

April 27, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

EASTERTIDE

*Behold! I stand at the door and keep on knocking.
If anyone hear my voice and open the door
I will come in ...*

Revelation 3:20

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 Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 J.S. Bach
Erik Suter, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim *Hanover*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Fred Gramann
Come into God's house with praises and songs of joy! Alleluia! with members of Grace Chimes

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most bountiful and loving Lord, we come humbly before you,
freely redeemed and justified

by the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
and putting our full trust for salvation in him.

Yet we are feeble and false, even in the face of this gracious and divine provision.

We are full of sin, and in need of your cleansing and healing touch.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Strengthen our faith and illumine us by your grace,
that we may live and walk in your favor in this life,

and be partakers of your glory in the everlasting kingdom of heaven.

from 15th century York Minster

SILENT CONFESSION

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 Harper Winfrey Griffin
daughter of Piper Noelle and Page Winfrey Griffin

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 Acts 9:1-19
The Word of the Lord. 9:15 a.m. Deacon Marie Clausen
Thanks be to God. 11 a.m. Deacon Angela Bednarczyk

SERMON *Resurrection Life: Becoming a Christian* Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE Somebody’s Knocking Spiritual
Somebody’s knocking at your door. O sinner, why don’t you answer. Somebody’s knocking at your door.
Looks like Jesus. Can’t you hear him? Answer Jesus.
Somebody’s knocking at your door. O sinner, why don’t you answer. Somebody’s knocking at your door.
with John Lawlah, bass

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed Dr. David Renwick
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

Most Loyal and Merciful Father

Antonio Vivaldi

from the Motet *In fuore giustissimae irae*, RV 626

Miserationum Pater piissime, parce mihi dolente peccatori languenti, O Jesu dulcissime.

Tunc meus fletus evadet laetus dum pro te meumas langescit cor.

Fac me plorare, mi Jesu care, et fletus laetus fovebit cor. Alleluia.

Most loyal and merciful Father, spare me, a sorrowful, weak sinner. O sweetest Jesus!

Then shall my weeping turn to joy as my heart is softened

In my tears, dear Jesus, joyful weeping will warm my heart. Alleluia.

Joanna Jones, soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord, I want to be like Jesus. Lord, I want to be more holy. Lord, I want to be a Christian...

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Improvisation sur le *Victimae Paschali*

Charles Tournemire

Reconstructed by Maurice Durufé

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kathy Byus in celebration of her husband, Fred's birthday, and in memory of his parents, John and Lela Byus's anniversary, both April 24th.

The flowers at the entrance of and in the Chapel of the Presidents are given to the glory of God, in honor of the marriage of Lindsey Reich and Matthew Haberman on Saturday, April 26.

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.

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 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

WRESTLERS CLASS: AFRICA SERIES
Sundays through May 11
9:15–10:45 a.m. Agencies Lower Level

Come by any Sunday for special Africa focused presentations in our Wrestler's class. Today, Ambassador Steve D. Matenje from the U.S. Embassy of the Republic of Malawi will speak on Malawi challenges and perspectives. Upcoming speakers include:
MAY 4: "Barriers and Strategies to Address Girls' Education in Africa" *Dr. Jane Gore, and Dr. Meghan Donahue, Peace Corps*
MAY 11: "Solar Cooking for Sunny Countries" *Louise Meyer, Solar Household Energy*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
During 11 a.m. worship

Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship and are escorted to Church Room 106 after the Time for Children moment, then return after the sermon to sit with their parents or Sunday School leader.

YOUTH GROUP

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

ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies available today at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

DEACON TOWN HALL MEETING

12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

Please join the deacons for light snacks and great fellowship. Meet your team of local deacons and hear from Dr. Renwick.

WELCOME BACK, ANGELA!

12:15 p.m., Court of Flags

Come by the Court of Flags after 11 a.m. worship and welcome home NPC missionary Angela Bednarczyk, who arrived just four days ago from Dakar, Senegal. A former deacon moderator at NPC, Angela worked for 25 years in deaf education. In 2011 she committed her next five years to improve deaf education in Senegal at L'Ecole Renaissance des Sourds, a school for Deaf children.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

University table in Narthex

If you baked cookies for college students' care packages, please bring them to the University student table to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Care packages will be sent to our college students this week as they are coming up on final exams.

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., Elson Parlor

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

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The Strategic Planning Team survey will be available from April 27– May 11. Let your thoughts and ideas about the future of NPC be heard.

Please take the survey online at www.bit.ly/npcsurvey

We strongly request that all surveys be done online to help with the collection process. The survey is completely confidential and will take less than 15 minutes to complete.

If you cannot take the survey online, paper copies are available at the information desk to the right as you leave the sanctuary after any service.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK

DISCUSSION: *BAD RELIGION*

May 8–June 12, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a discussion of the book, *Bad Religion* by New York Times columnist Ross Douthat. Join us for 90 minutes of group interaction as we consider how American Christianity has lost its way.

There will be no class on May 1. For May 8 please read Chapters 3 & 4, pp. 83-148.

GOOD NEWS: NPS

GROUNDBREAKING TOMORROW

Monday, April 28, 9:30 a.m.

The National Presbyterian School's expansion project is kicking off tomorrow morning with a groundbreaking ceremony with faculty, staff, and students. Construction on the school building will continue through the summer. Both the church and the school will benefit from increased space for programs and classes beginning in the fall.

NPS MUSICAL

Thursday May 1 & Friday May 2

6:30 p.m., Stone Hall

National Presbyterian School 4th-6th graders are travelling down the yellow brick road to present OZ!, an original musical telling the Wizard of Oz story featuring songs from the 1939 film, "The Wiz" and "Wicked."

Tickets (\$5) can be reserved at www.nps-dc.org

PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual journey? Please come and enjoy a one-day Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. Find out more about NPC and church membership. Information can be found in brochures at the information desk and on our website. **Register today!** Contact: Kemet Rakiatu, KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 3, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. Our speaker is Dr. David Renwick, who will challenge us to consider "Born Again: What's That?" To reserve your spot, contact: 202.537.7527 or Men@NationalPres.org.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON

**Saturday, May 3, Noon (lunch)
1 p.m. (program), Stone Hall**

NPC staff member McLane Stone will share about his faith journey and how God has led him to work with youth.

All are welcome! For lunch reservations (\$12) visit Stone Hall today or call Ann Lewis, 301.229.4592 by Wednesday, April 30.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 4, 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of the congregation. Light refreshments will be served. *Annual Reports are available today on the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.*

PRAY. EAT. LOVE.

Sunday, May 4, 12:45 p.m., Stone Hall

Be part of the terrific team for our annual fall event on September 7! A planning meeting will be held next Sunday, immediately following the Congregational Meeting. Lunch will be served. Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org

AFTERNOON T.E.A.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 14, 1:30–3 p.m., Elson Parlor

Moms of school-aged children gather on the second Wednesday of the month for Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration. Contact: Alison Dickey, NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com

**SIGN UP TODAY:
GREAT DAY OF SERVICE
Saturday May 17**

NPC's all new, all-church day of service and witness is coming! Choose one of many meaningful and fun service projects available at NPC and around the metro area. There is something for the whole family! *Register at NationalPres.org/GreatDayofService*
Questions? SSteele@NationalPres.org.

- Pack meals for **Stop Hunger Now**.
- Garden at the **Capital Area Food Bank's** Urban Demonstration Garden.
- Build a home with **Habitat for Humanity**.
- Donate and sort clothes and housewares to **Dress for Success** and the **Salvation Army**.
- Serve lunch to and spend time connecting with the homeless men at **Central Union Mission**.
- And more!

Free childcare is available at NPC for kids under 5; register when you sign up for your service project. Everyone age 5 and up can serve!

**SPECIAL GUEST PATTY STONESIFER
Sunday, May 18, 12:45–1:30 p.m., Stone Hall**

Come for an engaging talk with Patty Stonesifer, current President of Martha's Table and former CEO of the Gates Foundation. Learn about the larger issues of poverty and hunger, best practices, and how you can continue to make a difference! This event is free and open to the public; an optional boxed lunch (\$10) is available from 12:15–12:45. *Contact: serve@nationalpres.org to reserve a lunch.*

**YOUTH & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, May 11**

Our middle school and high school youth will take part in leading all worship services during this celebration of the future of the church... our youth! 9th graders have finished their Confirmation class and will be received as members during the 11 a.m. service. Some of our senior high school students will share a personal testimony about God's amazing grace in their lives. A reception will be held in Stone Hall.

**THE CIRCLE FAMILY GROUP
Sunday, May 18, 4–6:30 p.m.
Friendship Park, Van Ness**

Families with young children, join our monthly gatherings filled with food, fun, and friendship. This month, pack a picnic and meet at Turtle (Friendship) Park on Van Ness. From May to August we'll meet at various locations off campus due to NPS construction. *Contact: Jill Meek, JMeek@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7535.*

YOUTH POSITION OPENING

NPC is seeking to fill a part-time position assisting our youth program. Position description is available upon request. *Contact: NPCyouth@NationalPres.org*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 7–11, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Registration for children is open and there are volunteer opportunities as well. Four year olds through rising 5th graders have fun and grow in faith during "Wilderness Escape VBS: Where God Guides and Provides." Kids will enjoy Bible teaching, crafts, games, service projects, and music. *Register online at PlanetReg.com/NPCVBS14 through mid-June. To volunteer contact Jill Meek, JMeek@nationalpres.org; 202.537.7535.*

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*

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

In May we are collecting **boxes of unsweetened cereal** for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

April 27 - May 4

Sunday

Psalms 93; 136
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

Monday

Psalms 97; 124
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12
John 14:1-17

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 66
Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25
John 14:18-31

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 9
Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 15:1-11

Thursday

Psalms 47; 68
Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-3:12
John 15:12-27

Friday

Psalms 96; 49
Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6
John 16:1-15

Saturday

Psalms 92; 23
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19
John 16:16-33

Sunday

Psalms 93; 136
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

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

- Financial Peace University *special time: 9:15–10:45 a.m., concludes May 4* Church Room 105
- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities School Room 236
- Wrestlers: Engaging in Contemporary Issues Agencies Lower Level
- A Biblical Exploration of the Heart of God Agencies 101
- The Book of Genesis: God's Creative Call Agencies 105
- Jeremiah: Learning to Live Life to the Fullest Elson Parlor
- The Progressive Century Church Room 110/111
- Looking at the Cross *last class today* Church Room 5

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship** Church Room 110/111
- Mid-Career Fellowship (ages 30s & 40s) **Sundays, after 11 a.m. worship** Elson Parlor
- The Circle Family Group **Resumes May 18, 4:30–6 p.m.** Off campus
- Youth Parents Fellowship **Sundays, 6–7:30 p.m.** Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.** Church Room 110/111
- Afternoon T.E.A. **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30 – 3 p.m.** Elson Parlor
- "Real Moms" **Thursdays 9:30 a.m. – Noon** Church Room 5
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays 7–9 p.m.** Stone Hall
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays 9:30 – 11 a.m.** Church Room 105
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m.** Satellite Library
- 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, 11:45 a.m.** 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) 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.** Youth House
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** Multi Purpose Room

CHILDCARE 7:45 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 in Lent, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** Choir Room
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m.** Church Room 110/111
- Children's Choir (2nd–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:25 – 10:55 a.m.** Jones Hall/School Gym
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays 10:25 – 11 a.m.** MP Bldg.; Multipurpose Room
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 8 – 9:15 p.m.** Chapel

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) Admin. Bldg., Second Floor
- Satellite Library (Sundays) Adjacent to Stone Hall
- Moehrle Bookstore Adjacent to Stone Hall

BODY & SOUL EXERCISE CLASS Saturdays 8:30 a.m. Jones Hall/School Gym

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