

September 28, 2014

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# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Happy are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.*

Matthew 5:5

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
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William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*  
*Ministry Directors:* Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections)  
McLane Stone (Youth), and Sally Swanson (Serve)

# 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 G Major

Felix Mendelssohn  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 142 *verses 1-3* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 142, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake.  
Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the meek his way.  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt,  
for it is great.

from Psalm 25

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11 a.m.

Dr. Quinn Fox

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 Henry Joonhee Montanari  
son of Eunjin Kim and David Montanari

## Prayer of Response

*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

## PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.*

Hebrews 10

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 37:1-11a

9:15 a.m. Elder Rudy deLeon

The Word of the Lord.

11 a.m. Elder Mary Beth Nethercutt

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*The Beatitudes – Meek, Not Weak*

Dr. David Renwick

Matthew 7:1-5, 12-14

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### RESPONSE

Blest Are They

David Haas and Michael Joncas

*Choir then Congregation*

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

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

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

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

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

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy ways unto him, and trust in him; and fret not thyself because of evildoers.

He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano, with Chancel Choir

▲ 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 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*Maryton*

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

J.S. Bach

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God with praise and thanksgiving for the life and love of Daniel J. James by his family.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Yamada for his September 29th birthday by his wife, Kristine Heine.

The flowers in the Chapel of the Presidents are given to the glory of God by the Women's Ministry for yesterday's brunch celebrating testimonies of God's faithfulness.

**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

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

**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

**YOUNG ADULTS**  
*12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111*  
“Across the Aisle” group for young adults (ages 22–35) gathers for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

**PHOTO BOOTH**  
*Stone Hall*  
All are invited to come by before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. We’re updating the church directory, and want to include everyone. *Please stop by if you haven’t yet had your photo taken!*

**GRIEF SHARE**  
*Sundays beginning today, 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. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7540.*

**THE GLOBAL CHURCH IN  
SOUTH AMERICA**  
*12:15–2 p.m., Elson Parlor*  
Dr. Elizabeth Sendek, President of the Biblical Seminary of Colombia, is a leading voice in Christian higher education in Latin America. As a woman leader in her field, she is much in demand as an international consultant, lecturer, and speaker. She presented most recently in Brazil on the topic *Global Theological Education*, at a conference sponsored by the Lausanne Movement. *Light refreshments will be served.*

**WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT**  
*3 p.m., Sanctuary*  
Washington Bach Consort presents a program of Mozart, featuring his final masterpiece, *Requiem*. *Tickets are available at the door or [www.bachconsort.org](http://www.bachconsort.org).*

Next Sunday: Oct. 5, 4 p.m.  
Washington Master Chorale will present “*Tribute to Leonard Bernstein*.” Tickets and info: [washingtonmasterchorale.org](http://washingtonmasterchorale.org).

## SIGN UP TODAY

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

- **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**, Sept. 29, *see pg. 6 for details*
- **Business & Professional Women’s Guild Luncheon**, Oct. 4, *see pg. 6 for details*
- **Men’s Breakfast**, Oct. 4, *see pg. 6 for details*
- **“The Quest for Character” Fall Conference**, Oct. 18, *see pg. 7 for details*  
register online: [nationalpres.org/conferences](http://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 continues a study on this classic of Christian apologetics (written at age 34!) which was a major milestone in 20<sup>th</sup> century Christian thought. *Orthodoxy* has influenced and shaped the faith of countless believers, including C.S. Lewis. *Please read Chapter 5 for the Oct. 2 discussion.*

## **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. Join us for this wonderful occasion in which both speaker (Helen Holt) and caterer (Mabel Sawhill) are centenarians!*

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

*Training classes: Sept.30–Apr. 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, visit Stone Hall today after all services. Contact: Lucille Smiley at 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight at 301.320.5168.*

## **UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP**

*Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m.*

*"Yellow House" (4010 Van Ness St NW)*

All university students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Dr. Renwick will be our guest speaker this month, helping us consider the question, "Does God Have a Unique Purpose for My Life?" *Sign up in Stone Hall or contact: Men@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527.*

## **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON**

*Saturday, Oct. 4, Stone Hall  
12 p.m. (lunch), 1 p.m. (program)*

The first B&P gathering of the fall will feature a screening of the 90 minute documentary, *Girl Rising: Educate Girls, Change the World*. This film follows nine girls from around the world, striving beyond circumstances and pushing past limits to achieve their dreams. *For lunch reservations (\$12), sign up in Stone Hall today or call Joan Anderson, 202.362.7475.*

## **BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*

Participate in NPC's sponsored build on the first Saturday of the month, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. *Contact: Linda, LButcher07@gmail.com.*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please pray for:*

John Breckenridge

Carol Weihrer

Loris Witherspoon

*We mourn the deaths of:*

**George Bowman** on September 17.

A Columbarium service will be held at a future date.

**E. Scott Dillon** on September 17.

A memorial service was held at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 27.

**Jutharat Oy Mesmer**, daughter-in-law of Ted and Anne Mesmer, on September 14.

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

## **GUEST PREACHER FROM ISRAEL: ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR**

*Sunday, Oct. 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.

Fr. Chacour's story as told in his book, *Blood Brothers*, is available at our bookstore.

*A Q&A in Stone Hall with light refreshments will follow the 11 a.m. service.*

## **WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP**

*Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,  
Church Room 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of "Cain" from our focus on "Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools." After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

## **"THE QUEST FOR CHARACTER" FALL CONFERENCE**

*Saturday, Oct. 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? Come explore what a deep life of character looks like, and invite a friend!

**David Brooks**, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject of character, 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](http://nationalpres.org/conferences)*

## **ADULT FELLOWSHIP PRINCETON OUTING**

*Nov. 1, Princeton, NJ, 6:45 a.m.–8:30 p.m.*

Sign up today for an outing to Princeton Theological Seminary's library and chapel, and Princeton University's art museum 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 donations of canned tuna for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, [nancy@nchapman.com](mailto:nancy@nchapman.com).*

## **VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

Build friendships and enable Ingleside residents to participate in worship services. Once a month, you can help wheel Ingleside residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service held at Ingleside. *Contact: Rebekah Liu at [Paulreb3@msn.com](mailto:Paulreb3@msn.com)*

## **FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

Help for an hour once a month on Thursday afternoon to receive and condition flowers for Sunday mornings. No prior experience needed; training is provided. *Contact: Nora Szeto, [noraszeto@hotmail.com](mailto:noraszeto@hotmail.com).*

## **NPC ONLINE DIRECTORY [www.nationalpres.org](http://www.nationalpres.org)**

Log on to NPC Online (link on the bottom of the NPC website) to:

- View current congregational directory.
- Set up recurring or one-time giving.
- View your contribution history.
- View and update your contact info.

*Questions? [Communications@NationalPres.org](mailto:Communications@NationalPres.org)*



# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## ADULTS

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

Sept. 28 - Oct. 5

#### Sunday

Psalms 108; 23  
Hosea 1:1-2:1  
James 3:1-13  
Matthew 13:44-52

#### Monday

Psalms 62; 9  
Hosea 2:2-15  
Acts 20:17-38  
Luke 5:1-11

#### Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7  
Hosea 2:16-23  
Acts 21:1-14  
Luke 5:12-26

#### Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134  
Hosea 3:1-5  
Acts 21:15-26  
Luke 5:27-39

#### Thursday

Psalms 116; 130  
Hosea 4:1-10  
Acts 21:27-36  
Luke 6:1-11

#### Friday

Psalms 84; 40  
Hosea 4:11-19  
Acts 21:37-22:16  
Luke 6:12-26

#### Saturday

Psalms 63; 90  
Hosea 5:1-7  
Acts 22:17-29  
Luke 6:27-38

#### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16  
Matthew 14:1-12  
Psalm 117:1-2

#### 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 *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: Engaging Contemporary Issues *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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Sundays, 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 (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) *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.** *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*

## 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 240
- 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–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> 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. – 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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