



April 5, 2015

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

EASTER

*Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
he was buried, and raised on the third day,
and appeared to Peter and then the twelve disciples.*

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

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*
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Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
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*Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4

Today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Each week at National we seek to live out this good news of Christ's living presence together.

On Sundays we gather in community to worship God through music, prayer, and preaching. Classes and groups are offered for adults, youth, and children, and childcare is available all morning. Sundays are centered around growing **together** in Christ.

Just as preaching and teaching equip us to serve as Christ's light in the world, we are also called to engage the world by showing God's love to one another. We serve and care for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Whether you attend weekly, whether you have been away for awhile, or whether this is your first time at National, I trust that this morning you will sense the presence of the Risen Christ and feel drawn to connect more closely with Him through his church in the days ahead.

Dr. David Renwick
Senior Pastor



After Worship This Morning

- Enjoy coffee, cookies, and Easter treats outside on the terrace (*weather permitting; alternate location in Elson Parlor*), and downstairs in Stone Hall.
- Follow up on the sermon: notes are on www.nationalpres.org/sermons, or read Prof. N.T. Wright's classic study on the resurrection, "Surprised by Hope."

WORSHIP

8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 A.M.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

National Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. David Renwick

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

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One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

▲ HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

10:00 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Easter Hymn

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus Christ from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death,

and brought us hope of everlasting life.

We confess that we do not always believe in this hope,

and remain captive to doubt, fear, and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

Risen Lord, hear our grateful praise,

as we celebrate your wondrous love and eternal glory.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:18-27

8:30 a.m. Jonathan Dickey

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 825

10:00 a.m. Mildred Wheat

Thanks be to God.

11:30 a.m. David Gardner

SERMON

Is What You See All You Get?

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John Rutter

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

10:00 a.m. 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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven

from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

G.F. Handel

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

For the Lord now liveth. Death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!

Life is nought without thee. Aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah!

G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;

And he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor
William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please Note: There are entrances and exits at both the back of the Sanctuary and near the pulpit and scripture lectern stairwells at the front of the Sanctuary.

National Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet: William Gerlach, Steven Hendrickson, James Nickel, Matthew Gilford, Seth Cook **Timpani:** Julie Angelis Boehler

The Easter Garden in the Sanctuary and throughout the church celebrates the resurrection, healing, and care of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and his victory over sin and death. Hallelujah!

Need help hearing during the service? Assisted listening receivers with your choice of a T-Coil compatible neck loop or a standard single ear bud can be found on the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service. If your hearing aid has an FM receiver, you can tune to our audio frequency at 72.1 MHz (wideband channel A).

2015 AT NATIONAL

Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather. Each Sunday, National is full of inspirational preaching and joyful music, classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. Opportunities for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth are offered during the week and at monthly gatherings. Many special events are also held yearly. Explore some of the ways that you may gather to meet others and deepen your relationship with Christ.

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Sunday, April 12, Stone Hall, 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 700 sandwiches!



BOOK STUDY: *CHRIST AND CULTURE*

Tuesdays in April and May, 7:15 to 8:45 in Agencies 105

Join us this Tuesday as we begin six weeks of exploration and conversation about H. R. Niebuhr's classic analysis of the various ways Christians have responded in seeking to be faithful amidst their surrounding culture. This week will feature a general introductory lecture to the book and a discussion of Chapter 1. Copies of the book can be purchased in the church bookstore.



GRIEFSHARE

Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Weekly meetings provide a safe place to meet others with the same confusing emotions and tough decisions as you. Explore ways to recover through small group discussion and Bible study.

Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7540



PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual journey? Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu for info or to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*



EVENING FORUM: *THE ROAD TO CHARACTER*

Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

In today's culture of achievement, the drive for external success and attention is so fierce there's little time to cultivate inner depth. In his new book, *The Road to Character*, David Brooks looks at the exemplary lives of some of world's greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders to illuminate how character is developed, and how we can all strive to build rich inner lives. Brooks will lead us in an exploration of true fulfillment in a society that emphasizes success and external achievement. Copies of the book will be available in the bookstore beginning April 19.



DAVID BROOKS

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, May 16, Flexible times 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

NPC is deeply involved in the community all year long, and on the Great Day of Service, everyone can pitch in – including kids! Teams will embody Christ's love by preparing meals for famine zones, working on a Habitat for Humanity house, collecting men's and women's clothing for people transitioning out of homelessness, and much more.



MORNING OF MUSIC

Sunday, June 14

This morning of special music will begin our summer schedule of worship services. Worship in the sanctuary will include stirring music featuring brass, timpani, organ, and other special instrumentation as together we lift our hearts and voices to God. At chapel worship, the service will feature uplifting contemporary songs and traditional hymns led by our praise team playing the piano, guitar, bass guitar, and drums.



YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

High school students will go to the Dominican Republic from June 20–27 to serve alongside Foundation for Peace, a longtime mission partner of NPC. **Middle school** students will travel to Harrisonburg, VA from July 20–25 to serve alongside local mission organizations. *For more information or to join a trip, contact McLane Stone: MStone@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7520.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us for a week filled with faith and fun! Each day at Vacation Bible School we sing awesome songs, eat yummy snacks, play outdoor games, make cool crafts, and participate in service projects and hear God's word. Come hear about God's love and care, and that nothing is impossible with God, as we take on "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." *Sign up today: nationalpres.org/vbs*



PRAY, EAT, LOVE

Sunday, September 6

A fun and meaningful morning of worship, followed by a shared meal, and collective service projects to help those in need in our community and across the world. There will be music, games, and activities for all ages!



BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Second Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Participate in NPC's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. NPC sponsors a Habitat build on the second Saturday of every month. *For information, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com.*



SMALL GROUPS

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the District? Become part of a small group! Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study. *For information, visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email groups@nationalpres.org.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 2

April 5-12

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
Luke 24:13-35

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Jonah 2:1-10
Acts 2:14, 22-32
John 14:1-14

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Isaiah 30:18-26
Acts 2:36-47
John 14:15-31

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Micah 7:7-15
Acts 3:1-10
John 15:1-11

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 3:11-26
John 15:12-27

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Daniel 12:1-4, 13
Acts 4:1-12
John 16:1-15

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Isaiah 25:1-9
Acts 4:13-31
John 16:16-33

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Isaiah 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7

These are just a sampling of the ways that we connect with each other and our community. Please visit our website, www.nationalpres.org, or call 202.537.0800 to learn more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of classes for all ages and stages are offered every Sunday.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, April 8, 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 Judas Iscariot from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards of encouragement to members in need of care and prayer.

AFTERNOON T.E.A.

Wednesday, April 8, 1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor

All women with school-aged children are invited for a monthly gathering with *Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration* as we study the The Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7, share our lives and worship God together. (Yes, tea and other refreshments are served!) Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11, 8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Peter D. James, pastor of Vienna Presbyterian Church, on “Man, God, and the 21st Century Man.”
Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.

CROATIA MISSION TRIP

A mission trip to support NPC partner Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia is being planned for about eight days in late May and early June. Tasks include helping the seminary library and the school’s English language program. *Registration ends April 19. Contact: Howard Tucker-Frost 703.241.8519 or hefrost@gmail.com.*

NEW FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING TEAM

National is developing a master plan for our facilities that will help achieve the goals of the 2014 Strategic Plan (nationalpres.org/strategic-plan). A broad variety of skills will be of value on the team, to include, but not limited to: architecture; engineering; environmental planning; interior design; construction; property development; understanding of NPC program needs, members, and heritage. *Interested or know of someone who could serve well on the team? More information and a nomination form can be found at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate*

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