

September 14, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*Happy are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of God.*

Matthew 5:3

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

Adagio (Sonata No. 2)

Felix Mendelssohn
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:15 a.m Rev. Donna Marsh
11 a.m Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 144 *verses 1-3* Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! *Hyfrydol*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 144, verse 4

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our age,

the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,

our secret and our whispering sins,

our presumptuous and our careless sins,

the sins we have done to please ourselves,

and the sins we have done to please others.

Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins we know not.

Forgive them, O Lord. Forgive them all out of your great goodness;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lancelot Andrewes

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

Glorify 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

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

9:15 a.m. *(Grades K-5) for Sunday School in the school building.*

11 a.m. *(Grades K-2) for Children's Church in Church Room 106. Children return after the sermon.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE *read responsively* Psalm 40:1-5, 11, 13, 17

9:15 a.m. Elder Gerri Hall

One: I waited patiently for the Lord;

11 a.m. Elder Sam Alward

***All:* he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us;

None can compare to with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

For evils have encompassed me without number;

my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see;

Be pleased, O Lord to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Poor Me!

Dr. David Renwick

Luke 15:11-24; Matthew 7:1-25

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

David Haas and Michael Joncas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me; he heard my complaint.
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano and Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

The Beatitudes

Albert Hay Malotte

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Sheri Jackson, soprano and Joanna Jones, piano

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

- ▲ HYMN 403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus *Converse*
- ▲ BENEDICTION
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Donald and Marcia F. Bini in loving memory of their mothers, Ione S. Freeman and Hilda E. Bini, remembering their September birthdays.

The flowers in the Court of Flags honor the many sacrifices of September 11, 2001.

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Charlotte E. Weber by her daughters Ann E. Rondeau and Janis R. Scherer.

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.

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.
- 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.

TODAY

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Beginning Today, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School classes for adults, children, and youth resume today! Classes explore a wide range of topics geared for a variety of interests, life stages, and levels of Christian experience and knowledge of the faith.

See p. 8 for Sunday School classes and locations, including a new class for men, and additional classes and groups that meet during the week.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Church Room 105

Dave Ramsey will challenge and motivate you, through DVD lectures and discussion, to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before! *Purchase class materials in the bookstore or online: www.daveramsey.com. Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

MEN'S RETREAT:

LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Connect with God and one another at the men's retreat next week! Register in Stone Hall today (last day to register!) or online at nationalpres.org/mens-ministry. See brochure on the information table for details about the retreat speaker, schedule, and accommodations. *Contact: Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.*

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE 1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing lead by Pastors, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers. Come and pray alongside those with a servant's listening heart, during your time of waiting in faith upon God. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

YOUTH KICKOFF BARBECUE 5 p.m., Youth House

Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to our fall kickoff BBQ next Sunday. Make new friends and hear about exciting plans for the year. See you there! *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

SANDWICH MAKING

Stone Hall, after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make 800 sandwiches! *Financial contributions welcomed to purchase sandwich supplies.*

PHOTO BOOTH RESUMES Stone Hall

All are invited to come by before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. *Please stop by if you haven't yet had your photo taken!*

SIGN UP TODAY

Visit tables in Stone Hall this morning to sign up for:

- **Men's Retreat**, Sept. 19–20, *see above for details*
register online: nationalpres.org/mens-ministry
- **"Journeys" Women's Brunch**, Sept. 27, *see pg. 6 for details*
- **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**, Sept. 29, *see pg. 6 for details*
- **"The Quest for Character" Fall Conference**, Oct. 18, *see pg. 7 for details*
register online: nationalpres.org/conferences
- **Princeton Seminary and University Outing**, Nov. 1, *see pg. 7 for details*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

BOOK STUDY: G.K. CHESTERTON'S "ORTHODOXY: THE ROMANCE OF FAITH"

Thursdays in Sept. & Oct.

7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a study on this classic of Christian apologetics (written at age 34!) which was a major milestone in 20th century Christian thought. *Orthodoxy* has influenced and shaped the faith of countless believers, including C.S. Lewis. *Please read Chapter 3 for the Sept. 18 discussion.*

THE CIRCLE FAMILY GROUP

Sunday, Sept. 21, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

School Playground

Families with young children are invited for a playgroup and potluck meal followed by a discussion on "Tools for Transitions: Getting Ready for the Next Phase" led by experienced preschool teacher Dianne Torresen.

UNIVERSITY LUNCHEON

Sunday, Sept. 21, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

College students are invited for a lunch after the 11 a.m. service. *Contact: Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org.*

U.S. NAVY SEA CHANTERS CONCERT

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2–3 p.m., Sanctuary

Enjoy well-known tunes, sacred medleys, patriotic music and favorites at this free, family-friendly and fun performance.

Upcoming concerts: nationalpres.org/concert-series.

"JOURNEYS" WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Saturday, Sept. 27, Stone Hall

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sign up today in Stone Hall and invite a friend to a wonderful morning of conversation and inspiration. Melinda Moore, Sandy Sharpe, and Charley Stone will share and celebrate stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. Cost: \$15. *Register in Stone Hall today and next Sunday or call 202.537.7527. Free childcare for children under 5 available with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT NPC

Saturday, Sept. 27, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Find out more about membership at NPC at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. You'll have time with the pastors and church leaders, and learn more about the Christian faith.

Please register by Sept. 18; Contact Kemet Rakiatu: 202.537.7578, or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

THE GLOBAL CHURCH IN SOUTH AMERICA

Sept. 28, 12:15–2 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Elizabeth Sendek, President of the Biblical Seminary of Columbia, will talk about the rapid growth of the Church in Latin America, the seminary's efforts to develop a new generation of Christian leaders, and NPC's connection through the John and Dorothy Shaw grant.

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays beginning Sept. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Administration Building Room 108

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, Sept. 29, Noon, Stone Hall

Helen Holt will share about her time as "The Real 'Mrs. Smith' Who Went to Washington" *Register (\$10) today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Loris Witherspoon

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

**SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE
AS A STEPHEN MINISTER**

Training classes: September 30–April 14

Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people going through difficult times. If you have an empathetic heart and the gift of listening, please consider joining our Stephen Ministry team at NPC. *To find out more, stop by Stone Hall today after all services.* Contact: Lucille Smiley at 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight at 301.320.5168.

**GUEST PREACHER FROM ISRAEL:
ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR**
Sunday, October 5, 9:15 & 11 a.m.

We are delighted that Archbishop Chacour from Ibillin, Israel will be our guest preacher on World Communion Sunday.

Father Chacour has been a bold and winsome witness for Jesus Christ in Israel for over 30 years, pastoring a church, and forming a network of schools servicing 2,500 students in Ibillin, a small Arab village in the Galilee region, near Nazareth, where Christians and Muslims have lived together peacefully for hundreds of years. His story is told in his book, *Blood Brothers*, available at our bookstore.

A Q&A with light refreshments will follow the 11 a.m. service.

**“THE QUEST FOR CHARACTER”
FALL CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 18, 8:45 a.m.–Noon

What does it mean to live a life of character? How can we live lives that are filled with meaning, rather than merely accomplishments?

David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject, and **Andy Crouch**, executive editor of *Christianity Today*, will challenge us to consider how to live a life of depth—one shaped by lasting virtues that truly matter.

Register (\$15) today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/conferences

ADULT FELLOWSHIP OUTING

November 1, Princeton, NJ

6:45 a.m.–8:30 p.m.

Sign up today for an outing to Princeton University's art museum and chapel, and Princeton Theological Seminary's library and chapel. The visit will include talks and tours, special music, and lunch with Seminary President (and former NPC Senior Pastor) Dr. Craig Barnes. *Register today (\$98) in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

**SEPTEMBER'S FOOD DONATION:
CANS OF TUNA**

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

Help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.

SEEKING CHILDREN'S MUSIC LEADER

Pass along the joy of music to NPC's kids (grades K-2)! We are seeking a Children's Music Leader with demonstrated ability to engage with, teach, and excite children in the areas of music and worship. **This 2-3 hour/week paid position** will provide weekly music leadership to our young children's choir, often to Sunday School classes, and occasionally during events.

Contact: Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7535.

FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY
Thursdays, Noon

Volunteers are needed for an hour once a month on Thursday afternoon to help receive and condition flowers for Sunday mornings. No prior experience is required; training is provided. *Contact: Nora Szeto, noraszeto@hotmail.com.*

CELEBRATING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Students and teachers have returned to National Presbyterian School. We join with NPS in celebrating their newly expanded facility, which provides additional space for NPS students and NPC Sunday school. *Interior renovations continue through October.*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

September 14 - 21

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Job 38:1, 18-41
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 5:21-26

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
Job 40:1-24
Acts 15:36-16:5
John 11:55-12:8

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
Job 40:1, 41:1-11
Acts 16:6-15
John 12:9-19

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
Job 42:1-17
Acts 16:16-24
John 12:20-26

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
Job 28:1-28
Acts 16:25-40
John 12:27-36a

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
Esther 1:1-4, 10-19
Acts 17:1-15
John 12:36b-43

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
Esther 2:5-8, 15-23
Acts 17:16-34
John 12:44-50

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class NEW *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- A Living Faith for Hostile Times: Guidance from the Apostle Paul *Church Room 5*
- The Church in the 20th Century *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays beginning Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- 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*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- GriefShare **Resumes September 28, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon **Resumes Oct.4** *Stone Hall*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th - 12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7:30 p.m.

- 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

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2-year olds: Church Room 8
- 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 206
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

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

CHILDCARE 8 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

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K-5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *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 *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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