

March 15, 2015

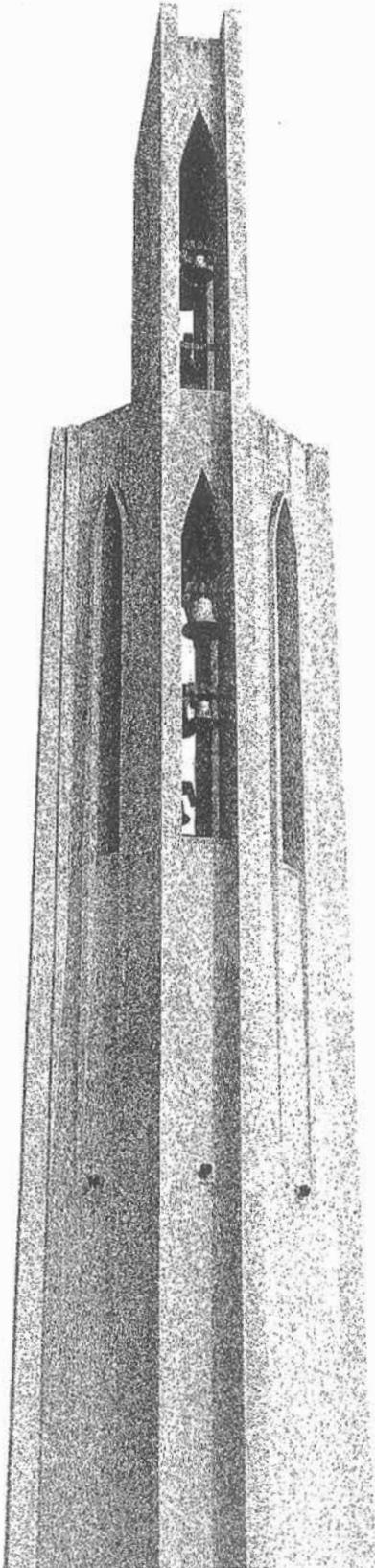
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

By what authority are you doing these things?
Mark 11:28

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

Largo

G.F. Handel
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 143 *verses 1-3* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Diadem

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 143, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown — him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all!

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir then the congregation*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn 572

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Olivet

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear us while we pray, take all our guilt away; O let us from this day be wholly thine!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Quinn Fox

Responsive Reading

Third Grade Milestone

2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 119, 19, and 9 and Isaiah 40

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who
belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

**Indeed the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow.
It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I find delight in your commandments, because I love them.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

9:15 a.m. *Children grades K-5 meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags for Sunday School in the school building.*

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders 11 a.m.

Presented by Jerry and Mildred Wheat, and Third Grade Teaching Team

11 a.m. *Children in grades K-2 meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:27-33

9:15 a.m. Elder Donna Duss

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 824

11 a.m. Elder Sam Alward

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Questioning Jesus

RADM (Ret.) Mark Tidd

By What Authority?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,

Nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,

But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

▲ 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 AND 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

Ride On, King Jesus

John Carter
Spiritual

Ride on, King Jesus! "No man can a-hinder me."

He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords: Jesus Christ, first and last, no man works like him.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like him;

The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him.

Sheri Jackson, soprano and Grace McFarlane, piano

▲ 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 148

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Overture and Allegro
from *Organ Concerto No. 2*

G.F. Handel

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the March 14th wedding of Melissa Shih and Nicholas Strnad.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound? 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 GUEST PREACHER: MARK TIDD

We welcome Rear Admiral Mark Tidd, Retired U.S. Navy Chief of Chaplains. A graduate of Williams College, he received his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. RADM Tidd has served on the chief of chaplain's staff as branch head for Professional Development and Religious Programs. His distinguished naval career spans several tours of duty overseas. RADM Tidd and his wife, Jennifer, are active in our congregation.

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.*

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. An usher will be happy to seat you if you do not wish to appear on camera.

TODAY

WHOLENESS AND HEALING SERVICE

1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to a service of Wholeness and Healing led by Pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers.

The afternoon's reflection will be led by special guest **Linda Hunt**, author of multiple articles and books, including her most recent *Pilgrimage Through Loss*.

Come experience Jesus' healing touch at this beautiful and powerful chapel service. Communion will be served. Prayers for healing and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

WRESTLERS CLASS

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

"Pilgrimage through Loss: Strength and Renewal after Life's Shipwrecks"

Linda Hunt, author, speaker, and professor emerita of Whitworth University.

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

THE CITY CHOIR OF WASHINGTON

4:30 p.m.

The City Choir of Washington presents Mozart *Coronation Mass* and Arvo Pärt *Tē Deum*.

3RD GRADE MILESTONE

Today, in observance of their Milestone in Worship Education, NPC's third graders receive their own personalized Bible, a gift from the church.

Katharina Ajenifuja	Anna Lane
Bjørn Berryman	Layla Leo
Sophie Bond	Alix Maechler
Leighton Borgmann	Audrey Magruder
Parker Boyles	Emma Person
Jake Campbell	Brody Ryan
Brandon Cibor	Robert Skinner
Thomas Crumley	Sophia St. John
Sydney Denecke	Meghan Thompson
Max Farrell	Lucas Velasco
Galen Kabwe	Chloe Wade

This year in Sunday School they have learned all about the Bible and have visited with Dr. Renwick to talk about the importance of scripture in their day to day life with Christ. *Thank you to teachers, families, and all those involved with this ministry to our children.*

WOMEN'S RETREAT: GUARANTEE YOUR SPOT!

April 17-19, Ellicott City, MD

This year's retreat speaker will be Rev. Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hoffman will guide us through the topic of "Cultivating a Flourishing Faith," from Isaiah 58:11. This retreat is a wonderful way to strengthen your relationship with Christ. ***Today is the last day to register for a guaranteed spot!*** Register today in Stone Hall or online at nationalpres.org/womens-retreat

MOLDOVA PRAYER

12:15 p.m., Church Room 107

All are invited for a special time of prayer for the people of Moldova.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

LENTEN WORSHIP

“Jesus’ Questions”

Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m., Sanctuary

Come for mid-week spiritual refreshment during these one-hour evening services featuring music, prayer and preaching, and Communion.

March 18 “Are You Still Sleeping?”
Rev. Evangeline Taylor

March 25 “Who Is Greater?”
McLane Stone

“Questioning Jesus”

*Sundays, 8:15 a.m. (Chapel),
9:15 & 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)*

March 22 “When Will This Be?”
Dr. David Renwick

March 29 “Is It Not Written?”
PALM SUNDAY Dr. David Renwick

HOLY WEEK

April 2 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
MAUNDY “Is It I, Lord?”
THURSDAY Rev. Donna Marsh
Communion will be served.

April 3 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
GOOD “What Evil Has He Done?”
FRIDAY Dr. David Renwick

EASTER - APRIL 5

8:30, 10, & 11:30 a.m.

Identical services in the Sanctuary

“Is What You See All You Get?”
Dr. David Renwick

Family Celebration

10 a.m.

in Jones Hall (School Gym)

Invite a friend!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, March 16, Noon, Stone Hall

Come for great food, fellowship, and a presentation by special guest, former **U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole** who will share stories of her life and work. *For lunch reservations (\$10), sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 22, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Members of the congregation are requested to stay in the sanctuary immediately following 11 a.m. worship for a brief meeting of the congregation to:

- approve the creation of two called and installed Associate Pastor positions, and
- elect Session as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) with the express purpose of presenting Reverends Marsh and Taylor for election at a subsequent meeting.

WASHINGTON BACH CONSORT

*Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.,
Sanctuary*

Washington Bach Consort presents *All in the Family: Motets of the Bach Dynasty*. Tickets available at www.bachconsort.org

Greeter opportunities are available for this performance. Welcome our guests and enjoy a complimentary seat at the concert! *For information and to volunteer, contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.*

BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!

Sunday, March 22

10:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Court of Flags

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 a casual and interactive time together – “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community” right after 9:15 or 11 a.m. worship. *All are welcome – we will gather in the Court of Flags outside of the sanctuary.*

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

Sunday, March 29, 5 p.m., Sanctuary
The National Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir & Orchestra present, "Written on His Hands," a Palm Sunday Concert. *No tickets required; a freewill offering will be received.*

EASTER FLOWERS

Support this year's Easter Garden! Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. *You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

SMALL GROUPS THIS LENT

24 small groups with over 240 participants are meeting weekly during Lent. Interested in learning more about small groups? *Visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email groups@nationalpres.org.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with faith and fun! Vacation Bible School includes service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. Kids will hear about God's love and care, learning that nothing is impossible with God, as we take on "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." *Register online today: nationalpres.org/VBS*

FOOD DONATIONS IN MARCH: CANNED TUNA

Please bring donations of canned tuna 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 Collb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

LIBRARY RESOURCES

See p. 8 for hours and locations

Did you know that the church has two well-stocked libraries? Books, magazines and movies on a wide range of religious subjects are all ready for you to borrow. *There is a special display on Sundays with books specifically related to the Lenten season and Eastertide.*

DID YOU KNOW? YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO NPC THROUGH YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING

Shop on AmazonSmile with "The National Presbyterian Church, Inc." as your designated charity, and NPC receives a donation of .05% of the price of your eligible purchases. Learn more about AmazonSmile: www.smile.amazon.com. *You may also give online through the NPC website: www.nationalpres.org/giving*

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 and update your contact info.

Questions? Communications@NationalPres.org

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

Betty Bennett
Erland Heginbotham
Kristine Heine
Mary Elisa Norment

Confidential prayer requests: www.nationalpres.org/prayer

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

March 15-22

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 14:1-22
Galatians 4:21-5:1
Mark 8:11-21

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Jeremiah 16:(1-9)
10-21
Romans 7:1-12
John 6:1-15

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Jeremiah 17:19-27
Romans 7:13-25
John 6:16-27

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Romans 8:1-11
John 6:27-40

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Jeremiah 22:13-23
Romans 8:12-27
John 6:41-51

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Romans 8:28-39
John 6:52-59

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Jeremiah 23:9-15
Romans 9:1-18
John 6:60-71

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31-9:1

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*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- 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*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **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 **Lenten Wednesdays, 8 – 10 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Thursdays, 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*

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4101 Nebraska Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016 • 202.537.0800 • www.NationalPres.org