



November 9, 2014

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

*Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.*

Proverbs 16:3

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
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Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections)
McLane Stone (Youth), and Sally Swanson (Serve)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Largo

G.F. Handel
from *Xerxes*
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

One The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue
is from the Lord.

***All* All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.**

One Commit your work to the Lord,

***All* And your plans will be established.**

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

Proverbs 16:1-4

BELL PEAL

▲ HYMN 132 *verses 1-3*

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 132, verse 4

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Forgive me my sins, O Lord.

Forgive me the sins of my youth, and the sins of my age,

The sins of my soul, and the sins of my body,

My secret and my whispering sins,

My presumptuous and my crying sins,

The sins I have done to please myself,

And the sins I have done to please others.

Forgive me the sins I know, and the sins I do not know.

Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all, out of your great goodness.

Lancelot Andrewes

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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 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. (grades K-2)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

Michael Ford

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 940

U.S. Army Chorus

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Commitment in an Imperfect World

Rev. Donna Marsh

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Open Thou Mine Eyes

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see, incline my heart and I shall desire;

Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God,

And beside thee let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments:

In truth of spirit, in reverence, of body, in blessings of lips, in private and in public.

Lancelot Andrewes

▲ 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, GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS

Congregation brings tithes, gifts and commitments forward during the offertory.

Now Thank We All Our God

Sondra K. Tucker

Nun danket alle Gott

William Neil, organ and

Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

▲ 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 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11 a.m.

▲ POSTLUDE

Overture to Floridante

G.F. Handel

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Carl Joseph Gilbert Anderson by his son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

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.

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

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *12:15 p.m., Sanctuary*

Stay after the 11 a.m. service for a meeting of the congregation to elect officers: Elders, Deacons, 2015 Congregational Nominating Committee, and members for the Board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving. Officer nominee biographies are available at the information table. All members are encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN *9:30–10:30 a.m., see p. 8 for locations*

WRESTLERS CLASS

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level

Come any Sunday and invite a friend as we apply God's Word to God's world. On Nov. 23, Mary Eberstadt (Senior Fellow, Ethics & Public Policy Center) will speak about "How the West Really Lost God." Contact Paul Arveson, paul@arveson.com.

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

"Across the Aisle" group for young adults (ages 22-35) gathers for lunch and conversation. Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Stop by Stone Hall after worship to choose how you can actively support the work of Mission Gifts for Christmas on Dec. 7 & 14. Some tasks take only 1 hour – sign up today! Contact: Sally Swanson, sswanson@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.

NPC YOUTH RESUMES NEXT WEEK *Next Sunday, 5–7:30 p.m., Youth House*

There will be no youth group this week while our Middle School students are at their fall retreat. Youth group will resume next Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

The Biblical concept of first fruits calls on us to give the first and best of the harvest – our resources – to the Lord. Each year on Commitment Sunday, we renew our commitment to God to support his work in and through NPC by giving our first fruits.

Please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in our church in 2015, and return your commitment card as an act of worship during today's service.

If you do not have your commitment card with you, extra cards are available in the baskets at the end of the pews.



SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

*Stone Hall after 9:15 a.m. worship
and after the Congregational Meeting*

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 700 sandwiches! *Financial contributions are welcomed to purchase sandwich supplies.*

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy. Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ALL CHURCH TOWN HALL MEETING *Sunday, Nov. 16., 12:15 p.m.* *Stone Hall*

Enjoy light refreshments and time with one another as Dr. Renwick and members of your Session answer questions about the new Strategic Plan and how we can all be a part of God's vision for our church.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PHOTOS *Sunday, Nov. 16, Stone Hall*

Next Sunday is the last week to have your picture taken for the church directory!

We'll be set up before and during the Town Hall, so grab some refreshments and come by if you haven't yet had your photo taken. We're updating the church directory, and want to include *everyone!*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP *Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Church Room 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of "Samson and Delilah" from our focus on "Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools." After the study we'll enjoy snacks, and address cards to NPC members in need of care and prayer. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

AFTERNOON T.E.A. *Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.* *Elson Parlor*

Women with school-aged children are invited for a monthly gathering with *Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration* as we study the Bible, share our lives and worship our God together. (Yes, tea and other refreshments are served!) Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. November's discussion topic will focus on marriage, adultery and divorce, from Matthew 5:27-32. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE *Collection bins: Nov. 16–30*

You can help keep the homeless and families in need warm this winter. Beginning next week, we will be collecting new and gently used men's (XL and larger), women's and children's:

- socks (new only)
- gloves
- sweaters
- coats

NPC mission partners Central Union Mission, Martha's Table and Friendship Place will distribute our donations to those in need in our city. God has been generous to us; let us be generous to others this holiday season! *Monetary donations may be made by placing a check with the memo line "Clothing Drive" in the offering plate.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON *Monday, Nov. 17, Stone Hall, Noon*

Come for lunch and a unique presentation from Dr. Quinn Fox who will share his personal experiences and insights into the key role the Christian Church played in the demise of East German Socialism and the fall of the Berlin wall. *For lunch reservations (\$10), sign up in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Carl Frandsen

Kristin Green

Krishnaswami Viswanathan

Patti Wilson

Loris Witherspoon

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m.

“Yellow House” (4010 Van Ness St NW)

All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION

During worship on Thanksgiving Day, you can help under or un-employed families struggling to feed their families by bringing food and cash donations for Central Union Mission. You can also help pack food after the service; contact Nancy Chapman: nancy@nchapman.com or 202.966.8031.

Pick up a list of needed food items at the collection baskets upstairs by the information table and downstairs outside of Stone Hall.

NPC STRATEGIC PLAN

God is calling our community here at NPC to lead people to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world. Learn more about this vision and how you can be a part of it: *Copies of the plan and ways to engage in it are available at the information table and online at nationalpres.org/strategic-plan*

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*

NOVEMBER'S FOOD DONATION: UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT NPC

Be part of a great team serving Christ and the church! NPC is currently seeking an Administrative Assistant for Serve Ministries. This is a paid, 35 hour per week position reporting to Rev. Marsh. *The job description and instructions on how to apply can be found at www.nationalpres.org/jobs*

VOLUNTEER AT INGLESIDE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Once a month, you can assist in wheeling residents from their rooms to a Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) hymn sing or Sunday afternoon (4 p.m.) chapel service. This is a great opportunity to volunteer as a family! *Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.com*

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 class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Contact: Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

NPC ONLINE DIRECTORY

www.nationalpres.org

Log on to NPC Online (link on the bottom of the NPC website) to:

- View current congregational directory.
- Set up recurring or one-time giving.
- View your contribution history.
- View and update your contact info.

Questions? Communications@NationalPres.org

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

Nov. 9-16

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113

Joel 1:1-13

1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Matthew 20:1-16

Monday

Psalms 135; 112

Joel 1:15-2:2

Revelation 18:15-24

Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86

Joel 2:3-11

Revelation 19:1-10

Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4

Joel 2:12-19

Revelation 19:11-21

Luke 15:1-10

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27

Joel 2:21-27

James 1:1-15

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday

Psalms 130; 139

Joel 2:28-3:8

James 1:16-27

Luke 16:1-9

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111

Joel 3:9-17

James 2:1-13

Luke 16:10-17 (18)

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93

Habakkuk 1:1-12, 2:1

Philippians 3:13-4:1

Matthew 23:13-24

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- 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: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*
- Ephesians: Growing Up in Christ, Learning to be the Church *Elson Parlor*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- 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, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

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

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 Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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 Children. 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 240
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

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 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) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

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

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

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