

July 27, 2014

THE
NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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

*Now the Lord said to Abraham,
"Go from your country and your kindred
and your father's house
to the land that I will show you."*

Genesis 12:1

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*

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism Matthew Christopher Bailey

son of Elizabeth Livingston Bailey and Christopher Robert Bailey

Kiley Brielle Zilai

daughter of Lauren Lawson-Zilai and Justin Zilai

Genevieve Katya Zumbar

daughter of Hannah Martysz Zumbar and Matthew Scott Zumbar

Prayer of Response

Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship then are escorted to Church Room 106.

Parents pick up their children in Room 106 following the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:8-10

Robert Betz

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 977

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Abraham: The Call to Go

Dr. David Renwick

Genesis 12:1-9

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Verse 1 Choir Verse 3 Congregation

▲ 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, nought be all else to me save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou, and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

Ancient Irish text and tune
with Holly Avesian, harp

▲ 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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Shepherd's Pipes

O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,
Who through this weary pilgrimage hast all thy servants led,
O spread thy covering wings around till all our wand'rings cease,
And at our God's beloved abode our souls arrive in peace.

Philip Doddridge

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Concertato on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Marjorie Williams Wright in loving memory of Walter L. Wright, III (Tony) remembering their July 27 anniversary.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Marietta B. Stevenson on her passing, by her children, John R. Stevenson, IV, Ann (Stevenson) Kellerhals, and Harold D. Stevenson and their families.

The flowers at the baptismal font by the Porte-cochère are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Genevieve Katya Zumbar and in memory of her maternal grandfather, Leon Martysz, Jr. by her grandparents Fred A. and Priscilla C. Meyer.

The flowers in the Chapel of the Presidents are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sterling Newell in celebration of his July 25 birthday by his children, Gary and Russell Newell and Donna Newell McCormick.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? 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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLENARY *9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

*The Lord of the Conscience
and the Public Square*
Donna Marsh

Amidst recent controversy over commencement speakers, many are raising questions about freedom of speech, dissent, and dialogue. These issues are part of the life of the Church, too, because according to the historic Presbyterian principle, “God alone is Lord of the conscience.”

Next Sunday: “Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014?” Bill Robinson, Interim President of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays, Multi-Purpose Room* *9:30 a.m.*

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.* *Church Room 8 & 105*

- Ages 3 & 4 – Church Room 8
- Rising K-5th grade – Church Room 105

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *Sundays, 10:45 a.m.,* *Church Room 10*

- Ages 3 & 4 go to Church Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.
- After the Time for Children, rising K-2nd Graders leave worship for program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.

GRIEFSHARE RESUMES NEXT WEEK *Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m.* *Administration Building Room 108*

There will be no GriefShare meeting this Sunday; the weekly support gatherings will resume on August 3.

SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: MOLDOVA *12 p.m., Parlor*

Come hear how NPC is serving the Church in Moldova! In an uncertain era for this former Communist country, bold Christian leaders, pastors, and church workers are creating powerful opportunities to build strong families. They work to place orphaned children in loving faith-based homes and raise up a new generation of leaders through programs at the highly successful Christian university, Divitia Gratiae University.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOLLOW-UP *12 p.m., Church Room 5*

If you have questions about recent actions of the General Assembly, Dr. Renwick will be available for conversation after worship. Visit nationalpres.org/lectures for an audio recording and handout from the General Assembly debriefing with David Renwick, Quinn Fox, and John Huffman.

SUMMER SANDWICH MAKING *After 10:45 a.m. worship, Stone Hall*

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during the summer when the need for sandwiches increases. In just 20 minutes you can help make 800 sandwiches we will provide each month for mission partner, Martha’s Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted by mail or at the event to help offset project costs.*

SAY CHEESE!

Sundays beginning today, Stone Hall
Your NPC family wants to help us all know one another. All are invited to come by the Connections Photo Booth before or after worship and have your picture taken and enjoy free donuts and lemonade. NPC is compiling an updated church directory and we want to include everyone.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES *Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

August 3, Bill Robinson
Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014?

August 10, R.V. Seep
But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition

August 17, RADM Margaret Kibben
Military Chaplains: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths

August 24, Evangeline Taylor
Healing the 7 Deadly Sins

August 31, Trip Reports
Join us for reports of the June Holy Land pilgrimage and our youth mission trips to Belize and West Virginia.
9:30 a.m. – Holy Land
11:45 a.m. – Youth Mission Trips
Light luncheon fare will be provided at 11:45

SUMMER UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP *Thursdays through August 14* **6:30 p.m., Youth House**

College students and recent grads gather weekly to discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*—about developing deep Christian community. Please join us and invite a friend! *Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org.*

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

In July we are collecting 1 lb. 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. ***In August, we will be collecting boxes of unsweetened cereal.***

MEN'S BREAKFAST *Saturday, August 2, 8–9:30 a.m.* **Stone Hall**

Join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. Mitch Gore will challenge us to consider "What on Earth is a Holy Bucket List?" *Reserve your place: contact Holly Novak at 202.537.7527 or Men@NationalPres.org.*

SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH *Sundays, Noon, Parlor*

NPC members and missionaries bring news of the vitality of Christ's church in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa. Light refreshments will be served.

August 3, Angela Bednarczyk

Through NPC's support, Angela works with Senegalese teachers to open new horizons for deaf children.

August 17, Stuart & Cathie Showalter
Equipping Kaansa speakers in Burkina Faso through Scripture translation.

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

August 3 or 10, 12 p.m.
Culbertson Library (Admin. Building)
Nearby American University has hundreds of international students, from over 130 countries. Would you be willing to befriend one of these students—sharing an occasional meal, outing or other activity with them, as part of their exposure to American culture? Come to an informational meeting to learn more about this outreach opportunity, called "American Friends." *Contact: Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org.*

STAFF MEET AND GREET *Sunday, August 24, 11:45 p.m., Stone Hall*

Join us for a reception with our NPC full- and part-time staff. Get to know the staff and enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation.

SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays, 10 a.m., Choir Room

“Let us lift our hearts and voices and together worship God!” If this call to worship stirs you to action, we want YOU in the Summer Choir. No Wednesday rehearsals, just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service. Come as often as your schedule permits. We would love to welcome you! *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.*

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*

RECOMMEND NPC LEADERSHIP

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in choosing our church's leaders as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee.

Submit your recommendations:

- **online:** www.nationalpres.org/nominate
- **email:** Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING

Satellite Library

Check out our selection of new books for your summer reading at the Satellite Library right outside of Stone Hall.

SAVE THESE DATES

Pray. Eat. Love.
Sunday, Sept. 7

All are invited for a morning of special worship, mission service projects, and a delicious picnic lunch. With games for the kids, it will be a fun time for all, and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor! *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSAum@NationalPres.org.*

Men's Retreat

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Reason to attend the Men's Retreat:

Laughing is good. The retreat is one of those times a guy can laugh loudly and not look weird. Plan to join us in September to “MAN-UP”: becoming the disciples God wants men to be. Register today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/mens-ministry. “Early Bird” rate is \$175. *See brochure for details or contact Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.*

All-Church Conference

Saturday, October 18

NPC's Third Annual All-Church Conference will feature *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, and *Christianity Today* Executive Editor Andy Crouch. *Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527 to learn more.*

Prepare for Marriage Seminar

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elson Parlor

Are you planning to get married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection led by our pastors. This course is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Ruth McKelvie Carol Wehrer

We celebrate the births of:

Pax William Stepp on July 11 to Starr Melissa Stepp and Wesley Hunter Stepp.

Caitlin Virginia Goode on May 6 to Jennifer Marie Gibson Goode and Chris Lee Goode.

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.** Contemporary service in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:45 a.m. Traditional service in Sanctuary

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

July 27 -Aug. 3

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Joshua 24:1-15
Acts 28:23-31
Mark 2:23-28

Monday

Psalms 57; 47
Joshua 24:16-33
Romans 16:1-16
Matthew 27:24-31

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99
Judges 2:1-5, 11-23
Romans 16:17-27
Matthew 27:32-44

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91
Judges 3:12-30
Acts 1:1-14
Matthew 27:45-54

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116
Judges 4:4-23
Acts 1:15-26
Matthew 27:55-66

Friday

Psalms 88; 20
Judges 5:1-18
Acts 2:1-21
Matthew 28:1-10

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63
Judges 5:19-31
Acts 2:22-36
Matthew 28:11-20

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Judges 6:1-24
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Mark 3:20-30

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- JULY 27: The Lord of the Conscience and The Public Square *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 3: Incarnate Leadership: How Would Jesus Lead in 2014? *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 10: But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 17: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 24: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 31: Trip Reports from Holy Land (9:30 a.m.) and Belize (11:45 a.m.) *Stone Hall*

Groups

- GriefShare **Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Off campus*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Resumes in August** *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" **Resumes Wednesday, September 3** *Church Room 108*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Resumes Sept. 20, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- WomenConnect **Resumes in September** *Elson Parlor*
- Wednesday Women **Resumes in September** *Church Room 105*
- Afternoon T.E.A. **Resumes in September** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Resumes in September** *Agencies 105*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon **Resumes October 4** *Stone Hall*

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

- 6th–12th grade *Agencies Lower Level*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 *Church Room 8*
- Rising K–5th grade *Church Room 105*

Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 (*go directly to Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.*) *Church Room 8*
 - Rising K–2nd grade *Church Room 105*
- Children begin in worship. After the Time for Children, they leave worship for their program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.*

CHILDCARE 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

MUSIC

- Summer Choir **Sunday Rehearsal, 10 a.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Resumes Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Children's Choir (2nd–5th grade) **Resumes September 14** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Resumes September 14** *Multipurpose Room*

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library (Sundays) *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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