



January 25, 2015

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

Romans 15:7

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*
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

Air in D Major

J. S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

BELL PEAL

▲ HYMN 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Arise

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of mercy, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, and word, and deed;

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

KINDERGARTEN DOXOLOGY MILESTONE 9:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism 9:15 a.m. Vivian Beulah Replogle
Daughter of Skye Earls Replogle and Stephen Kent Replogle
11 a.m. Annabel Ruth Louise Levy
Daughter of Annette Hingott Levy and David Vieira Ferreira Levy

Prayer of Response

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 Room 106, returning after the sermon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:13-17

9:15 a.m. Janice Sessing

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 813-814

11 a.m. Elder David Wallace

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Vision for God's Future

Dr. David Renwick

A Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Hebrews 13:2; Acts 9:10-19, 26-27

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

John Carter

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yea faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

At thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

Psalms 84:1-4

▲ 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

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

No Greater Love

Irénée Bergé, arr. John Behnke

Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

▲ 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 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Resignation

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Overture in B Flat Major
from *Solomon*

G.F. Handel

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in remembrance of the 90th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Schmitt, Jr., father of Glenn Schmitt, by Glenn, Katherine, and Eleanor Schmitt.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God by Marcia and Don Bini in loving memory of our fathers Louis Bini and Carl Freeman.

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 after worship, just 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

KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE

9:15 a.m. worship

Today we welcome our Kindergartners in worship as they recite the Doxology, their Milestone in Worship Education. Milestones are a component of our Sunday School program which teach about our worship liturgy and allow kids to lead in what they have learned.

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 (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

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.*

SCIENCE & THE SOUL

9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

All are welcome for 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 explain these discoveries reflect what we already know from Scripture – that God desires for us a better life than what we could plan for ourselves.

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

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.

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

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER *Thursdays in January & February 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a study of this classic book which recounts Bonhoeffer's unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. **On January 29 we will discuss “The Day Alone” (pp. 81-92)** from the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore.

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP *Tuesday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m.*

AU East Quad Building, Room 209
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.*

MEN’S BREAKFAST *Saturday, Feb. 7*

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall
Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Jerry Leachman on “Meekness: Defined and Applied.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S GUILD

Saturday, Feb. 7, 12 p.m., Stone Hall
Hilda Gore, fitness professional, will be discussing faith, fitness, food and...fun! She will share her testimony along with nutrition tips and food samples. *Contact Joan Anderson for luncheon reservations (\$12): 202.362.7475*

THANK YOU!

Mission Gifts for Christmas
In 2014, the NPC family contributed \$59,541 to 39 charities through Mission Gifts for Christmas – a 30% increase in giving over 2013. *Thank you for using your time, talents, and treasure to support God’s work locally and throughout the world.*

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS *February 22 – April 5*

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

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER: CARL MEDEARIS *Sunday, Feb. 8*

The interface (sometimes clash) between Muslims and Christians is one of the biggest topics of our time. Carl Medearis is an American evangelist who has spent his life living in the Middle East and building respectful bridges with Muslim neighbors. Come hear Rev. Medearis give his perspective on what we’re hearing in the news, how God has used him in unlikely places, and what it means to share Jesus. He will preach at all three NPC services on February 8, followed by a Lunch and Learn discussion in Jones Hall after the 11 a.m. service.

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

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.*

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

Together, we can double these numbers in 2015!

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*

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Carl Frandsen

Larry Kegley

We mourn the death of:

Irma W. Hahn on January 15

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

CULTIVATING A FLOURISHING FAITH

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. This large-group retreat is a wonderful way to grow in relationship with Christ and meet other women in the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Registration begins March 1

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with faith and fun, including Bible teaching, service projects, cool crafts, yummy snacks and awesome music! *To volunteer, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org.*

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.

GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS

The Finance Council is thrilled to report that NPC finished 2014 "in the black." While the final accounting is not complete, it is clear that strong December giving and savings on planned expenditures contributed to this success. *Thank you for your support of God's work in and through National!*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

January 25 - Feb. 1

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93

Isaiah 47:1-15

Hebrews 10:19-31

John 5:2-18

Monday

Psalms 57; 47

Isaiah 48:1-11

Galatians 1:1-17

Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99

Isaiah 48:12-22

Galatians 1:18-2:10

Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91

Isaiah 49:1-12

Galatians 2:11-21

Mark 6:13-29

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116

Isaiah 49:13-26

Galatians 3:1-14

Mark 6:30-46

Friday

Psalms 88; 20

Isaiah 50:1-11

Galatians 3:15-22

Mark 6:47-56

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63

Isaiah 51:1-8

Galatians 3:23-29

Mark 7:1-23

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23

Isaiah 51:9-16

Hebrews 11:8-16

John 7:14-31

ADULTS

Sunday Classes, starting Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities
- Financial Peace University
- Men's Sunday School Class
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study
- Book study of "Redeeming Power" by Andy Crouch
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101
- The Gospel of Luke
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues

School Room 236

Church Room 105

Agencies 101

Agencies 105

Elson Parlor

Church Room 5

Church Room 110/111

Agencies Lower Level

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 **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- 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*

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.** *Multipurpose 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 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–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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