

November 8, 2015

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMITMENT CELEBRATION SUNDAY

VETERANS DAY

*"Surely the Lord is in this place
and I did not know it."*

Genesis 28:16

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

Commitment Celebration Sunday

Each year on Commitment Sunday, we renew our commitment to God to support his work in and through NPC. **Please prayerfully consider how you will support God's work in our church in 2016, and return your commitment card as an act of worship during today's service.** *Extra cards are available in the baskets at the ends of the pews.*

Winter Warmth Drive

Collection bins upstairs by the information table and downstairs by Stone Hall

Through the month of November, we'll be collecting the following new or gently-used winter (only) clothing items for distribution to NPC local mission partners serving the homeless:

- Men's (especially L & XL), women's, and children's coats, jackets, gloves and sweaters
- New, heavyweight socks
- Men's new XL and XXL thermal underwear

Monetary donations for the drive may be made by placing a check in the offering plate with the memo line "Clothing Drive."

Town Hall Meeting with the Facilities Master Planning Team

12:15–1:15 p.m., Stone Hall

The Facilities Master Planning Team (FMPT) wants to hear your voice! Hear what your FMPT is doing. Share what aspects of our facilities work well for you, and what's not so good. What would you love to see in the future? Come today or share your ideas with Chair Mary Jo Pera at fmpt@NationalPres.org. *(Next Sunday there will be another opportunity to hear and share – in Jones Hall after the 10:50 and 11 services.)*

Wholeness and Healing Service

1:30 p.m., Chapel

All are welcome for a quiet time of worship, with an opportunity to pray for others as well as to receive prayer for needs of wholeness and healing in body, mind or spirit. Craig Meek will be our guest speaker. *There will be a light lunch in Elson Parlor following the service.*

Sandwich Making

10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., 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. *Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted to purchase sandwich supplies.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

"Across the Aisle"

Young Adults Group

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

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

Youth Group

There will be no youth group this Sunday, Nov. 8; please pray for our leaders and middle school youth as they return from their fall retreat. *Youth group resumes next Sunday.*

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

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

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at church entrances.

Today's "Wrestlers" class topic:

"Immigration" with Dale Hanson Bourke

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, CHC, USN (Ret.)

▲ BELL PEAL AND HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Seek the Lord

John Yarrington

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit in us.

Do not cast us from your presence, nor from your Spirit's power.

The sacrifice acceptable to you is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

from Psalm 51

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

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift your name on high.

Grace Notes Children's Choir

Directed by Alexandra August with Joanna Jones, piano

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

Exodus 13:18-21, 19:17-21

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 53, 58

Thanks be to God.

9:15 a.m. Capt. Dick Pera, USN (Ret.)

11 a.m. Col. William Doole, USAF (Ret.)

SERMON

The Presence of God

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Who Is the One?

Craig Courtney

Who is the One who bids us come together? Who is the One whose presence fills this place?

Who is the One who came to us from heaven, whose earthly life revealed God's face?

Who is the One, who, acting in humility, emptied himself, took on the form of man?

Who is the One who trod the path of suffering, who took our place that we might live?

Who is the One possessing all authority? Who is the One who speaks and stars appear?

Who is the One who holds all things together and is himself before all things?

Who is the One who reigns o'er all victorious? Who is the One who sits upon the throne?

Who is the One who went before us, to come again and take us home?

He is the Lord of hosts. He is the great "I AM." He is Almighty God.

He is the One among us now. He is the One among us now...

▲ 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION AND THE WORLD

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, GIFTS, AND COMMITMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

Please bring commitments forward during the offertory, after the ushers have passed your pew.

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Beth Elston

Grace Chimes, Carolann Haley, Director

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 564 *verses 1-3* O Beautiful for Spacious Skies *Materna*

▲ BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 564, verse 4

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Carillon Louis Vierne

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in celebration of Jeff Taylor's birthday by his loving wife Evangeline, their daughters Adrienne and Lisa and their families.

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. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be available in the chapel to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

Need help hearing during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary.
Please remember to return the receivers after the service.

————— Special Organ Concert —————
Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.
See page 7 for details.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:
Schestopol family
Irene Stadick

We mourn the deaths of:

Emmet Mittlebeeler, 100, on October 28. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 19 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel, followed by a reception in the Court of Flags.

George Joseph "Joe" Sears on November 1. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Exodus 13:18-21, 19:17-21
- SERMON The Presence of God Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredh*
- Please bring forward your tithes, gifts, and commitments*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit in us. Do not cast us from your presence, nor from your Spirit's power. The sacrifice acceptable to you is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

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 SONGS Forever Reign Jason Ingram
- You Never Let Go Matt Redman
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Come Thou Fount John Wyeth
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE How Can It Be Jason Ingram
- SCRIPTURE Exodus 13:18-21, 19:17-21
- SERMON The Presence of God Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Quinn Fox
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG Lay Me Down Chris Tomlin
- Please bring forward your tithes, gifts, and commitments*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

Special Organ Concert with St. Paul's Cathedral Organist

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Simon Johnson, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London will perform at NPC as part of his tour of the southeastern United States. Johnson has had the honor of playing for the daily round of services at St. Paul's, as well as historical national services and events, including the National Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. *No tickets required for this concert.*

Handel's "Messiah" Rehearsals Continue

Saturdays: Nov. 14 & 21, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
It's not too late to be a part of this exciting performance on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.! Final sanctuary rehearsals will be Friday, Dec. 4 (7–10 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 5 (10 a.m.–2 p.m.). *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7553.*

National Presbyterian School Prospective Parent Coffee

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 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.*

Build with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Help provide a home for a DC family in need! NPC sponsors a Habitat build on the second Saturday of every month. *For information or to sign up, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com.*

Cookies for College Care Packages

Bring in cookies on Nov. 15

Together we can send 1,000 homemade cookies to our college students who are coming up on final exams! Bring cookies to the University table (by the covered driveway entrance) today or next Sunday.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, Nov. 16, Noon, Stone Hall

NPC's first Director of Administration, Henry R. Mastroni, will join us to talk about the construction and move to our present campus. The Facilities Master Plan Committee will also ask for ideas to improve and sustain our facilities for the future. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800. (Pay at the door; \$12 with advanced registration; \$15 if not registered in advance.)*

Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Saturday, Nov. 21

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 Hildegard of Bingen.

Information & registration (required):

www.comwcp.org/events

NPC Youth Family Service Day

Sunday, Nov. 22, 4 p.m., Stone Hall

Middle and high school students and their families and friends are invited to an evening of preparing meals for Martha's Table and then sharing a potluck meal together. There will be no Youth Group on the 22nd as we gather for this special event. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres, 202.537.7520.*

Advent Workshop

Sunday, Nov. 29, 4:30–6:30 p.m.,

Sanctuary and Stone Hall

At this favorite annual family event we'll make Christmas crafts, celebrate Jesus together (children's choirs will sing!), and enjoy a pizza dinner (bring \$5 per person). Mark your calendars and invite a friend!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

November 8-15

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Ezra 10:1-17
Acts 24:10-21
Luke 14:12-24

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
Nehemiah 9:1-25
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
Nehemiah 9:26-38
Revelation 18:9-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
Nehemiah 7:73-8:18
Revelation 18:21-24
Matthew 15:29-39

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
Nehemiah 6:1-19
Revelation 19:1-10
Matthew 16:1-12

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
Nehemiah 12:27-47
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
Nehemiah 13:4-22
Revelation 20:1-6
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Ezra 7:1-26
Acts 28:14-23
Luke 16:1-13

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Report

At its October Meeting, the Session:

- Committed \$25,000 to update the 2006 Stone House Group Facilities Condition Assessment Report
- Received a report from the NPS Head of School Search Committee
- Received a report on leadership systems at NPC. This report contains recommendations that will help session align the NPC organizational, staffing and leadership structure to more effectively serve a church of NPC's size, demographics, and location in a major metropolitan city. (Following Objective 5.2 of the 2014 Strategic Plan.)

Volunteer to Prep Food 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 on site at Martha's Table, one of NPC's local mission partners in Columbia Heights. *Contact: Marge Bernbaum, 301.520.7253 or mbernbaum@gmail.com.*

November Food Donations: 1 lb. Bags of Rice

Please bring 1 lb. bags of brown or white rice 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.*

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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