

May 25, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

*Present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship.*

Romans 12:1

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

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Paul Manz

Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

One Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

All **The people whom God has chosen as a heritage.**

One Our hearts are glad in the Lord because we trust in his holy name.

All **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

▲ HYMN 262 *verses 1-3* God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 262, *verse 4*

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day;

Fill all our lives with love and peace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Lord of lords,

lead us, who are called to be saints, along the way of the cross;

draw us, who would draw nearer to you, to the foot of the cross;

cleanse us, who are not worthy to approach, with the pardon of the cross;

bring us, in the fellowship of your sufferings, to the victory of the cross;

seal us, in the kingdom of your glory, among the servants of the cross.

O crucified and risen Lord, we come to you,

who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign,

one God, almighty and eternal.

Eric Milner-White

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

Children in K-2nd grade may meet their Sunday School leader in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. *to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.*

11 a.m. *to go to the Children's Church 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:24-26a

9:15 a.m. Lisa Kennelly

The Word of the Lord.

11 a.m. Elder Robin Keesee

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Resurrection Life

Dr. David Renwick

Dying to Live

Philippians 3:4b-12; Romans 12:1-2

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ HYMN 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Choir only Verse 3

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Don Wilson

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE NATION

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

To the Cross, Lord, Lead Us Singing

David Lantz III

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, to the cross where you have died;
Where your blood flows like a river, that we may be purified.
To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing with the hosts on high,
Calv'ry's anthem of redemption, ransomed sinners justified.
Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, God's own Son has paid the price.
Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, sinless Lamb, the sacrifice.
Yours the victory at Cal'vry, suffering there to end the strife.
In your wounds we now find healing, in your fearful death, our life.
To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing to the great I AM;
Calv'ry's anthem of redemption, songs of praise to Christ the Lamb.

Susan Bentall Boersma

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Mansions of the Lord

Nick Glennie-Smith

How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

2 Samuel 1:25

To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing.

Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord.

No more weeping, no more fight, no friends bleeding through the night,

Just divine embrace, eternal light, in the Mansions of the Lord.

Randall Wallace

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata

Louis Vierne

from Symphony No. 1

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cornelis Huijssoon by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25 birthday.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in recognition of the wedding anniversary on May 20 of Gerri Hall and David Nickels and in memory of their parents, Helen and Randy Hall, and Evelyn and Horace Nickels.

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.

Invite a friend to NPC!

TODAY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLENARY *9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

The Gospel According to Baseball

Dr. Quinn Fox

A seriously fun look at how America's "national pastime" reflects and manifests religious faith. Through an exploration of popular culture (primarily films) and history, we'll consider baseball's sacred symbols, enduring vitality and the historic hopes of millions that baseball might shape our culture in redemptive ways.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *During 11 a.m. worship*

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

NPC YOUTH

NPC Youth Sunday evening meetings will take a break for the summer, and will resume in September. Stay tuned for special events activities throughout the summer!

RECOMMEND NPC LEADERSHIP

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in choosing our church's leaders as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee.

Submit your recommendations:

- **online:** www.nationalpres.org/nominate
- **email:** Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org
- **brochures:** available next week in worship

NPC TEAM SERVING IN MOLDOVA

A small NPC mission team returns this week from Moldova where they worked with Moldova Marriage Ministry national leaders to prepare leadership teams from 9 regions of the country to use and teach Alpha's "The Marriage Course" to married couples in local Moldovan churches. Please pray for the ongoing impact of transformed marriages in Moldovan society and for peace in the region.

EXTRA COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITY *Now-June 30*

A harsh winter and unanticipated repairs to our facility have added approximately \$250,000 to our expenses this year. The Session invites you to join with them in seeking to "close the gap" before June 30. *Please consider making a special gift to NPC, above regular faith giving (marked "close the gap").*

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.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JUNE *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

June 1, Stone Hall

Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Dr. Charles Marsh, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, will bring to life the struggles, triumphs, and transformations of Dietrich Bonhoeffer—German pastor, dissident, and conspirator in the resistance against Hitler and the Nazi party.

June 8, Chapel

Fierce Goodbye: A Christian Response to Suicide

The unique and terrible grief of suicide devastates family members for many years. Religious communities experience particular pain because of faith issues. Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Gwen Carr will reflect on how the church can be a “healing station” in helping survivors find their way to recovery.

June 15, Stone Hall

2014 Presbyterian General Assembly Briefing: A review of issues in Detroit, June 14-21
Dr. David Renwick

June 22, Stone Hall

Immigration: How Should Christians Respond
Dale Hanson Bourke

June 29, Stone Hall

The Life, Times, and Legacy of John Knox
Bruce Douglass

BOOK DISCUSSION: *BAD RELIGION* *Thursdays through June 12* *7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a discussion of the book, *Bad Religion* by NY Times columnist Ross Douthat. Join us for 90 minutes of group interaction as we consider the current challenges in American Christianity.
For May 29, please read Chapter 7.

SERVE COMMUNITY FORUM

Sunday, June 1, 12:15-2 p.m., Agencies 105

Those active in Serve Ministry will meet to celebrate the Great Day of Service and to hear an update on Serve Ministry Strategic Planning. A light buffet lunch will be served.
Please RSVP: BDear@NationalPres.org

WELCOME HOME LUNCH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sunday, June 1, 12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

We want to welcome you home in style! There'll be plenty of time for conversation, laughter, sharing a meal, and reconnecting with your NPC friends. We'll also share the details about our college summer fellowship.
Please RSVP to HGore@NationalPres.org.

MUSIC AT NATIONAL

Sunday, June 1, 3 p.m.

Washington Symphonic Brass present “Brass at the Opera”. Tickets are available at the door and www.wsbrass.com or call 866.962.7277.

Sunday, June 8, 4 p.m.

Heritage Signature Chorale presents “Now Thank We All Our God” – 14th Annual Concert. Tickets are available at the door or www.heritagesignaturechorale.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 7, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Join us for a great breakfast and fellowship. Our speaker is R.V. Seep, who will challenge us to consider “Finishing Well.” *To reserve your spot, contact: 202.537.7527 or Men@NationalPres.org.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

We celebrate the birth of:
Phoebe Christie Chanthunya, born
February 5 to Nadia Gbaka & Dzili Harry
Chanthunya

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

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON

**Saturday, June 7, Noon (lunch)
1 p.m. (program), Stone Hall**

Thailand missionary Austin House, a graduate of McGilvary College of Divinity, will come to speak about his work in Burma and other remote regions in Asia. All are welcome! *For lunch reservations (\$12) visit Stone Hall today or next Sunday.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesday, June 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,
Church Room 105**

All women are invited to a time of prayer at 10 a.m. followed by a Bible study and discussion about Priscilla and Aquila at 10:30. At the conclusion, feel free to stay for food and fellowship as we prepare greeting cards for those on the NPC Care and Joy Prayer list. This will be the last session of the group until Sept. 10, when we will begin a study on "Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools." *Contact: Mildred Wheat, 703.931.1490.*

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN: AFTERNOON T.E.A.

**Wednesday, June 11, 1:30–3 p.m.
Elson Parlor**

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for T.E.A. before your kids get home from school! Women with school-aged children are invited to gather for a time of Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration as we study the Bible, share our lives, and worship God together. Tea and other refreshments will be served. We'll begin with a study of the Beatitudes. *Contact: Alison Dickey, NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays beginning June 22, 1 p.m.

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly GriefShare classes. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy. *Please register with Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

SUMMER SCHEDULE: 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Beginning June 15

Mark your calendars for a transition to the summer schedule beginning June 15.

8:30 A.M.

Worship in the chapel

9:30 A.M.

Sunday school for all ages

10:45 A.M.

Worship in the sanctuary

"DOXOLOGY II"

June 15, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary

The summer schedule begins as we give glory to God in word and song together with brass, woodwinds, timpani, organ, piano, and bagpipes. Invite a friend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7–11, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Registration is open! Age four 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.*

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS

This month we are collecting **non-sweetened cereal** for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the information table. In March, NPC members and friends contributed 385 6-ounce cans of tuna. *Thank you!*

STOCK DONATIONS

Stock donations are a wonderful way to give to the church. If you are interested in making a stock donation, please contact the Finance Office at 202.537.7495.

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

May 25-June 1

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-8, 16-18
Luke 12:13-21

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-16

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Daniel 7:9-14
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Numbers 11:16-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28-8:4

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 10:17-24

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- MAY 25: The Gospel According to Baseball
- JUNE 1: Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- JUNE 8: A Biblical Exploration of the Heart of God
- JUNE 15: Denominational Issues, Pre-Georgia
- JUNE 22: Immigration: How Should Christians Respond
- JUNE 29: The Life, Times, and Legacy of John Knox

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Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Resumes June 1, after 11 a.m. worship** *Church Room 110/111*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 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*
- 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*

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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*

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*

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 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, 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 6:30 – 8 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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