



November 23, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

*Happy are those who are
persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:10

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*
Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
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

Now Thank We All Our God
from *18 Leipzig Chorales*

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND UNISON CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called us to stand firm in one spirit, with one mind.

But we have failed to hear the cries of those who suffer for your sake.

You have called us to live together as members of one body.

But we have not felt pain when other members of your body suffer.

You have called us to work for your coming kingdom.

But we easily forget the parts of your kingdom that we do not see.

Forgive our sins, O Lord.

Forgive us for reducing your salvation to the meeting of our own needs.

Strengthen us, and restore in us your passion for your church.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL RESPONSE

We Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hal H. Hopson

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

Sing we Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where e'er we turn our eyes;
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

Sing, oh, sing Hallelujah! Sing, oh, sing to the Lord!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And ev'rywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.

Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Youth Choir, Dottie Seep, Director
members of Grace Chimes, Sofia Hailu, flute, and Joanna Jones, piano

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11 a.m.

Dr. David Renwick

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

Isla Amelia Mae Peterson

Daughter of Laura Amelia Peterson and David Benjamin Peterson

Prayer of Response

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:10-16

9:15 a.m. Deacon Joanna Chai

The Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible p. 786

11 a.m. Deacon Bob Cryer

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes:

Dr. David Renwick

Blessed By Trouble

2 Corinthians 11:21-33

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Blest Are They

David Haas and Michael Joncas

Sung first by the Choir, then the Congregation

Blest are they who suffer hate all because of me.

Blest are they who suffer trouble, theirs is the kingdom of God.

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

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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Taylor Davis

from Ira Sankey

My life flows on in endless song amidst earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, the far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul: How can I keep from singing?
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth; it liveth;
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeons vile, our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowery

Grace McFarlane, piano, Phil Sargeant, oboe and Marissa Murphy, violin

▲ 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 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The annual harvest arrangements are given by the NPC family in thanksgiving to God for his love and many blessings to us and our nation.

Consider honoring a loved with a floral arrangement during the Advent season. Donations by check may be made payable to "NPC Flower Fund." Envelopes for donations and dedication wording are at the Information Desk.

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 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.
- 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: 202.537.7529.*

TODAY

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOS

Stone Hall

A special encore – today is the last day to have your picture taken for the church directory! Please come by if you haven't yet had your photo taken.

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

Today we welcome Mary Eberstadt, Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, speaking about “How the West Really Lost God.”

Come any Sunday to Wrestlers and invite a friend as we apply God's Word to God's world. *Contact Paul Arveson, paul@arveson.com.*

NPC YOUTH FAMILY SERVICE DAY

4 p.m., Stone Hall

Join with middle and high school students and their families for NPC Youth Family Service Day. We will be preparing meals for Martha's Table and then share a potluck meal together. There will be no Youth Group today as we gather for this special event. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres, 202.537.7520.*

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.*

MOLDOVA PRAYER

12:15 p.m., Room 107

All are invited for a special time of prayer for the people of Moldova.

SOCKS, GLOVES, COATS & SWEATERS

Now through Nov. 30

These four items **ONLY** have been requested by NPC's local mission partners to keep the homeless and families in need warm this winter. Please donate new and gently used men's (XL and larger), women's and children's:

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

Be generous to others this holiday season! Items go to mission partners **Central Union Mission, Martha's Outfitters, and Friendship Place.** *Monetary donations may be made to NPC by designating a check with the memo line “Clothing Drive.”*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thanks to all who have shared their stewardship commitment cards. If you have not yet done so, **please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in and through NPC in 2015. Then, mail your commitment card to the church, submit it online (nationalpres.org/giving), or place it in the offering plate.** *Commitment cards can be found on the information table or in the pews.*

GRIEF SHARE:

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one, come for encouragement and support as we approach the holidays. Each session led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor is self-contained; attend when you can. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE & FOOD COLLECTION

Thursday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m., Chapel

Begin your Thanksgiving in the true spirit of the day, by giving thanks to God at the Thanksgiving worship service. At the service, we will collect food for Central Union Mission, including non-perishable goods and sturdy perishable items such as apples, oranges, carrots and potatoes. (Suggested shopping lists for donations are located at the information table outside the Sanctuary.) Monetary gifts will also be accepted. *If you would like to help pack the food after the service, please contact Nancy Chapman: Nancy@colb.com or 202.966.8031.*

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE KIDS

Sunday, Nov. 30

Help NPC college students get through their finals by contributing to a care package! **You can bake cookies (our goal is 1,000 homemade cookies total) or bring a monetary donation for coffee shop gift cards.** Please bring items in on Nov. 30 to the refreshment table down the hall from the sanctuary (before or after worship), or to the Advent Workshop that evening.

UPDATE YOUR STUDENT'S ADDRESS

Parents, please make sure we have your student's current address. *Contact HNovak@NationalPres.org with addresses and updates.*

ADVENT WORKSHOP

**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 your church family, and create crafts for this Christmas or for years to come. *RSVP at: nationalpres.org/children. Please bring \$5 per person for pizza.*

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m.

AU East Quad Building, Room 209

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

REAL MOMS COFFEE HOUSE

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Church Room 107

All moms are invited for a special talk with NPC contemporary music leader **Hilda Gore** who will speak about how to keep your family happy and healthy during this oftentimes hectic time of year. Hilda was recently certified as an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach and will share her insights on faith and fitness as we continue our theme of Biblical Wellness. Join when you can for as long as you can. Coffee, (healthy!) snacks and free childcare are provided all morning.

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.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Robert "Bob" Emery

Larry Kegley

John "Jack" Moran

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Dec. 5–7, Youth House driveway & lawn

Boy Scout Troop 1946 will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands from 3–9 p.m. (Fri), 9 a.m.–9 p.m. (Sat), and 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (Sun). *They accept cash or checks only.*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Dec. 6, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

All men are invited for a hearty breakfast and great fellowship. NPC member Dr. John Gordon will share about his faith journey and how it has impacted his career as a specialist in fertility medicine.

To reserve your place contact: Men@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 6, Stone Hall

12 p.m. (lunch), 1 p.m. (program)

Thelma Leenhouts, a member of the NPC Chancel Choir and The City Choir of Washington, will present a program of Christmas music. The program will include songs, carols, and poems telling of Christ's birth and its meaning for our lives. *For lunch reservations (\$12), sign up in Stone Hall today or call Joan Anderson, 202.362.7475.*

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*

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*

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, December 14

1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing lead by Pastors, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers. Come experience Jesus' healing touch at this beautiful and powerful chapel communion service. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

U.S. ARMY CHORUS CONCERT

Monday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Come and bring a friend to this free concert of Christmas favorites! All are invited to the Adult Fellowship Luncheon at noon in Stone Hall. *For lunch reservations (\$10), call 202.537.0800.*

NPC STRATEGIC PLAN

God is calling our community here at NPC to lead people to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world. Learn more about this vision by reading the plan, available at the information table and at nationalpres.org/strategic-plan

Questions or comments? strategicplan@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*

DECEMBER'S FOOD DONATION: CANNED 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.*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

Nov. 23-30

Sunday

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

Monday

Psalms 62; 9
Zechariah 10:1-12
Galatians 6:1-10
Luke 18:15-30

Tuesday

Psalms 12; 7
Zechariah 11:4-17
1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Luke 18:31-43

Wednesday

Psalms 96; 134
Zechariah 12:1-10
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 19:1-10

Thursday

Psalms 116; 130
Zechariah 13:1-9
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 19:11-27

Friday

Psalms 84; 40
Zechariah 14:1-11
Romans 15:7-13
Luke 19:28-40

Saturday

Psalms 63; 90
Zechariah 14:12-21
Philippians 2:1-11
Luke 19:41-48

Sunday

Psalms 24; 110
Isaiah 1:1-9
2 Peter 3:1-10
Matthew 25:1-13

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 **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*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, Noon** *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.** *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.

- 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–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. – 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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