

April 13, 2014

# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PALM SUNDAY

*Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey*

Zechariah 9:9

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

Prelude in E flat Major BWV 552

J.S. Bach

Erik Suter, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

*One* Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Isaiah 9:6

**All Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

*One* Lo, your king comes to you;

**All Triumphant and victorious is he; humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

***Children and Chancel Choir in procession:***

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let the praises ring!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let them ring!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna to the King!

▲ ***Congregation standing, singing as directed***

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang,

Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,

Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,

For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,

And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL ADORATION

A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*Children in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade may meet their Sunday School leader in the Court of Flags:*

9:15 a.m. *to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.*

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.*

*Choir*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribe hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

*Congregation*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God; your Son our savior entered Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed messiah and king. Many spread garments and branches along his way, but they did not know that this path would lead to Calvary. As we also raise branches of palms and sing "Hosanna," help us remember that the one who came in the name of the Lord, came for our redemption and restoration. Forgive our sins and cleanse us. Show us ever more clearly how to follow Christ Jesus all the way to the cross.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Truro*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

John 12:12-19

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

9:15 a.m. Elder Faith Burton  
11 a.m. Elder Bruce Boyd

SERMON

Caring Enough  
Romans 5:6-11; John 13:1-20

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN

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 you be my servant, too.

*Congregation*

We are pilgrims on a journey all together on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Richard Gillard

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
who alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition.

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain  
giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his human life, breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to eternal life.

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS      Sanctus

Charles Gounod  
from *Messe Solennelle*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis! Amen.  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.*

with Kellie Motter, soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 88      All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hosanna in excelsis! Amen.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE      Fugue in E flat Major BWV 552

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lynda Nersesian Gordon by her loving children, George and Louise Gordon, and her mother Elsie Nazarian remembering her April 11th birthday.

**The flowers at the entrance of Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God in memory of Minnie O. Schwanhausser, beloved grandmother whose birthday is on April 13, and Arthur L. Merrill, dear grandfather whose birthday is on April 14, by Diana Schwanhausser.

**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.

# TODAY

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Join with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Your generous gifts to this special offering help provide relief to those affected by *natural disasters*, provide *food to the hungry*, and help to *empower the poor and oppressed*. Special envelopes will be in the pews **today** for cash or checks. *Please make checks to NPC with OGHs in the memo line.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN 9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH *During 11 a.m. worship*

Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship and are escorted to Church Room 106 after the Time for Children moment, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader.

### YOUTH GROUP

5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **NPC Youth dinner (parents welcome!):**  
5:45–6:45 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
6:30–7:30 p.m., Youth House

## 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 for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

## PALM SUNDAY “MESSIAH” CONCERT 5 p.m.

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra present Handel's *Messiah*: “Bethlehem to Jerusalem – Our Savior and the Way of Salvation.” No tickets required; a freewill offering will be accepted. *Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) is available by RSVP only: Childcare@NationalPres.org.*

## SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING *After 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship, Stone Hall*

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless. In just 20 minutes, you can help make the 700 sandwiches that we prepare each month for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted to help offset project costs.*

## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Be a part of creating this year's Easter Garden celebrating God's healing and care. Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. *Donations may be made by check, payable to “NPC Flower Fund” with “Easter” on the memo line.*

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT LUNCH 12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Come hungry and enjoy a home-cooked lunch after the 11 a.m. service.

## 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.*

*Invite a friend to NPC!*

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## **ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**

*Monday, April 21, Noon, Stone Hall*

"Let Your Voice Be Heard: The Future at National" All adults are invited to enjoy a catered luncheon and hear a presentation by NPC's Strategic Planning Committee. There will be an opportunity to give input; we want to hear from you! *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.527.0800 to make a reservation. Cost: \$10.*

## **WRESTLERS CLASS: AFRICA SERIES**

*Sundays, April 13 – May 11*

*9:15–10:45 a.m. Agencies Lower Level*

Come by any Sunday for special Africa focused presentations in our Wrestler's class. On April 27, Ambassador Steve D. Matenje from the U.S. Embassy of the Republic of Malawi will speak on Malawi challenges and perspectives. *There will be no class on Easter.*

## **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

*Sunday, April 27*

Help us reach out to our college students who are coming up on final exams. Homemade cookies will let them know they're loved and prayed for! Please bake 2-dozen cookies and **bring them by the University Ministry table in the narthex on Sunday, April 27.**

## **THURSDAY EVENING BOOK**

**DISCUSSION: *BAD RELIGION***

*April 24–June 12, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion of the book, *Bad Religion* by New York Times columnist Ross Douthat. Join us for 90 minutes of group interaction as we consider how American Christianity has lost its way.

## **STRETEGIC PLANNING SURVEY**

*April 27–May 11*

Keep an eye out for an upcoming survey from the Strategic Planning team! If you are a **member** of National or **attend regularly**, your responses are vital to shaping the future of our church.

## **AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS**

*Monday, April 28, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.  
Church Room 5*

Designed especially for drivers age 50+, this four-hour AARP Driver Safety Class teaches important skills for operating vehicles safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or contact Deacon June Dickinson at 301.365.0630. Cost: \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members.*

## **SPRING INTO MEMBERSHIP**

*Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.*

Becoming a member here at National gives a jump start to new growth in your spiritual journey on the Pathway of Discipleship. Please come and enjoy the next one-day Pathway Membership class. Information can be found in brochures at the information desk, and on our website. *Please register by April 23; Contact: Kemet Rakiatu, KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*Sunday, May 4, 12:15 a.m., Stone Hall*

All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the congregation. Light refreshments will be served. Annual Reports will be available beginning April 27.

## **SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS**

This month we are collecting **1 pound bags of brown or white rice** for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please pray for:*  
Carl Frandsen

*To make a confidential prayer request, visit:  
[www.NationalPres.org/prayer](http://www.NationalPres.org/prayer)*

## REMEMBER OUR PRAYER STONES?

The Season of Caring has been a rewarding time of sharing and newfound support at NPC. Over 500 prayer stones were created, and every one of them is being prayed for by another congregation member or church leader.

In addition, over 100 flowering plants and handmade cards were prepared for delivery to friends and neighbors in need of encouragement. Thank you for caring for one another!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

*Saturday May 17*

NPC's all new, all-church day of service and witness is coming! Choose one of many meaningful and fun service projects available at NPC and around the metro area. There is something for the whole family! *Register at [NationalPres.org/GreatDayofService](http://NationalPres.org/GreatDayofService) Questions? [SSteele@NationalPres.org](mailto:SSteele@NationalPres.org).*

- Pack meals for **Stop Hunger Now**.
- Garden at the **Capital Area Food Bank's** Urban Demonstration Garden.
- Build a home with **Habitat for Humanity**.
- Donate and sort clothes and housewares to **Dress for Success** and the **Salvation Army**.
- Serve lunch to and spend time connecting with the homeless men at **Central Union Mission**.
- And more!

*Free childcare is available at NPC for kids under 5; register when you sign up for your service project. Everyone age 5 and up can serve!*

## SAVE THE DATE:

*Fall Conference*

**Saturday, October 18**

NPC's Third Annual Fall Conference will feature New York Times columnist, David Brooks, and Executive Editor of *Christianity Today*, Andy Crouch.

*Men's Retreat*

**Friday, October 3 – Saturday, October 4**

Lee Corder, Senior Vice President for Young Life International Division, will be the guest speaker at this year's Men's Retreat at the Bolger Center in Potomac, MD.

*come celebrate*

# EASTER

## HOLY WEEK

**April 17**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7 P.M.**

*The Meaning of a Meal*

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

*Communion will be served.*

**April 18**

**GOOD FRIDAY, 7 P.M.**

*The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Dr. Quinn Fox

## EASTER SUNDAY

**APRIL 20**

**8:30, 10, 11:30 A.M.**

**Identical services in the Sanctuary**

*A Sight for Sore Eyes*

Dr. David Renwick

*Last year just over 1,000 people were in attendance at the 10 a.m. service. You'll be less crowded and have a better seat if you come at 8:30 or 11:30! (Note: No classes or groups will meet on Easter.)*

**10 A.M.**

**Family Celebration in Jones Hall**

Enjoy a family friendly celebration with Easter hymns and praise songs and a message from Dr. Fox. Children help lead through participation in choirs and an Easter drama. An egg hunt on the playground follows the Celebration.

*Invite a friend!*

# CLASSES AND GROUPS

No classes on Easter (April 20); classes resume April 27

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

April 13 - 20

### Sunday

Psalms 84; 32  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
1 Timothy 6:12-16  
Zechariah 12:9-11,  
13:1, 7-9

### Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6  
Lamentations 1:1-12  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Mark 11:12-25

### Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91  
Lamentations 1:17-22  
2 Corinthians 1:8-22  
Mark 11:27-33

### Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51  
Lamentations 2:1-9  
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11  
Mark 12:1-11

### Thursday

Psalms 27; 102  
Lamentations 2:10-18  
1 Corinthians 10:14-17  
Mark 14:12-25

### Friday

Psalms 22; 130  
Lamentations 3:1-33  
1 Peter 1:10-20  
John 13:36-38

### Saturday

Psalms 43; 143  
Lamentations 3:37-58  
Hebrews 4:1-16  
Romans 8:1-11

### Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Exodus 12:1-14  
John 1:1-18  
Isaiah 51:9-11

## 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 *last class Sunday, April 27*

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; resumes April 27**
- The Circle Family Group **Resumes May 18, 4:30–6 p.m.**
- Youth Parents Fellowship **Sundays, 6–7:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday Women **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.**
- Afternoon T.E.A. **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 11:45 a.m.**

Church Room 110/111  
Elson Parlor  
Jones Hall/School Gym  
Multipurpose Room  
Church Room 110/111  
Elson Parlor  
Church Room 5  
Stone Hall  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Orange 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Yellow  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Green 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101  
Agencies 102  
Youth House

### Youth Group Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

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

Youth House  
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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 in Lent, 8 – 10 p.m.**
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
- Children's Choir (K–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.**
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> 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  
Chapel

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

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

Admin. Bldg., Second Floor  
Adjacent to Stone Hall  
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