

PRAY • EAT • LOVE

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship together • share a meal • serve others

*Jesus went through Galilee teaching in their synagogues
and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.*

Matthew 4:23

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*

Today not only marks our second annual “Pray, Eat, Love” event, but also the 45th anniversary of the first service of worship in our sanctuary here on Nebraska Avenue.

Whether this is your first time worshipping at National or your 45th year, “Welcome!” I hope you find the presence of the living God and the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in our worship and service together.

I hope you will join us next Sunday as we begin a new series of sermons for the fall. We’ll be looking at Jesus’ teaching in what we call “The Sermon on the Mount,” and seeing that he is passionate about our happiness – but his way of describing happiness, and finding it, may or may not be what we have in mind! Read ahead in Matthew 5-7.



Blessings always,



Dr. David Renwick
Senior Pastor

P.S. Also next Sunday: at 9:30 a.m., new classes begin for adults, children, and youth.

There are classes to help our faith grow for all stages of life, and levels of Bible knowledge.

No matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, September 14 is a perfect day to move forward and try out a new class!

Please stay after this morning's worship service for food, fun, and service opportunities!

FOOD & FUN

There will be music, games and activities for the kids, and time to spend with new friends and old. Enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch (*contributions appreciated to help support the event*) and drop by our service projects that all ages can participate in:

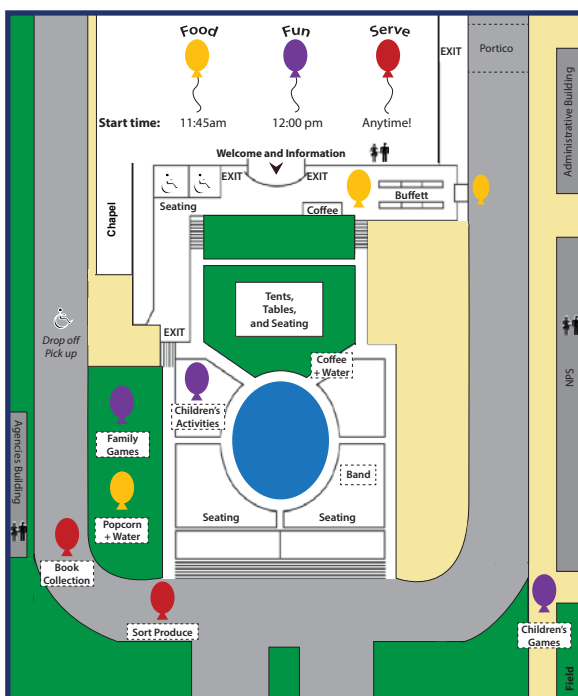
SORT PRODUCE FOR THE HUNGRY

In just 20 minutes, before or after lunch, you can help sort and bag 40 lbs of produce that will be distributed to local food banks.

BOOK COLLECTION

Share the gift of education and learning with children throughout the city and the world:

- Drop off book donations
- Purchase books for students in Senegal and DC
- Make cards and bookmarks for the children
- Help sort and box books for delivery



ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Kenneth Lowenberg

Going Home

Antonin Dvorák/Matt Niess

Kenneth Lowenberg, guest organist

Brass Quintet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship God!

▲ HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Quinn Fox

CHORAL RESPONSE

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard: Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth The Lord has delivered his people: Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name. Make his praise glorious.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious and Loving God, our Creator and Sustainer,

We acknowledge that we have given ourselves

to desires and visions other than yours;

though to know you is eternal life,

and to serve you is perfect freedom.

Forgive us for our foolishness, we pray,

and touch our spirits with the Spirit of your Son,

that we might praise and serve you

with all our heart and soul, and mind and strength.

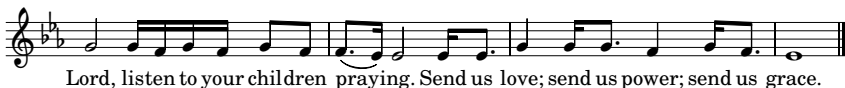
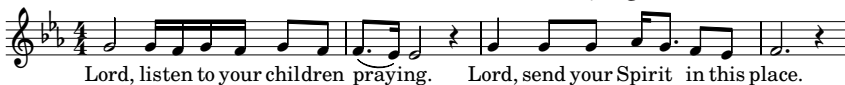
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND MEDITATION

sung twice by the Choir, then the Congregation as directed

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: Great things he hath done!

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

Rising K-2nd grade children may leave for the Children's Church program at this time.
Parents, pick up children in the Parlor following the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1

Elder Charles Glendinning

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

The Pursuit of Happiness

Dr. David Renwick

Jesus the Teacher – A Happy Kingdom

Matthew 4:23-5:12

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

David Haas and Michael Joncas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

McLane Stone

THE LORD'S PRAYER

sung by Sheri Jackson, soprano

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, for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Yo tengo un Cristo de poder que de la tumba se levanto.

Cuando los santos marchen alla hacia la patria celestial,
Señor, yo quiero estar alla, cuando los santos marche alla.

Nos vamos a gozar, nos vamos a gozar, a las bodas del cordero nos vamos a gozar.

Y luego nos iremos a la patria celestial, a vivir con Jesu Cristo por toda la eternidad.

I have a powerful Christ who has risen from the grave.

When the saints go marching toward that heavenly place,

Lord, I want to be there, when the saints go marching in.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, at the wedding of the Lamb we will rejoice,

And then we will go to that heavenly home to live with Jesus Christ for all eternity.

Rubelio Interiano and *Estrellas de Cristo*

▲ RESPONSE

Santo, Santo, Santo

Argentine Santo

Choir

1. *Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!*

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

2. Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

Congregation

3. Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please stay for a special Postlude.

All are invited for food, fun, and service immediately following worship.

▲ POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Closer Walk

Brass Quintet

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Brass Quintet: Terry Bingham, Christian Hinkle, Rick Lee, Matt Niess, Jon Voth

Estrellas de Cristo: Rubelio Interiano (NPC Facilities Assistant), Victor Jimenez, Oscar Lucero, Ramido Interiano, Victor Gamez, Adonaldo Rodriguez

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Amy Johnson and Curtis Gore on September 6th, by Jane Gore, in memory of Dr. Peter Gore.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:15, 9:15, 11 a.m. worship

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Beginning Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School classes for adults, children, and youth resume next Sunday! Classes explore a wide range of topics geared for a variety of interests, life stages, and levels of Christian experience and knowledge of the faith.

*Class descriptions available online:
www.nationalpres.org/adults*

See p. 8 for Sunday School classes and locations, and additional classes and groups that meet during the week.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

*Sundays beginning Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m.
Church Room 105*

Eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. Dave Ramsey will challenge and motivate you, through DVD lectures and discussion, to get a hold on your finances, make a plan for your money and reorient your life! *Purchase class materials in the bookstore or online: www.daveramsey.com. Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing lead by Pastors, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers. Come and pray alongside those with a servant's listening heart, during your time of waiting in faith upon God. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

FALL SERMON SERIES

"The Beatitudes"

Beginning Sept. 14, 8:15, 9:15, 11 a.m.

This fall, we return to the heart of Jesus' teaching in the sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and the Beatitudes (5:1-12) – those statements of Jesus that traditionally begin with "Blessed are..."

The Greek word for "blessed" is *makarios*, which (in non-religious wording) simply means "happy." Jesus picks up on this powerful theme repeated almost 30 times in the Psalms: that God desires our happiness; not an ephemeral or easy happiness, but one that brings God's peace and effectiveness to our lives.

YOUTH KICKOFF BARBECUE

Sunday, Sept. 14, 5 p.m., Youth House
Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to our fall kickoff BBQ next Sunday. Make new friends and hear about exciting plans for the year. See you there! *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

SANDWICH MAKING

*Sunday, Sept. 14,
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make 800 sandwiches! *Financial contributions welcomed to purchase sandwich supplies.*

PHOTO BOOTH RESUMES

Sunday, Sept. 14, Stone Hall

Come by before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. Please stop by if you haven't yet had your photo taken.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REAL MOMS COFFEE HOUSE

*Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Church Room 107*

Moms of young children are invited for coffee, fellowship, discussion, and prayer weekly on Wednesdays. Rev. Donna Marsh will kick-off our speaker series with a discussion of "Biblical Wellness." *Free childcare provided.*

MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20

Connect with God and one another at the men's retreat, only a few weeks away! Register in the Court of Flags or online: nationalpres.org/mens-ministry. Contact: Gene Thompson, gene@thompsonmail.org, 202.244.5558.

THE CIRCLE FAMILY GROUP

*Sunday, Sept. 21, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
School Playground*

Families with young children are invited for a playgroup and potluck meal followed by a discussion on "Tools for Transitions: Getting Ready for the Next Phase" led by experienced preschool teacher Dianne Torresen.

UNIVERSITY LUNCHEON

Sunday, Sept. 21, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

College students are invited for a lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Contact: Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org.

U.S. NAVY SEA CHANTERS CONCERT

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2–3 p.m., Sanctuary

Enjoy well-known tunes, sacred medleys, patriotic music and favorites at this free, family-friendly and fun performance.

Upcoming concerts: nationalpres.org/concert-series.

"JOURNEYS" WOMEN'S BRUNCH

*Saturday, September 27, Stone Hall
10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

Melinda Moore, Sandy Sharpe, and Charley Stone will share and celebrate stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. *Register (\$15) in Stone Hall on Sept. 14 and 21. Contact: Holly Novak, 202.537.7527 or HNovak@NationalPres.org.*

JOIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Find out more about membership at NPC at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. You'll have time with the pastors and church leaders, and learn more about the Christian faith. *Please register by Sept. 18: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays beginning Sept. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Administration Building Room 108

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, Sept. 29, Noon, Stone Hall

Helen Holt will speak about her time as "The Real 'Mrs. Smith' Who Went to Washington" *Register (\$10) next Sunday in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

"THE QUEST FOR CHARACTER"

Saturday, October 18, 8:45 a.m.–Noon

Conference featuring Andy Crouch (*Christianity Today*) and David Brooks (*NY Times*) exploring how we can live with meaning, rather than accomplishments.

CELEBRATING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

This week students and teachers returned to National Presbyterian School. We join with NPS in celebrating their newly expanded facility, which provides additional space for NPS students and NPC Sunday school. *Interior renovations continue through October.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Loris Witherspoon
Virginia Barney
Connie Marshall

We mourn the deaths of:

Jeanne Denham, mother of Mike Denham,
on August 27.

Mary Alice Keller on August 28. *Memorial to be held on Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.*

Confidential prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

FALL CLASSES AND GROUPS

Beginning next Sunday, September 14

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

September 7 - 14

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Job 32:1-19-33:1,19-28
Acts 13:44-52
John 10:19-30

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Job 29:1-20
Acts 14:1-18
John 10:31-42

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
Job 29:1, 30:1-31
Acts 14:19-28
John 11:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Job 29:1, 31:1-23
Acts 15:1-11
John 11:17-29

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Job 29:1, 31:24-40
Acts 15:12-21
John 11:30-44

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Job 38:1-17
Acts 15:22-35
John 11:45-54

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Job 38:1, 18-41
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 5:21-26

ADULTS

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 14

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- A Living Faith for Hostile Times: Guidance from the Apostle Paul *Church Room 5*
- The Church in the 20th Century *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **Third Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- The Circle Family Group **Resumes Sept. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.** *School Playground*
- 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) **Resumes September 14** *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- 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*
- GriefShare **Resumes September 28, 12:30 p.m.** *Admin. Building Room 108*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon **Resumes Oct.4** *Stone Hall*

YOUTH

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*

CHILDREN

Preschool

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2-year olds: Church Room 8
- 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

Elementary

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for School. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 206
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon. *Church Room 106*

CHILDCARE 8 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 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K-5th grade) **Resumes Sept. 14, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Resumes Sept. 14, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

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

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