTHING DRIVE

Through Saturday, May 17

Business & Professional Women's Guild joyfully sponsors a business clothing drive as part of NPC's Great Day of Service on May 17. Please look in your closets for items to contribute: gently-worn or new women's business clothing, shoes and accessories suitable for spring or summer. *Donations are being accepted now through May 17 in the bins outside of Stone Hall.* Your practical help will make a positive impact for others!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Irma Hahn

Lee Mace

Memorial Services:

Valerie Ward Tompkins on Saturday,
March 22 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel

Doris & Duke Botsford on Monday,
March 24 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

To make a confidential prayer request, visit:
www.NationalPres.org/prayer

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

NPC members brought in more than 3 tons of food for mission partner Martha's Table in 2013. This good work continues with our collecting specific items each month. Please bring:

- **March:** small cans of tuna
- **April:** 1 pound bags of brown or white rice

WOMEN'S RETREAT: REGISTER TODAY!

*Apr. 4–6, Turf Valley Resort
Ellicott City, MD*

Need some rest? Treat yourself to a weekend with Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor, Parish Associate Nancy Fox, along with Currie Renwick and Hilda Gore. Together we will explore practical ways in which we can live full, uncluttered and restful lives in the midst of the fray. *To register (if space available), or to add your name to the wait list, please call Betsy Ross at 202.302.4299.*

THE GREAT DAY IS COMING...

NPC's Great Day of Service will be on Saturday, May 17th. Mark your calendars!!
Contact: Sally Steele, SSteele@nationalpres.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our programs and ministries flourish with your participation! Volunteers are needed for both up front tasks and quiet, behind-the-scenes tasks.

Have time during the week? Receptionist volunteers are needed during the week and on Sunday mornings. *Contact: Shirley Best, SBest@NationalPres.org or 202.537.0800.*

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*

SESSION REPORT

At its February Meeting:

Session renewed the Stated Supply one year contracts of Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor.

Session received reports on:

- Stewardship Campaign exceeding goal for commitment cards (441), but not total dollars committed;
- the FY2013 financial shortfall of \$96,500;
- status of NPS construction and financing

FORMER MEMBER INSTALLED AS PASTOR

Former member The Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway was installed as pastor of the Church of the Roses in Santa Rosa, CA on March 2. Cindy and her husband Ken Culver started NPC mission partner Foundation for Peace, and also helped to start the Christmas mission gift market while they were at NPC. Pray for Cindy in her new calling.

A HEART FOR STUDENTS

Paul Lauerma, NPC's former Director of Youth Ministries, has accepted an exciting new ministry challenge with Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) at Duke University. Please pray for Paul as he shares Christ's love with students. *Charitable contributions in support of Paul's ministry may be made online at <https://give.cru.org/0764635>.*

SPECIAL BOOKS FOR LENT *Satellite Library*

Come before or after worship to the Satellite Library outside of Stone Hall for a special display of books on the Lenten season. A staff member will be there and can help you make a selection from the variety of resources which are available.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

March 16 - 23

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Genesis 41:14-45

Romans 6:3-14

John 5:19-24

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6

Genesis 41:46-57

1 Corinthians 4:8-21

Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91

Genesis 42:1-17

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51

Genesis 42:18-28

1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11

Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102

Genesis 42:29-38

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Mark 4:21-34

Friday

Psalms 22; 130

Genesis 43:1-15

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Mark 4:35-41

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143

Genesis 43:16-34

1 Corinthians 7:10-24

Mark 5:1-20

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32

Genesis 44:1-17

Romans 8:1-10

John 5:25-29

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday School Classes 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- Financial Peace University *special time: 9:15–10:45 a.m.*
- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities
- Wrestlers: Engaging in Contemporary Issues
- A Biblical Exploration of the Heart of God
- The Book of Genesis: God's Creative Call
- Jeremiah: Learning to Live Life to the Fullest
- The Progressive Century
- Looking at the Cross

Church Room 105
School Room 236
Agencies Lower Level
Agencies 101
Agencies 105
Elson Parlor
Church Room 110/111
Church Room 5

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- Mid-Career Fellowship (ages 30s & 40s) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.**
- Youth Parents Fellowship **Sundays 6–7:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.**
- Afternoon T.E.A. **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.**
- "Real Moms" **Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – Noon**
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays 7–9 p.m.**
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays 9:30 – 11 a.m.**
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.**
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, 11:45 a.m.**

Church Room 110/111
Church Room 105
Jones Hall/School Gym
Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111
Elson Parlor
Church Room 5
Agencies Room 105
Church Room 105
Satellite Library
Stone Hall
Stone Hall

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool

Parents drop off children just before 9:15 worship or just before your 9:30 class and pick up children in their classrooms:

2-year olds School Room 100 3-year olds School Room 106
4-year olds School Room 108

Elementary

Children meet in the school gym by 9:30 a.m. to head to classrooms, or come straight from 9:15 a.m. worship, after the Time for Children. Pick up children in the school gym under their color coded sign.

Kindergarten Red 1st Grade Orange 2nd Grade Yellow
3rd Grade Green 4th & 5th Grade Blue

Worship for Life 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program and return after the sermon.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday School Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
- Middle School (8th grade)
- High School (9th – 12th grade)

MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101
Agencies 102
Youth House

Youth Group Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.**
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.**
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Youth House
Youth House
Multi Purpose Room
Youth House

CHILDCARE 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs.

Church Room 16
Church Room 7

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.**
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays 10:25 – 11 a.m.**
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 8 – 9:15 p.m.**

Choir Room
Church Room 110/111
Jones Hall/School Gym
MP Bldg.; Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111

BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Satellite Library (Sundays)
- Moehrle Bookstore

Admin. Bldg., Second Floor
Adjacent to Stone Hall
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BODY & SOUL EXERCISE CLASS Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Jones Hall/School Gym

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