

October 4, 2015

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Jesus said: "Come to me,
all who are weary and bearing heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28



Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Donald 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), John Turpin (Serve)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Join a Small Group this Fall

Sign up today: www.nationalpres.org/small-groups

Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of a busy life? Become part of a small group this fall! Small groups will meet regularly for seven weeks for fellowship, prayer, and discussion based on Sunday's scripture passage and sermon.

Sign up today: table in Stone Hall or visit nationalpres.org/small-groups

Special Guest Speaker on Iran

9:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level

Today in our Wrestlers Sunday school class we welcome guest speaker Richard Cizik. Mr. Cizik is the President of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, an organization focused on bringing evangelicals, scholars, and policy-makers together in the search for common ground. His work includes starting new conversations with our mainstream Muslim neighbors in the interest of pursuing Christ-like peace and bringing about a long-term end to Islamic extremist violence.

The Circle Family Group

4:30–6:30 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."

Children's Choirs

Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., School Building

- Grace Notes: K - 2nd grade
- Joyful Noisemakers: 2nd - 5th graders

"Across the Aisle"

Young Adults Group

Sundays, 12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

All young adults (ages 22–35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

Youth Group

Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

- Middle School (6th–8th grade):
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30–10:30 A.M.

Adults

- Called: Fulfilling God's Purpose for Our Lives: *Church Bldg. Room 5*
- Life in Progress: *School Bldg. Room 236*
- The Acts of the Apostles: *Church Bldg. Room 110/111*
- Financial Peace University: *Church Bldg. Room 105*
- Genesis 1–11, *Elson Parlor*
- Men's Class: *Admin. Bldg. Library*
- Ephesians: *Agencies Bldg. Room 105*
- Wrestlers: *Agencies Bldg. Lower Level*

Today's speaker

"Vignettes from Iran," Richard Cizik,
New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good

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

Drop off kids at 9:30 in Jones Hall (school gym); pick up in classrooms at 10:30.

- 2 & 3-year olds: *School Bldg. Room 104*
- 4-year olds: *School Bldg. Room 106*
- Kindergarten: *School Bldg. Room 108*
- 1st Grade: *School Bldg. Room 132*
- 2nd Grade: *School Bldg. Room 200*
- 3rd Grade: *School Bldg. Room 208*
- 4th Grade: *School Bldg. Room 206*
- 5th Grade: *School Bldg. Room 242*

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Antiphon

Marcel Dupre
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

▲ HYMN 138 *verses 1-3* Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Jesus said, "People will come from east and west, north and south
and will eat in the kingdom of God."*

Aly Porter, The Netherlands
Peter Tam, Hong Kong

May Yamate, Japan
Denise Zweifel, Brazil

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

in unison

Loving God, we adore you and we have tasted that the Lord is good.

Yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us remember that we have received your mercy,
and have become your people.

Strengthen us for holy living by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may serve you according to our calling,
proclaiming to all the world the mighty acts of God,
who calls us out of darkness into light.

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

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;

But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

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

Luke 8:4-15

9:15 a.m. George Nethercutt

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 840

11 a.m. Ludy Green

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

verse 1 Choir

verse 3 Congregation

Here is our common wealth in sharing what is good,
as though all humankind around one table stood,
this bread to break, this wine to taste:
one people in the name of Christ.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
one voice, one song, we lift in praise o him who was and is and shall be evermore.*

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope,
one Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other
for the unity of faith to grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son
that who so believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

Prayer of Response 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.

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1, 2 & 5* The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Called forth from every nation, one people of the Lord,

Proclaiming Christ's salvation, God's reconciling Word,

We serve God's world together, with zealous hearts, and pure,

While sov'reignly God gathers a kingdom to endure.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Grand Choeur Dialogue

Eugene Gigout

▲ Congregation standing, as able

World Communion Sunday was first celebrated in 1933. As storm clouds hovered over Europe, Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh sought to counteract widespread pessimism in society by inviting other congregations to join them in a celebration of Christian unity in the Lordship of Jesus Christ by gathering together at the Lord's Table. World Communion was adopted as a denomination-wide practice in 1936, and since then has spread to Christian churches all around the world.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God on this World Communion Day when we partake of Holy Communion with Christians around the world, and also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Lora Tredway and John Gregg at NPC officiated by Louis Evans, Jr.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Frances May by her children Bill and Mary Elizabeth May on the anniversary of her passing on October 2, 2012.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound, pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to bring some cheer!

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.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Caroline Van Mason

Schestopol family

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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| PRELUDE | | Dottie Seep, piano |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| ▲ HYMN 138 <i>verses 1-3</i> | Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty | <i>Nicaea</i> |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN <i>in unison</i> | | |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 8:4-15 | |
| SERMON | Say "Yes" to God | Dr. David Renwick |
| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | |
| COMMUNION | | Dr. Quinn Fox |
| PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| ▲ DOXOLOGY | | <i>Old Hundredth</i> |
| ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |

An offering will be received at the center aisle.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, we adore you and we have tasted that the Lord is good. Yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation. Forgive us, Lord. Help us remember that we have received your mercy, and have become your people. Strengthen us for holy living by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you according to our calling, proclaiming to all the world the mighty acts of God, who calls us out of darkness into light.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

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| ▲ WELCOME SONG | Shout Hosanna (to the King of Glory and Light) | Kristian Stanfill |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | Lord I Lift | Rick Founds |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN <i>in unison</i> | | |
| SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | Revelation Song | Jennie Lee Riddle |
| SCRIPTURE | Luke 8:4-15 | |
| SERMON | Say "Yes" to God
Luke 22:14-20 | Dr. David Renwick |
| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | Dr. Quinn Fox |
| COMMUNION | | |
| PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i> | How Can It Be | Jason Ingram |
| ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |

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THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

AARP Smart Driver Course *Tomorrow, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.* **Church Room 105**

Receive discounts on your insurance and learn important skills for operating vehicles safely at this one-day class designed especially for drivers age 50+, sponsored by NPC's Older Adult Ministry. *Sign up today in Stone Hall.*

Service Opportunity: **Food Prep for Martha's Table** *Third Thursdays, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Join a team with a big impact! We're looking for volunteers to help prep food once a month at Martha's Table, one of NPC's local mission partners. *Contact: Marge Bernbaum, mbernbaum@gmail.com, or 301.520.7253.*

Book Study: "The Confessions of St. Augustine"

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:15 p.m., Parlor
We will discuss Book 5 on Oct. 8.

Men's Retreat: **Last Chance to Sign Up!**

*October 9 & 10, The Bolger Center
Potomac, MD*

The annual men's retreat with guest speaker and former Washington Redskins Chaplain Jerry Leachman is almost here! Come to enjoy good food and conversation, and explore the "Four Facets of a Well-Balanced Life." *Sign up in Stone Hall or online: nationalpres.org/mens-ministry*

Sandwich Making *Sunday, Oct. 11, Stone Hall*

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!

Nepal Lunch and Learn *Sunday, Oct. 11, 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor*

NPC's Jeff Jacobs will share video stories from his visit to Nepal, connecting with Nepali Christians and assisting with rebuilding efforts after the April 2015 earthquake. *Light lunch provided.*

Music at National: Choralis *Sunday, Oct. 11, 5 p.m.*

Choralis presents *Music for Great Spaces*. Tickets: choralis.org or 703.237.2499.

Wednesday Women **Bible Study & Prayer Group** *Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of Abraham and his journey to Mt. Moriah, followed by writing cards for those in need of care. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

Contemplative Prayer Retreat *Saturday, Oct. 17*

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 Evagrius and the Desert Fathers and Mothers. *Information & registration (required): www.nationalpres.org/calendar*

GriefShare

*Sundays beginning Oct. 18, 12:30 p.m.,
Culbertson Library*

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

To register, please contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.

Mission Gifts for Christmas *Applications welcome through Oct. 19*

Would you like to represent a mission organization for the 2015 NPC Mission Gifts for Christmas event? *Contact John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7505, to request an application or more information.*

October Food Donations: **Canned Tuna**

Please bring cans of tuna for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

October 4–11

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139

2 Kings 20:1-21

Acts 12:1-17

Luke 7:11-17

Monday

Psalms 5; 29

2 Kings 21:1-18

1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1

Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133

2 Kings 22:1-13

1 Corinthians 11:2-22

Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33

2 Kings 22:14-23:3

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Matthew 9:9-17

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62

2 Kings 23:4-25

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Matthew 9:18-26

Friday

Psalms 51; 65

2 Kings 23:36-24:17

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98

Jeremiah 35:1-19

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Matthew 9:35-10:4

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113

Jeremiah 36:1-10

Acts 14:8-18

Luke 7:36-50

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Presbyterian School Prospective Parent Coffee

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m., National Presbyterian School

Families with children 5th grade and younger are invited to learn more about National Presbyterian School. Applications from NPC families receive special consideration. *Contact: Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.*

"Journeys" Women's Brunch

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Jones Hall (School Gym)

All women are invited for a wonderful morning of conversation and inspiration. Ginny Taylor, Rachel Dempsey, and Amelia Kegan will share and celebrate stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. Cost: \$15. *Register Sundays in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7527. Free childcare for children under 5 available with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Cuba Connection: Be a Host for Visiting Choir *Oct. 30 – Nov. 1*

New friends from Villa Clara, Cuba are planning to visit NPC for a weekend of singing and cultural exchange. Details of their tour are still being finalized, but we look forward to them singing in worship on Sunday morning, and in a concert for the whole community that afternoon. *If you would consider hosting one or more members of this community chorus for **three nights** that weekend (Fri, Sat, & Sun), please contact Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7490.*

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.
- **Childcare** is available from 8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four. Nursery rooms are located in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing blue 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. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and back six pews of the Sanctuary.



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