

May 4, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*We must no longer be children . . .
but must grow up in every way into Christ.*

Ephesians 2:14,15

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 in G, Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Erik Suter, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Is Number One

Genie & Troy Nilsson

God is number One, have no other gods before him.

He's the Mighty One, have no other gods before him.

God's number One! He won't be number two.

He loves you more than anybody else could ever do.

God's number One, so here's what you can do:

Just love him with all your heart and mind and soul and muscle too.

God's number One! He's the Lord of all,

the everlasting Ruler of both big and small.

God's number One! He is on the throne;

There is no other god like him for he is God alone.

Joyful Noisemakers

Directed by Mandy Brown with Joanna Jones, piano

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Behold Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. Lord, fill me.

I am weak in faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that I may better love my neighbor.

I do not have a strong and firm faith.

At times I doubt and do not trust you altogether.

Forgive my sins, O Lord, and help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

Martin Luther

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

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)*

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. Stephen Minister Dottie McKnight

Thanks be to God.

11 a.m. Elder Dianne Tingley

SERMON

Resurrection Life: Growing in Faith

Dr. David Renwick

John 15:12-17

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,
the planting of the Lord himself.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here
to bear the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen, dear. And though we feel the dresser's knife,
we are the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery
with fruit from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

To Know Thee

Hank Beebe

To know thee is the goal my heart has set: to know thee is its greatest prize;
To know thee though I feel that we have met on dark roads where sadness lies;
To know thee when the storms of life increase and I see no sheltered landing;
To know thee in a time of quiet peace that passes my understanding.
To know thee is to come to know the truth, the truth that will set me free.

I know not where my growing faith will lead,

Or how I may react in word and deed;

I do know that I have a crying need to know thee.

To know thee is to know what I should pray, to know thee is a prayer complete.

To know thee is to finally find my way with thy bright lamp unto my feet.

To know thee is at first to know thy name, and speak it as one confessing,

And finding that the mention of thy name re-echoes as a blessing.

To know thee is to know my deepest self, to know thee uncovers me.
I know of fame and fortune far and wide,
I know of the rewards that they provide;
I know that I would cast them all aside to know thee.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Orlando Gibbons

O Lord, increase my faith. Strengthen me and confirm me in thy true path.

Teach me to follow thee as thou callest me. In every adversity, teach me to say "Amen."

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 361 *verses 1,2,5*

How Firm A Foundation

Foundation

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

St. Stephen

Of all our prayers, may this be chief: Till faith is fully grown,

Lord, disbelieve our unbelief and claim us as your own.

Fred Pratt Green

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G, Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 15th wedding anniversary of Courtney and Willem Rijksen.

The floral arrangements embedded in the Easter Garden are given to the glory of God, and honor the memories of fellow members of the NPC Flower Ministry who were our friends, teachers, and mentors: Sterling Newell, Lynn Pickrell, Louise McKenzie, Eleanor Keyser, and Doris Botsford; given by the NPC Flower Ministry.

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

A series of special Africa focused presentations continues in our Wrestlers class. Today, Dr. Jane Gore and Dr. Meghan Donahue from the Peace Corps will speak on the barriers and strategies to address girls' education in Africa.

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.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
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 on the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.*

PRAY. EAT. LOVE.

12:45 p.m., Church Room 5

Be part of the terrific team for our annual fall event on September 7! Lunch will be served. *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org*

YOUNG ADULTS

12:45 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

12:45 p.m., Elson Parlor

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

SIGN UP TODAY

- **Great Day of Service** (*see p. 6*)
Downstairs in Stone Hall, at the table to the left as you exit the sanctuary, or at www.nationalpres.org/GreatDayofService
- **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** (*see p. 7*)
Downstairs in Stone Hall

FILL OUT YOUR SURVEY TODAY!

The Strategic Planning Team survey will be available through next Sunday, 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

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 11

Join us in celebrating God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth take part in leading all worship services. Each service will include testimonies from some of our senior class students, and we will be receiving this year's Confirmation class as new members during the 11 a.m. service. Also, the morning's offering will be dedicated to the continuing witness of our youth in D.C. and abroad.

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, May 11, Stone Hall
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship,*

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless. In just 20 minutes, you can help make the 700 sandwiches that we prepare each month for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted to help offset project costs.*

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. *For May 8, please read Chapters 3 & 4.*

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 soon! 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, downstairs in Stone Hall, or at the table to the left as you exit the sanctuary.*

Projects include:

- 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 Executive Director 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.*

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

Throughout 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.

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN
BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP**
*Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,
Church Room 105*

All women are invited to a time of prayer at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. we will have a Bible study and discussion about Lydia. Feel free to stay for food and fellowship as we prepare greeting cards for those on the NPC Care and Joy Prayer list. *Contact: Mildred Wheat, 703.931.1490.*

THE CIRCLE FAMILY GROUP
Sunday, May 18, 4–6:30 p.m.

Friendship Park, Van Ness and 45th St. NW
Families with young children, join our monthly gatherings filled with food, fun, and friendship. This month, pack a picnic and meet at Friendship (“Turtle”) 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.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Monday, May 19, Noon, Stone Hall

All are invited for a special luncheon and program on art history with Dr. Rosamond Mack: “Italian Renaissance Responses to Islamic Silks: Competing in the Marketplace and Honoring the Saints” - bringing aesthetic, religious, historical, and economic factors together. *Sign up for lunch (\$10) today in Stone Hall or call 202.527.0800.*

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.*

YOUTH POSITION OPENING

NPC is seeking to fill a part-time position assisting our youth program. Position description is available at www.NationalPres.org/jobs
Contact: NPCyouth@NationalPres.org.

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.*

FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY
Thursdays, Noon

Volunteers are needed for an hour on Thursday afternoons to help receive and condition flowers for Sunday mornings. No prior experience is required, training is provided. *Learn more about this and other opportunities to assist with the Flower Ministry; contact: Nora Szeto, noraszeto@hotmail.com.*

SAVE THE DATE:

Fall Conference

Saturday, October 18

NPC’s Third Annual Fall Conference will feature New York Times columnist David Brooks, and Executive Editor of *Christianity Today* Andy Crouch.

Men’s Retreat

**Friday, September 18 – Saturday,
September 19**

Lee Corder, Senior Vice President for Young Life International Division, will be the guest speaker at this year’s Men’s Retreat at the Bolger Center in Potomac, MD. His theme is: “Man Up! Becoming the disciples God wants us to be.”

Contact: Grow@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527 to learn more about these events.

PRAYER MINISTRY

*We celebrate the marriage of:
Lindsey Reich and Matthew Haberman on
Saturday, April 26*

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

May 4 - 11

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Exodus 18:13-27
1 Peter 5:1-14
Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Exodus 19:1-16
Colossians 1:1-14
Matthew 3:7-12

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Exodus 19:16-25
Colossians 1:15-23
Matthew 3:13-17

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Exodus 20:1-21
Colossians 1:24-2:7
Matthew 4:1-11

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Exodus 24:1-18
Colossians 2:8-23
Matthew 4:12-17

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Exodus 25:1-22
Colossians 3:1-17
Matthew 4:18-25

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38
1 John 2:18-29
Mark 6:30-44

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 today* 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

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.** Agencies 105
- 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.** Multi Purpose Room
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** Youth House

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, 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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