

August 10, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:30-31

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

10:45 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

We All Believe in One True God

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 457
verses 1-4

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Don Wilson

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 457, *verse 5*

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in thy strength we evermore endure.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord our God, eternal in holiness and glory,
you keep your covenant promises according to your word.
You are the life of all,
the help of those who flee to you,
the hope of all who cry to you.
Cleanse us from both our secret and our open sins,
and from every thought that dishonors your goodness.
Cleanse our bodies and our souls,
that with a pure heart and a clear conscience,
we may pray confidently to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Basil of Caesarea

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

*Rising K-2nd grade children begin in worship then are escorted to Church Room 106.
Parents pick up their children in Room 106 following the service.*

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15

Charles Petty

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 12

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Abraham: But You Promised Me!

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,

Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;

Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Michael Denham, tenor

Grace McFarlane, piano

▲ 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

Bright Canaan

Alice Parker

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Great Awakening Gospel Hymn

I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, it is my happy home. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Forgetting what has gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll gain God's riches evermore. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan,

Where sin and sorrow are no more. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, I am bound for the land of Canaan;

And higher still our joys shall rise. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

▲ 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 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

O Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.

O Canaan, it is my happy home. I am bound for the land of Canaan.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata

Theodore Dubois

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? 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 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.
- 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

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

Living Purposefully Through Transition
R.V. Seep

R.V. Seep, a very popular Adult Sunday School teacher, will help us think biblically about facing life's transitions. Whether we face a career transition, a milestone in life, or simply our rapidly changing world, Christian people and institutions confront numerous challenging transitions. We are called to live up to God's purposes for our lives, even as we lean into His grace.

Next Sunday: "Military Chaplains: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths," RADM Margaret Kibben

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL **Sundays, Multi-Purpose Room** **9:30 a.m.**

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL **Sundays, 9:30 a.m.** **Church Room 8 & 105**

- Ages 3 & 4 – Church Room 8
- Rising K-5th grade – Church Room 105

CHILDREN'S CHURCH **Sundays, 10:45 a.m.** **Church Room 10**

- Ages 3 & 4 go to Church Room 8
- After the Time for Children, rising K-2nd Graders leave worship for program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:
Ozeal S. Brown
Mary Alice Keller
John Kingscott
Katherine Kranenburg
Loris Witherspoon

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

SAY CHEESE!

HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN
Sundays August 10 & 17, Stone Hall
All are invited to come by the Connections Photo Booth before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. Get to know your NPC family! NPC is updating the church directory information and we want to include everyone.

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

12 p.m., Culbertson Library (Admin. Bldg.)
Nearby American University has hundreds of international students, from over 130 countries. Would you be willing to befriend one of these students—sharing an occasional meal, outing or other activity with them, as part of their exposure to American culture? Come to our informational meeting to learn more about this outreach opportunity, called "American Friends." *Contact: Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org.*

SECOND SUNDAY **SANDWICH MAKING**

Stone Hall after 10:45 a.m. worship
All are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during the summer. In just 20 minutes you can help make 800 sandwiches we will provide for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted by mail or at the event to help offset project costs.*

BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING **Satellite Library**

Relax with a good book this summer! Check out our selection of new books for your summer reading at the Satellite Library right outside of Stone Hall.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES *Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

August 17, RADM Margaret Kibben
*Military Chaplains: Ministering to People
of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths*

August 24, Evangeline Taylor
Healing the 7 Deadly Sins

August 31, Trip Reports
Join us for reports of the June Holy
Land pilgrimage and our youth mission
trips to Belize and West Virginia.
9:30 a.m. – Holy Land
11:45 a.m. – Youth Mission Trips
Light luncheon fare will be provided at 11:45

BACK TO SCHOOL COLLEGE LUNCH

Sunday, August 17, 12 p.m., Youth House
Heading back to school? Coming back to
school here in the DC area? Either way,
join us for a casual lunch before your fall
semester ramps up. No need to r.s.v.p. Just
drop in and say hello or goodbye, as the
case may be, to your NPC friends!

SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH: BURKINA FASO

Sunday, August 17, Noon, Parlor
NPC-supported Wycliffe missionaries
Stuart and Cathie Showalter work with
the church among the Kaan people of
Burkina Faso. Their focus is to provide
the Scriptures in the Kaan language
and to develop the community through
literacy and small scale development
projects. After 27 years they are almost
finished with the New Testament in the
Kaansa language. Come hear stories of
how God is working in that community
to transform people's lives. Light
refreshments will be served.

MEET AND GREET STAFF

Sunday, August 24, 11:45 a.m., Stone Hall
Join us for a reception with our NPC full-
and part-time staff. Get to know the staff
and enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation.

PRAY. EAT. LOVE. PLANNING MEETING

*Sunday, August 24, 12:15 p.m.
Elson Parlor*

Join the planning team for our annual
"Pray. Eat. Love." event on September 7 –
a morning of worship, service, family fun,
and a shared meal. You can be a big help
preparing for this special event. *Contact:*
Leslie Saum, L²saum@NationalPres.org.

THIS MONTH'S FOOD DONATIONS

In August we are collecting boxes of
un-sweetened cereal for mission partner
Martha's Table. Please bring donations to
the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or the
information table. *If you are able to help
gather food donations on Sundays or pack
and deliver food to Martha's Table, please
contact Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@
nchapman.com.*

SUMMER CHOIR

Sundays, 10 a.m., Choir Room

There are still five Summer Sundays
left. Come sing in Summer Choir! No
Wednesday rehearsals, just Sunday
morning prep before the 10:45 service.
Come as often as your schedule permits.
We would love to welcome you! *Contact:*
Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO...?

Looking for ways to meet more people
at NPC? Looking for ways to help NPC?
Looking for ways to join a group that
has high camaraderie? Look no further.
The NPC ushers are looking for you.
*Contact head usher, Walter Hampton at
410.544.7156 or jesse506@verizon.net.*

SAVE THESE DATES

PRAY • EAT • LOVE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7

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All are invited for a morning of special worship, service projects, and a delicious picnic lunch. With games for the kids, it will be a fun time for all, and a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor! *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org.*

Invite a
Friend!

Men's Retreat:

Last Day for Early Bird Prices

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Reason to attend the Men's Retreat:

Everyone needs a break. Don't let "The Routine" make you a prisoner. Bolger Center, 20 minutes from NPC, will be the best place to be on September 19-20. Register today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/mens-ministry.

Today is the last day to get the "Early Bird" rate of \$175; see brochure for details about the retreat speaker, schedule, and accommodations. *Contact: Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.*

Prepare for Marriage Seminar

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elson Parlor

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This one-day workshop taught by our pastors will help you learn important skills that every couple needs to survive and thrive in their marriage. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

Fall Conference

Saturday, October 18

What does it mean to live a life of character? How can we live lives that are filled with meaning, rather than merely accomplishments? NPC's Third Annual Conference will feature two well-known speakers who will challenge us to consider how to live a life of depth—one shaped by lasting virtues that truly matter: David Brooks, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject, and Andy Crouch, executive editor of *Christianity Today*. Plan now to attend! Registration begins in September.

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.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary service in Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Traditional service in Sanctuary

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

August 10 - 17

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
 2 Corinthians 11:21-31
 Mark 4:35-41
 Psalm 117:1-2

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
 Judges 12:1-7
 Acts 5:12-26
 John 3:1-21

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
 Judges 13:1-15
 Acts 5:27-42
 John 3:22-36

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
 Judges 13:15-24
 Acts 6:1-15
 John 4:1-26

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
 Judges 14:1-19
 Acts 6:15-7:16
 John 4:22-42

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
 Judges 14:20-15:20
 Acts 7:17-29
 John 4:43-54

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
 Judges 16:1-14
 Acts 7:30-43
 John 5:1-18

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
 Judges 16:15-31
 2 Corinthians 13:1-11
 Mark 5:25-34

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- AUGUST 10: But One Thing: Living Purposefully Through Transition *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 17: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 24: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 31: Trip Reports from Holy Land (9:30 a.m.) and Belize (11:45 a.m.) *Stone Hall*

Groups

- GriefShare Resumes next Sunday, 12:30 p.m. *Admin. Building Room 108*
- The Circle Family Group 3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m. *Off campus*
- Men's Breakfast 1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m. *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m. *Satellite Library*
- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) Sunday lunch today *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" Resumes Wednesday, September 3 *Church Room 108*
- Women in the Word Bible Study Resumes Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. *Church Room 105*
- WomenConnect Resumes September 17 *Church Room 105*
- Wednesday Women Resumes September 10 *Church Room 105*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study Resumes September 10 *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study Resumes September 11 *Agencies 105*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon Resumes October 4 *Stone Hall*

YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

- 6th–12th grade *Agencies Lower Level*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 *Church Room 8*
- Rising K–5th grade *Church Room 105*

Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 (go directly to Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.) *Church Room 8*
 - Rising K–2nd grade *Church Room 105*
- Children begin in worship. After the Time for Children, they leave worship for their program in room 105.*
Parents, pick up children there after worship.

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

- Summer Choir Sunday Rehearsal, 10 a.m. *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m. *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells Resumes Tuesday Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (2nd–5th grade) Resumes September 14 *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) Resumes September 14 *Multipurpose Room*

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library (Sundays) *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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