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SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP TOGETHER • SHARE A MEAL • SERVE OTHERS

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.

2 Corinthians 3:19

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Dr. 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)

Whether this is your first time worshipping here, or National is your church home, “Welcome!” May you find the presence of the living God and the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in our worship and service together.

I hope you will join us next Sunday (worship at 8:30, 9:15, 10:50, and 11 a.m.) as we begin a new series of sermons for the fall. The messages will focus on basic Christian faith – Jesus, God, the Bible, and salvation. Our Sunday classes for youth, children, and adults also resume next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. No matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, September 13 is a perfect day to try out a new class!



Blessings always,

David Renwick

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor*

Please stay after this morning's worship service for food, fun, and service opportunities!

SORT PRODUCE FOR THE HUNGRY

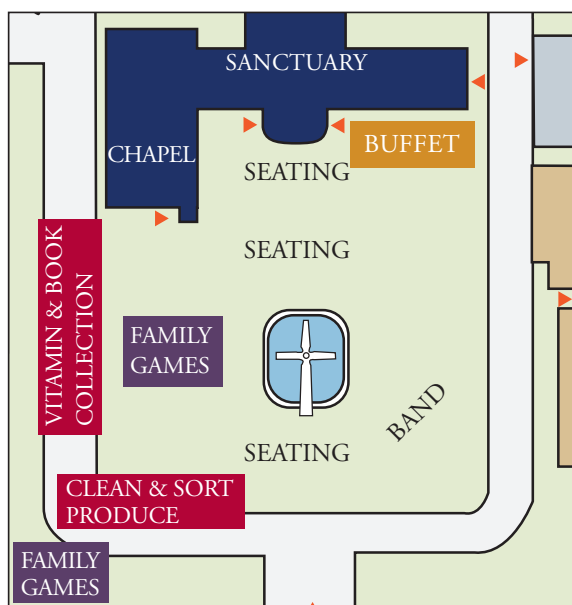
Help feed the hungry in our city by sorting and bagging fresh produce that will be distributed to local food banks.

BOOK & VITAMIN COLLECTIONS

Drop off donations of books and vitamins, make bookmarks, and help box and sort donations for delivery.

FOOD & FUN

Enjoy music, games and activities for the kids, and time with new friends and old over a complimentary buffet lunch (*contributions appreciated to help support the event*).



Notes about today's music:

Afro Blue, Howard University's premiere jazz choral ensemble joins us this morning in worship. Their offertory is an arrangement of the great Duke Ellington's musical prayer, "Come Sunday." Ellington and his colleagues performed a March 1970 concert in this very sanctuary as part of the festivities dedicating the new facilities of The National Presbyterian Church.

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) is arguably the most prolific hymn writer in history, with over eight thousand hymn texts to her credit. Blind from birth or a very early age, she was nevertheless a counselor to U.S. presidents, and is regarded as "the mother of congregational singing in America." In addition to her three texts we are singing together this morning, she perhaps is best remembered for "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation *in the style of Aaron Copland*
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go *in the style of Felix Mendelssohn*

Craig Courtney

Matthew Daley, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Hyfrydol

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of our souls!

Friends may fail us, foes assail us; he, our Savior, makes us whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, loving, keeping, he is with us to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let us hide ourselves in him,

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing; he, our strength, the victory wins.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, loving, keeping, he is with us to the end.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the tempest o'er us rolls,

Even when our hearts are breaking, he, our comfort, helps our souls.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, loving, keeping, he is with us to the end.

William Neil, organ

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hyfrydol

Jesus! We do now receive you, more than all in you we find.

Ground of hope and full forgiveness: gracious, merciful, and kind!

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, loving, keeping, he is with us to the end.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, make us like trees planted by the waterside,

that we may bring forth fruits of good living in due season.

Forgive our sins and offenses, and direct us in paths of righteousness,

for Christ's sake.

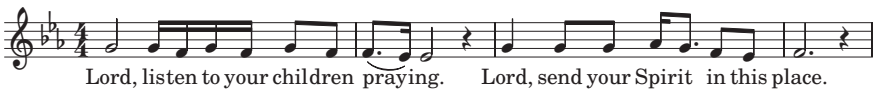
Prayer from Nigeria

SILENT CONFESSION AND MEDITATION

sung first by the Choir, then the Congregation as directed

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he have us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: Great things he hath done!

Fanny Jane Crosby

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

Children age 7 and under may leave for a children's program in the Parlor. Parents, please pick up children in the Parlor (turn right when exiting the Sanctuary) after the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-20

Dr. Quinn Fox

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 798

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why Jesus?

Dr. David Renwick

Hebrews 1:1-3

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus

Craig Courtney

I'll sing the praise of Jesus who bore the cross for me;
His wondrous love so precious my constant theme shall be.
I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
And then forever praise him when safe within the veil.

I'll sing his praise at morning and in the noonday bright;
I'll sing his praise at evening and in the hush of night.

I'll sing the praise of Jesus on whom my hopes depend;
My everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend.

Fanny Jane Crosby
with Joanna Jones, piano

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Donna Marsh

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

and delivering us from death to eternal life.

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by members of Afro Blue*

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

Sunday, come Sunday –

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, Lord of love,

Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don't mind the grey skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

I believe that God is now, was then, and will always be.

With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

Members of Afro Blue

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lift Every Voice and Sing

see Hymn 563, verse 1

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Joyful Song

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!

Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangels in glory;

Strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children;

In his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins he suffered, and bled, and died;

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

Hail him, hail him, Jesus the crucified.

Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigning forever and ever;

Crown him, crown him Prophet, and Priest, and King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious,

Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

Fanny Jane Crosby

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in gratitude for NPC's faithful support of Martha's Table, most especially those who plan and provision the sandwich-making and the dedicated crew that goes to the street to serve our neighbors in need.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Vases with fresh flowers may be found on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take to someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Worship: 8:30, 9:15, 10:50 & 11 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School for All Ages *Sundays, beginning Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.*

Sunday School classes for adults, children, and youth resume next Sunday! Classes explore a wide range of topics geared for a variety of interests, life stages, and levels of Christian experience and knowledge of the faith. *Class descriptions:* www.nationalpres.org/adults

Children and parents are encouraged to attend a Sunday school class at 9:30 a.m., and then worship together (Jones Hall, 10:50; Sanctuary 11 a.m.)

Adults

- **Life in Progress** (*class for parents & couples*): School Bldg. Library
- **The Acts of the Apostles**: Church Bldg. Room 110/111
- **Financial Peace University**: Church Bldg. Room 105
- **Genesis 1-11**: Elson Parlor Church Bldg. Room 5
- **Men's Class**: Agencies Bldg. Room 101
- **Ephesians**: Agencies Bldg. Room 105
- **Wrestlers**: Agencies Bldg. Lower Level
Rev. Boutros Zaour, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Damascus, Syria, will be our first speaker.
- **Called: Fulfilling God's Purpose for Our Lives**: (*begins Sept. 20*)

Youth

- **Middle School (6th & 7th grade)**: Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- **Middle School (8th grade)**: Agencies Bldg. Room 102
- **High School (9th–12th grade)**: Youth House

Children

- **2 & 3-year olds**: School Bldg. Room 104
- **4-year olds**: School Bldg. Room 106
- **K-5th**: Meet in Jones Hall (school gym)

Join a Small Group this Fall

Sign up: Sept. 13–Oct. 4

Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of a busy life? Become part of a small group this fall! Small groups meet regularly for seven weeks beginning Oct. 4 for fellowship, prayer, and discussion based on Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon. *Learn more:* nationalpres.org/small-groups

Sandwich Making

*Sunday, Sept. 13, 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 up to 800 sandwiches!

Youth Kickoff Barbecue

Sunday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m., Youth House

Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to our fall kickoff BBQ next Sunday. Make new friends and hear about exciting plans for the year. *Contact:* [McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org](mailto:McLane.Stone@NationalPres.org).

Scottish Heritage Trip: Summer 2016

Sunday, Sept. 13, 6–7:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

David and Currie Renwick will share a proposed itinerary for those interested in joining them on a heritage trip to Scotland, June 20–30, 2016. *More info:* nationalpres.org/trips or contact Betty Conn, BConn@NationalPres.org.

Fall Worship Schedule: Beginning Sept. 13:

8:30 A.M., Chapel

Early morning service (40-minutes).

9:15 & 11 A.M., Sanctuary

Traditional service with Chancel Choir.

10:50 A.M., Jones Hall (School Gym)

Service led by a pastor and contemporary band, with a video of the sanctuary sermon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOMS Group

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Church Room 107

Moms of young children are invited for coffee, fellowship, discussion, and prayer weekly on Wednesdays. *Free childcare is provided.* Contact: Amy Thompson, AThompson@NationalPres.org

Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of "Climbing Biblical Mountains," followed by writing cards for those in need of care. Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.

Book Study: "The Confessions of St. Augustine"

Thursdays Sept. 10-Nov. 12
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a study of the number one Christian classic of all time: the extended poetic, passionate, intimate prayer of St. Augustine. *We will discuss Book 1 on Sept. 10.*

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 12

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. David Renwick on "When Right Is Wrong." Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.

Men's Retreat:

Last Opportunity to save \$50!

Retreat: October 9 & 10, The Bolger Center Potomac, MD

Former Washington Redskins Chaplain Jerry Leachman will be the speaker at the Men's Retreat this fall. *Today is your last opportunity to get the \$50 Early Bird discount! Sign up online: nationalpres.org/mens-ministry*

Afternoon TEA Group

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Parlor

Women with school-aged children gather monthly for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God using *Romans: The Gift of God*, a new study by Timothy Keller. Contact: NPCAfternoonTEA@gmail.com.

Community Bible Study

Thursdays beginning Sept. 17
7-9 p.m., Agencies 105

This fall will begin a weekly study of Deuteronomy for those with all levels of Bible knowledge. *Information & registration: nationalpres.org/Bible-study*

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 19

8:30 a.m.-Noon, Agencies 105

In the midst of life's demands, learn to pause and pay attention to the quiet but insistent yearning for God using the wisdom of Thomas Merton. *Information & registration (required): www.nationalpres.org/calendar*

Welcome Back College Lunch

Sunday, Sept. 20, 12:15 p.m.

College students are invited for a welcome back lunch after the 11 a.m. service. We'll meet in the Court of Flags (directly outside of the Sanctuary) before walking together to the Yellow House. Contact: Charley Stone, CStone@NationalPres.org.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Walter Burns Colin Perkins
Dave Chambers Schestopol Family

We mourn the deaths of:

Ruth Paul, on August 28. *A memorial service is being planned.*

John Alden, on July 19. *A memorial service will be held in the Chapel on Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception in the Court of Flags.*

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, Sept. 21, Noon, Stone Hall

Two U.S. Ambassadors, David Mack and David Zweifel, will share experiences from their lives as diplomats in the Middle East. *Register (\$12) next Sunday in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529.*

NPC Membership Class

Saturday, September 26, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

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 by Sept. 21 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

GriefShare

**Sundays beginning Sept. 27, 12:30 p.m.
Culbertson Library**

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor.

Fall Conference with Dr. Curt Thompson **Saturday, Oct. 3**

8:45 a.m.–Noon, Sanctuary

Psychiatrist Curt Thompson will lead us in a consideration of how faith in God actually changes our brain – the way we think and relate to others leads to deeper, closer connections with God and the people we love. *This conference is free and no registration is required. Invite a friend!*

The Circle Family Group

Sunday, Oct. 4, 4:30–6 p.m.

School Gym & Playground

Families are invited for our monthly gathering with a potluck meal, play time, and the first discussion of this year's topic of "Bible Blockbusters."

Bring September Food Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring boxes of unsweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS *Year 1*

September 6 – 13

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
1 Kings 12:21-33
Acts 4:18-31
John 10:31-42

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
1 Kings 17:1-24
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
1 Kings 18:41-19:8
Philippians 3:17-4:7
Matthew 3:13-17

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
1 Kings 13:1-10
Philippians 1:1-11
Mark 15:40-47

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
1 Kings 18:1-19
Philippians 2:12-30
Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
1 Kings 19:8-21
Acts 5:34-42
John 11:45-57

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
1 Kings 16:23-34
Philippians 1:12-30
Mark 16:1-20

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
1 Kings 18:20-40
Philippians 3:1-16
Matthew 3:1-12



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