

The National Presbyterian Church

Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World

Happy are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:9

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 а.м.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

Entering God's Presence

Prelude Sweet Hour of Prayer

David H. Hagerty

Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jen Dunfee NPS Chaplain

▲ HYMN 483 *verses 1-3* Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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- ▲ Prayer of Adoration
- ▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 483, verse 4

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises

That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part.

To God all praise and glory!

Confession of Sin in unison

Incarnate Word of God,

in your flesh you reconciled us to God the Father.

You continue to bring peace with God to all those who

in heartfelt repentance confess their sin.

Forgive us then, we pray,

and cleanse us from the deep stain of sin.

Mercifully direct our thoughts, words, and deeds

through the power of the Holy Spirit,

to the greater glory of the Father.

Help us as we look to you,

that we may persevere in your service and reconciling love.

Michael Buckley

Northern Ireland Peacemaker

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

The Lord's Prayer (Recited at 9:15 a.m by 1st Graders as a Milestone in Worship Education)

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.

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

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

Peace: selected passages

Jim Neill

Head of National Presbyterian School

One: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

All: May the LORD strengthen his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

How beautiful are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who says to God's people . . . A child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace... (Isaiah 52:7, 9:6-7)

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"... (John 14:27)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which you were called... (Colossians 3:15)

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Great peace have those who love your law.... (Psalm 119:165)

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14/1 Peter 3:11)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem... (Psalm 122:6-7)

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Be at peace with one another... (Mark 9:50)

Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and that make for peace... (Zechariah 8:16)

Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace... (Ephesians 4:3)

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord... (Hebrews 12:14)

May the Lord strengthen his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Peacemaking

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

John Rutter

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace:

Where there is hatred, let me bring love; where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy's sake.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

▲ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Natalie Sleeth quoting Tallis' Canon

Join to rejoice, lift up your voice, sing a new song to the Lord! Harmonies fair, filling the air, sing a new song to the Lord! Let one and all answer the call: music and melody raise;

God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise!

Come, chant with delight, canticles bright to God Almighty! Sing songs of good cheer, echoing clear, to God the Lord! Now instruments bring, trumpet and string, this day of days,

The Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

With thanks, O God, for blessings all, our heritage we now recall;

With grateful hearts we pledge anew to sing your song our whole life through.

In ev'ry land begin the song; To ev'ry land the strains belong;

In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

Come, join to rejoice, lift up your voice to God Almighty!

Come, come sing along, sing a new song to God the Lord! Now let one and all answer the call this day of days: The Lord God to adore forevermore with songs of praise!

Canticles bright, chant with delight, sing a new song to the Lord!

Words of good cheer, echoing clear, sing a new song to the Lord!

Instruments bring, trumpet and string, music and melody raise,

God to adore forevermore with joyful anthems of praise! God to adore forevermore with glad songs of praise. National Presbyterian School Chorus Anne Hancock, piano

▲ Doxology

XOLOGY

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 450

O Day of Peace

Ierusalem

▲ Benediction

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Michael Denham

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

▲ Postlude

Toccata on Hymn to Joy

Mark Thallander

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God to remember and honor the 65th wedding anniversary of Dr. V.P. and Mrs. Marjorie Wystrach, by Stephen, Dory, Gretchen and Katharine.

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.

TODAY

ALL CHURCH TOWN HALL MEETING DISCUSSING THE STRATEGIC PLAN

12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

It's your turn! Everyone is invited to ask questions and offer feedback on our church's new Strategic Plan. Dr. Renwick and Elder Fred Byus will be on hand to answer questions and hear your thoughts at this special event hosted by the NPC Deacons. Nametags and refreshments will be provided.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOS Stone Hall

Today is the last day to have your picture taken for the church directory! We'll be set up before and during the Town Hall, so grab some refreshments and come by if you haven't yet had your photo taken. We're updating the church directory, and want to include *everyone*!

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

WRESTLERS CLASS

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level Come any Sunday and invite a friend as we apply God's Word to God's world. On Nov. 23, Mary Eberstadt (Senior Fellow, Ethics & Public Policy Center) will speak about "How the West Really Lost God." Contact Paul Arveson, paul@arveson.com.

NPC YOUTH 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

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL SUNDAY

Today is NPS Sunday! Please welcome Head of School Jim Neill, Chaplain Jen Dunfee, and the NPS Chorus in worship this morning. Representatives from the school will be available for conversation in the school building after worship. Applications from NPC families receive priority consideration (deadline: Nov. 24). All are welcome to drop by the school to see the newly-completed expansion.

1ST GRADE MILESTONE

We welcome our 1st graders in worship today at 9:15 as they recite The Lord's Prayer as part of their Milestones in Worship Education. Milestones are a component of our Sunday School program which teach about our worship liturgy and allow kids to lead in what they have learned.

College Luncheon 12:15 p.m., Parlor

All college students are invited for a homecooked lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Come drop by! (Did you know there is a twice monthly gathering for college students – see more on pg.6!)

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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thanks to all who shared their stewardship commitment cards last Sunday. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in and through NPC in 2015. Then, place your commitment card in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or submit it online: nationalpres.org/giving

Commitment cards can be found on in the information table or in the pews.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Now through Nov. 30

You can help keep the homeless and families in need warm this winter by donating new and gently used men's (XL and larger), women's and children's:

- socks (new only)
- gloves
- sweaters
- coats

NPC mission partners Central Union Mission, Martha's Outfitters, and Friendship Place will distribute our donations to those in need in our city. God has been generous to us; let us be generous to others this holiday season! Monetary donations may be made by designating a check with the memo line "Clothing Drive."

ADULT FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Monday, Nov. 17, Stone Hall, Noon Come for a thanksgiving lunch and a presentation from Dr. Quinn Fox on "The Role of the Church in the Fall of the Wall." Dr. Fox will share his personal experiences and insights into the key role the Christian Church played in the demise of East German Socialism and the fall of the Berlin wall. For lunch reservations (\$10), sign up in Stone Hall or call 202,537,0800.

College Fellowship Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.

"Yellow House" (4010 Van Ness St NW) All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE & COLLECTION

Thursday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m. Food donations for NPC mission partner Central Union Mission will be collected as part of the Thanksgiving Day service. You and your family can help people struggling to feed their families this Thanksgiving. Suggested shopping lists are located at the information table outside the Sanctuary. A monetary collection will also be received during the service. If you can help pack the food after the service, please contact Nancy Chapman: Nancy@colb.com or 202.966.8031.

ADVENT **W**ORKSHOP day, Nov. 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 4:30–6:30 p.m., Sanctuary and Stone Hall

Families with children, begin the Advent season with this ray of light: a kid-sized worship time (children's choirs sing!) followed by craft-making and a pizza dinner. Come to center on Jesus, connect with church family, and create crafts to keep until Christmas or for years to come. RSVP at: nationalpres.org/children. Please bring \$5 per person for pizza.

November's Food Donation: UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened ceral 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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for: Loris Witherspoon

Confidential prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

COOKIES AND COFFEE FOR COLLEGE KIDS

Sunday, Nov. 30

As final exams approach, we will be sending care packages to NPC college students, reminding them that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Would you be willing to bake cookies to include in the packages? Our goal is 1,000 homemade cookies. Bring them in on Nov. 30 to the refreshment table down the hall from the sanctuary (before or after worship), or to the Advent Workshop that night. No time to bake? We're also collecting monetary donations for coffee shop gift cards, to help see them through finals week.

College Addresses

Housing for students often changes! Parents, please make sure we have your student's current address, so we can be certain a package gets to them. *Contact HNovak@ NationalPres.org with addresses and updates.*

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 7–7:55 p.m., Chapel

Advent Vespers begin soon for a time of mid-week worship during the busy Christmas season. Dr. Fox, Rev. Marsh, and Rev. Taylor will preach and communion will be served. *Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) is available with RSVP to: childcare@NationalPres.org.*

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT NPC

Be part of a great team serving Christ and the church! NPC is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant for Serve Ministries. This is a paid, 35 hour per week position reporting to Rev. Marsh. *The job description and instructions on how to apply can be found at www.nationalpres.org/jobs*

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

MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

December 7 & 14, Stone Hall

Decide now to make this Christmas different. Did you know that Americans spend \$450 billion dollars on Christmas every year? Your Christmas spending can make a difference for people who really need it! Mission Gifts for Christmas offers you an opportunity to give to 39 different charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *More information at: nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

You can actively support the work of Mission Gifts for Christmas on Dec. 7 & 14. Some tasks take only 1 hour! *Contact:* Sally Swanson, SSwanson@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.

JOIN THE FLOWER TEAM

Help beautify the church through floral arrangements and dedications. New members of the flower ministry are always welcome – no experience necessary! Regular training is provided for new team members. Please contact one of the following team leaders about joining the flower ministry or to schedule a financial contribution:

- Janice Sessing Donations: NPCFlowers@gmail.com
- Nora Sezto Floral Design: noraszeto@hotmail.com
- Kristin Green

 Flower Conditioning kfgreen@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Once a month, you can assist in wheeling residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service. This is a great opportunity to volunteer as a family! Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY

Year 2

Nov. 16-23

READINGS

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93 Habakkuk 1:1-12, 2:1 Philippians 3:13-4:1 Matthew 23:13-24

Monday

Psalms 57; 47 Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20 James 2:14-26 Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99 Habakkuk 3:1-18 James 3:1-12 Luke 17:1-10

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91 Malachi 1:1, 6-14 James 3:13-4:12 Luke 17:11-19

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116 Malachi 2:1-16 James 4:13-5:6 Luke 17:20-37

Friday

Psalms 88; 20 Malachi 3:1-12 James 5:7-12 Luke 18:1-8

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63 Malachi 3:13-4:6 James 5:13-20 Luke 18:9-14

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23 Zechariah 9:9-16 1 Peter 3:13-22 Matthew 21:1-13

ADULTS

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m. • Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities

Church Room 105 • Financial Peace University 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 Agencies Lower Level • Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues • 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 • 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 2nd 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 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, 7-9 p.m. Agencies 105 • Men's Breakfast 1st Saturday of the month, 8 - 9:30 a.m. , Stone Hall Stone Hall

• B&P Women's Guild Luncheon 1st Saturday of the month, Noon • 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. Culbertson Library

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. • 4-year olds: School Room 106

• 2-year olds: Church Room 8

3-year olds: School Room 104

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-5th grade) Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m. School Building • Youth Choir (6th grade +) Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m. Mulipurpose Room

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

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

Admin. Bldg., Second Floor Adjacent to Stone Hall

School Room 236

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