



January 18, 2015

# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.*

Matthew 28:19

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
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Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*  
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*  
*Ministry Directors:* J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),  
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections), McLane Stone (Youth)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

*Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Cleansing Fountain

Gilbert M. Martin  
Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

9:15 a.m. Rev. Nancy Fox  
11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 151 *verses 1-3*      Crown Him with Many Crowns      *Diademata*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 151, verse 4

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All, hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most merciful Father,  
you put away the sins of all who truly repent.  
We come before your throne in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
that for his sake alone, you will have compassion and forgive us.  
By his merit alone, may our sins not be a cloud between us and you.

John Colet

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. *(grades K-5) to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.*

11 a.m. *(grades K-2) to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-17  
The Word of the Lord. *pew Bible pp. 957-958*  
Thanks be to God.

9:15 a.m. Alfreda Robinson  
11 a.m. Richard Armstrong

Moving on to Christ: Dying to Grow?

Ephesians 4:1-16; Acts 2:38-42; 2 Timothy 3:10-16; 1 Peter 1:3-8

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Julion*

Loving Savior, whose embraces our true selves alone unmask,  
 In this fellowship's small compass train us for our common task:  
 By our love to grow more like you and to dare what you will ask.  
 May your Word among us spoken, may the loving that we dare,  
 May your Bread among us broken, may the prayers in which we share  
 Daily make us faithful people, living signs, Lord, of your care.

Jeffrey Rowthorn

▲ 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
 Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;  
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.  
 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, praise and adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen.

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*St. Leonards*

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through God's pow'r.  
May the peace of Jesus Christ my Savior rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.  
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.  
May God's beauty rest upon me, full of truth and full of grace,  
So that all may see the image of Christ's holy face.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Toronto*

So send I you to go and make disciples of ev'ry nation, people, tribe, and tongue,  
Baptizing them, and teaching them to follow my holy word until I come again.  
As the Father has sent me, so send I you.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

"Little" Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God in recognition of the January 15 birthday and the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**The flowers in the Court of Flags** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Helen Chittick Elson, born January 19, 1915, by her children.

**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 Elson Parlor after the 9:15 a.m. service, or the Chapel after the 11 a.m. service. Both are 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.
- 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: 202.537.7529.*

# TODAY

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN** *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
*During 11 a.m. worship, Church Room 106*  
Children are always encouraged to join their families in worship. Children in grades K-2 may leave for a special Children's Church program after the Time for Children, and return to their families after the sermon. *Childcare is available for children under 4 – see back page for locations.*

**NPC YOUTH**  
*5–7:30 p.m., Youth House*  
Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **No NPC Youth Dinner: Will resume next week**
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
Meet at 8 p.m. at the Youth House for our Traveling All-Nighter

**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.*

**NEW BOOKS FOR A NEW YEAR**  
*Satellite Library*  
Come visit the Satellite Library (across from the bookstore outside of Stone Hall) and check out the new collection of books (for all ages!) that have recently been added.

**SIGN UP TODAY**  
**Pathway of Discipleship Membership**  
**Class, Jan. 25, see pg. 6 for details**

## **BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!** *12–1 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Would you like to meet more people at church, but small talk feels awkward? Whether you are new to National, or have been coming for some time; join us for an interactive conversation on “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community.” This casual gathering is open to all – refreshments will be served!

**MISSION GUEST SPEAKER**  
*12:30–2 p.m. Church Room 105*  
Did you know NPC supports missionaries in Dohuk, Iraq? Volunteer Kelcey Bailey assisted our missionaries for five weeks after ISIS had captured Mosul last summer. Come hear about her ministry to the Kurds and Assyrian Christians and about her upcoming work with the International Justice Mission. A light lunch will be served. *Questions? Contact 703.241.8519.*

**GRIEF SHARE**  
*Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library*  
Those experiencing the loss of a loved one 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. You may attend as often as your schedule permits. A light lunch will be served. *Please register with Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

**READ THE BIBLE IN 2015**  
You can read through the **New Testament** in a year with just a few minutes a day, five days a week. You can complete both the **Old and New Testaments** in the next 12 months by reading 15 minutes a day. Guides for both approaches are available on the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary. You may also follow the two-year lectionary printed each week on the back page of the bulletin.

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## **YOUR FAITH JOURNEY AND YOUR CHURCH HOME**

***Sunday, Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.***

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Please contact Kemet Rakiatu by tomorrow to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

## **BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**

***Thursdays in January & February  
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor***

Dr. Quinn Fox leads a study of this classic book from the renowned Christian minister, professor, author and martyr who recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. **On January 22 we will discuss “The Day Together” (pp. 65-80)** from the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore.

## **COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP**

***Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m.***

***AU East Quad Building, Room 209***

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

## **WOMENCONNECT**

***Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Elson Parlor***

All women are invited for this monthly study of the identity, mission, and call of Jesus. Newcomers warmly welcomed!

## **COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH**

***Jan. 25, 12:15 p.m.***

***Jones Hall/School Gym***

Drop by after the 11 a.m. service for a home cooked lunch and some casual time to connect with fellow students.

## **TWO GREAT PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:**

### **Church & Culture**

***Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m.–Noon***

***Stone Hall, No charge***

Maintaining a clear Christian identity can be difficult for churches in today’s ever-shifting culture. Dr. Bradley J. Longfield, Professor of American Church History and Dean of University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, will share his expertise and insights as he explores the topic: “Presbyterians and American Culture: The Case of the 20th Century” in what promises to be a fascinating presentation. Dr. Longfield’s books will be available for purchase and signing.

### **Science & the Soul**

***Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall***

January Term will conclude with a plenary presentation by Curt Thompson, M.D., author of *Anatomy of the Soul*, who will discuss new discoveries in neuroscience – discoveries that reveal how our interactions with each other help shape our brains and relationships. Dr. Thompson will talk about how these discoveries reflect what we already know from Scripture – that God desires for us a better life than what we could plan for ourselves.

## **LENTEN SMALL GROUPS**

***February 22 – April 5***

Our Strategic Plan invites us to “grow spiritually together” in several ways, including small groups. This year in preparation for Easter we invite you to be part of a group during Lent for fellowship and spiritual growth. More details will come in the weeks ahead. *Want to know more now? Contact: groups@nationalpres.org.*

## **INTERNSHIP FELLOWSHIP**

Are you interning in DC for the semester? Join other interns in the city for food, Bible study, and conversation. *Contact Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7527.*

## 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*

## JANUARY'S FOOD DONATION: 1 LB. BAGS OF RICE

Please bring donations of 1 lb. bags of white or brown rice 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.*

### *Your Gifts Make a Difference!*

In 2014, the NPC family collected the following items for Martha's Table:

- Tuna – 513 cans
- Cereal – 495 boxes
- Rice – 419 pounds
- Other nonperishable goods – 1,667 items
- Produce – 8 pounds

## THANK YOU!

### *Mission Gifts for Christmas*

In 2013, NPC raised \$45,500 for charities through Mission Gifts for Christmas.

**In 2014, the NPC family contributed \$59,541 – a 30% increase in giving!**

*Thank you for using your time, talents, and treasure to support God's work locally and throughout the world.*

## PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR Saturday, Feb. 14

**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. *Please contact Holly Novak by Jan. 30 to register: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

## A FIT & HEALTHY NEW YEAR

**Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)**

All ages and fitness levels are welcome for one-hour classes designed to strengthen you physically and spiritually. Your first class is free!

## NEW MISSIONARY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM NPC FAMILY

NPC member Anne Gochnour Snow is joining the Young Life staff in San Juan, Puerto Rico. NPC is glad to support her ministry of reaching teenagers in Puerto Rico with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

*To learn more about how you can support her financially and through prayer, please contact her at anne.g.snow@gmail.com.*

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**April 17–19 (Registration begins Feb. 1)**

**Turf Valley Resort, Ellicott City, MD**

Save the date for this year's women's retreat! Our speaker will be Rev. Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hoffman will guide us in conversation and reflection on the topic of "Cultivating a Flourishing Faith," from Isaiah 58:11. Retreats are a wonderful way to grow in relationship with Christ and meet other women in the church.

## WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY

To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the nationalpres.org website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** As always, please use your personal judgment before travelling.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

*Please pray for:*

Carl Frandsen

Larry Kegley

*We mourn the deaths of:*

Robert G. Harper on January 6

Helen Wheeler Farrar on January 11

*Confidential prayer requests:  
nationalpres.org/prayer*



# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## ADULTS

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

#### January 18 - 25

##### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
Isaiah 43:14-44:5  
Hebrews 6:17-7:10  
John 4:27-42

##### Monday

Psalms 135; 112  
Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
Mark 3:7-19a

##### Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86  
Isaiah 44:9-20  
Ephesians 4:17-32  
Mark 3:19b-35

##### Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4  
Isaiah 44:24-45:7  
Ephesians 5:1-14  
Mark 4:1-20

##### Thursday

Psalms 36; 27  
Isaiah 45:5-17  
Ephesians 5:15-33  
Mark 4:21-34

##### Friday

Psalms 130; 139  
Isaiah 45:18-25  
Ephesians 6:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41

##### Saturday

Psalms 56; 111  
Isaiah 46:1-13  
Ephesians 6:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20

##### Sunday

Psalms 67; 93  
Isaiah 47:1-15  
Hebrews 10:19-31  
John 5:2-18

#### January Term Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness *Church Room 105*
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life *Agencies 105*
- Listening for God's Voice in Scripture *Church Room 5*
- Your Mind Matters *Church Room 110/111*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey* *Chapel*

#### Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Women Connect **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7–8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1<sup>st</sup> 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*

## YOUTH

#### Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Youth House*

#### Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> 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 and 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 – 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

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