

March 23, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Lord, teach us to pray.

Luke 11:1

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*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Great Are You, Lord
Jesus Is the Lord
Glory to God
I Exalt Thee / Open the Eyes of My Heart
By His Grace

Mary McDonald
Gary Rhodes
Kirby Shaw
Larry Shackley
Carol Tornquist
Salt & Light Choir
First Presbyterian Church of Boulder, Colorado
Jim Keller, Director of Music Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Paul Sjolund

O Lord who hears our every earnest prayer,
Hear now your servants our petitions bear;
Hear now, O Lord. Your will be done.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful Lord, we do not know what we ought to ask of you;
you alone know what we truly need;
you love us better than we know how to love ourselves.
Holy Father, forgive us our sins,
and give your children what we do not know how to ask.
We would have no other desire than to do your will.
Teach us to pray. Holy Spirit, pray through us, for Christ's sake.

François Fénelon, 1651-1715

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung by choir, and then by congregation*

Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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. Quinn Fox

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-18

9:15 a.m. Deacon David Trisler

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 983

11 a.m. Deacon Carolyn Gasarch

Thanks be to God.

NPC In Touch Volunteers

SERMON

Lent: A Season of Caring
Caring Enough...to Pray
Ephesians 3:14-21

Dr. Quinn Fox

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Servant Song

Choir

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Congregation

I will pray the Lord to keep you, bowing low on bended knee;

For the Savior is so gracious to receive our earnest plea.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard

▲ 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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Gilbert Martin
Beach Spring and Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
There's no need to be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven

▲ DOXOLOGY

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

▲ BENEDCTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Wendell Whalum
Spiritual

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

Matthew Daley, guest organist

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers at the entrance to the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Lyle Mack for his long service to his church, family and country by David and Roz Mack.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or a home-bound congregant? 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. *To make a confidential prayer request, visit: www.NationalPres.org/prayer*

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available 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 the Director of Library and Archives for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

TODAY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

NEW LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:30–10:30 a.m., Church Room 5

Join us during Lent for “Looking at the Cross,” facilitated by Mildred Wheat, focusing on Bible study, discussion, and meditation.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

YOUTH GROUP & PARENTS’ FELLOWSHIP

Sundays, 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

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship and are escorted to Church Room 105 after the Time for Children moment, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader.

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

“Across the Aisle” group for young adults (ages 22-35) gathers weekly for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

MID-CAREER FELLOWSHIP

12:30 p.m., Church Room 105

Connect with fellow professionals for lunch and conversation after worship weekly. *Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org.*

MEET AN NPC MISSIONARY

after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship

Stone Hall

Today we welcome NPC missionary Keith Patman. Keith works with Wycliffe Bible Translators and recently returned from Chad and Cameroon where he worked with a team to check translated Scripture. Keith provides Bible translation guides for French-speaking countries of Africa. Keith would enjoy talking with you following worship about his work and recent trip. *Read Keith’s newsletter on the “Serve the World” page of the NPC website: nationalpres.org/international*

UNIVERSITY STUDENT LUNCHEON

Noon, Elson Parlor

Drop in after the 11 a.m. service and enjoy a home-cooked meal in the Parlor (just down the hall from the sanctuary). Hope to see you there!

LENT

A SEASON
OF CARING



KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you or someone you know is no longer able to attend church, we’ll bring church to you once a month!

NPC In Touch volunteers visit homebound members once a month to share good cheer and the Good News through a short devotional and prayer time.

To receive visits, or to serve in this very rewarding way, contact NPC In Touch Coordinator Al Dunker, 301.987.6957 or dunker@msn.com

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Chapel

A time for refreshment in busy lives! One hour of music, prayer, Communion, and preaching, focusing on the work of God's Holy Spirit in our lives and community.

MARCH 26 Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Fruit of the Spirit...Kindness and Generosity

APRIL 2 Dr. David Renwick

Fruit of the Spirit...Faithfulness and Gentleness

APRIL 9 Dr. David Renwick

Fruit of the Spirit...Self-Control

SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING

Sunday, March 30, 1 p.m., Chapel

Jesus said: "Come to me, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." –Matthew 11:28.

The service will be led by pastors and assisted by Deacons and Stephen Ministers. There will be a time for private prayers with an opportunity for anointing with oil. Please feel free to invite friends, family, and neighbors who may benefit from a focus on healing prayers and wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

SIGN UP TO SING IN "MESSIAH"

Rehearsals continue March 29

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Add your voice to The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra's presentation of "Bethlehem to Jerusalem: Our Savior and the Way of Salvation" in Handel's *Messiah* at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. *Rehearsals have begun, but it's not too late to join the Festival Choir! Please call 202.537.7553.*

Preliminary Rehearsals

Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, Apr. 11, with piano, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 12, with orchestra, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 5

8-9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. Speaker and NPC Member, Dr. John Bernbaum, will challenge us to consider: "What Do Real Men Do?" John has written extensively on the subject of peace ("shalom") and faith and work. *Reserve your spot: contact Holly Novak at 202.537.7527 or Men@NationalPres.org*

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON *Saturday, April 5, Noon (lunch) 1 p.m. (program), Stone Hall*

All women are invited to enjoy a lovely catered luncheon and fellowship together. Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministries, will share about her life journey and how God has developed her calling to minister to children. *Sign up today or next Sunday in Stone Hall.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: RESCHEDULED

Monday, April 21, Noon, Stone Hall

Due to inclement weather, the Adult Fellowship luncheon, "Let Your Voice Be Heard: The Future at National," a presentation by the Strategic Planning Committee, has been rescheduled for April. *Reservations will begin in April in Stone Hall.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Lee Mace

Memorial Services:

Doris & Duke Botsford on Monday,
March 24 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

NPC members brought in more than 3 tons of food for mission partner Martha's Table in 2013. This good work continues with our collecting specific items each month. Please bring:

- **March:** small cans of tuna
- **April:** 1 pound bags of brown or white rice

THE GREAT DAY IS COMING...

NPC's Great Day of Service will be on Saturday, May 17th. Mark your calendars!!
Contact: Sally Steele, SSteele@nationalpres.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our programs and ministries flourish with your participation! Volunteers are needed for both up front tasks and quiet, behind-the-scenes tasks.

Have time during the week? Receptionist volunteers are needed during the week and on Sunday mornings. *Contact: Shirley Best, SBest@NationalPres.org or 202.537.0800.*

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., Agencies 105

This weekly Bible study welcomes men and women with all levels of Bible knowledge. The group is beginning a new study on 1 and 2 Peter. Newcomers welcome! Study booklets are available for \$10. *Contact: Robin King, robin@kinghome.us*

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*

SPECIAL BOOKS FOR LENT

Satellite Library

Come before or after worship to the Satellite Library outside of Stone Hall for a special display of books on the Lenten season. A staff member will be there and can help you make a selection from the variety of resources which are available.

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Be a part of creating this year's Easter Garden of Healing and Care! You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line. Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary.

SESSION REPORT

At its February Meeting:
Session renewed the Stated Supply one year contracts of Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor.

Session received reports on:

- Stewardship Campaign exceeding goal for commitment cards (441), but not total dollars committed;
- the FY2013 financial shortfall of \$96,500;
- status of NPS construction and financing

FORMER MEMBER INSTALLED AS PASTOR

Former member The Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway was installed as pastor of the Church of the Roses in Santa Rosa, CA on March 2. Cindy and her husband Ken Culver started NPC mission partner Foundation for Peace, and also helped to start the Christmas mission gift market while they were at NPC. Pray for Cindy in her new calling.

CONNECT WITH NPC ONLINE

www.nationalpres.org

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

- Set up recurring or one-time giving.
- Access and view your contribution history.
- View and update your contact information with the church.
- View the current congregational directory.

If it is your first time logging on, click "forgot your password?" to have one sent to you. You can change this password after your first log in.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

March 23 - 30

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Genesis 44:1-17
Romans 8:1-10
John 5:25-29

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Genesis 44:18-34
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Genesis 45:1-15
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Genesis 45:16-28
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 6:13-29

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Genesis 46:1-7,28-34
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Mark 6:30-46

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Genesis 47:1-26
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 6:47-56

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Genesis 47:27-48:7
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Mark 7:1-23

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Genesis 48:8-22
Romans 8:11-25
John 6:27-40

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Sunday School Classes 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- Financial Peace University *special time: 9:15–10:45 a.m.*
- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities
- Wrestlers: Engaging in Contemporary Issues
- A Biblical Exploration of the Heart of God
- The Book of Genesis: God's Creative Call
- Jeremiah: Learning to Live Life to the Fullest
- The Progressive Century
- Looking at the Cross

Church Room 105
School Room 236
Agencies Lower Level
Agencies 101
Agencies 105
Elson Parlor
Church Room 110/111
Church Room 5

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- Mid-Career Fellowship (ages 30s & 40s) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship**
- The Circle Family Group **Resumes May 18, 4:30–6 p.m.**
- Youth Parents Fellowship **Sundays 6–7:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.**
- Afternoon T.E.A. **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.**
- "Real Moms" **Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – Noon**
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays 7–9 p.m.**
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays 9:30 – 11 a.m.**
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.**
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.**
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, 11:45 a.m.**

Church Room 110/111
Church Room 105
Jones Hall/School Gym
Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111
Elson Parlor
Church Room 5
Agencies Room 105
Church Room 105
Satellite Library
Stone Hall
Stone Hall

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool

Parents drop off children just before 9:15 worship or just before your 9:30 class and pick up children in their classrooms:

2-year olds School Room 100 3-year olds School Room 106
4-year olds School Room 108

Elementary

Children meet in the school gym by 9:30 a.m. to head to classrooms, or come straight from 9:15 a.m. worship, after the Time for Children. Pick up children in the school gym under their color coded sign.

Kindergarten Red 1st Grade Orange 2nd Grade Yellow
3rd Grade Green 4th & 5th Grade Blue

Worship for Life 11 a.m.

Church Room 106

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

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

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

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
- Middle School (8th grade)
- High School (9th – 12th grade)

MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101
Agencies 102
Youth House

Youth Group Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.**
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.**
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.**

Youth House
Youth House
Multi Purpose Room
Youth House

CHILDCARE 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

Church Room 16
Church Room 7

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays in Lent, 8 – 10 p.m.**
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.**
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.**
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays 10:25 – 11 a.m.**
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 8 – 9:15 p.m.**

Choir Room
Church Room 110/111
Jones Hall/School Gym
MP Bldg.; Multipurpose Room
Church Room 110/111

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
- Satellite Library (Sundays)
- Moehrle Bookstore

Admin. Bldg., Second Floor
Adjacent to Stone Hall
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BODY & SOUL EXERCISE CLASS Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Jones Hall/School Gym

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