

November 22, 2015

# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

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

## Be a Member of the "Mission Gifts for Christmas" Team

*Learn more: 12:30–1:30 p.m.*

### *Church Room 5*

Mission Gifts for Christmas is a wonderful NPC tradition to support local and global organizations and missionaries that help others in our hurting world. You can be part of the important team that supports this event! *Contact: John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

## Winter Warmth Drive

We're collecting the following new or gently-used winter (*only*) clothing items for 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 may be made by check with the memo line "Clothing Drive."*

## 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.

## NPC Youth Family Service Day 4–7 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 tonight as we gather for this special event. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7520.*

## Say "Yes" to Living Generously *Make your 2016 commitment today!*

Our goal for the coming year is to increase our faith giving by 8%. Let's watch God work through us as together we say "yes" to expanding our reach in mission, and to equipping our own staff and facilities for a thriving ministry.

### **You may make your commitment by:**

- Placing your commitment card (available in the Friendship Registers) in the offering plate or
- Filling out your commitment securely online at [www.nationalpres.org/giving](http://www.nationalpres.org/giving)

*Your commitment enables our elders to plan wisely for the year ahead. Made your commitment already? Thank you! Haven't yet made your commitment? Make yours today!*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

### GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Are you dreading the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas after facing loss and grief, knowing everything has changed? GriefShare's "Surviving the Holidays" series prepares you to face the days ahead with a measure of peace and assurance. Get helpful tools to deal with the many emotions you'll face as you discover hope for your future.

### "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.

### 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:**

"The Paradox of Generosity," John Gregg

#### 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*

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*Kindly turn off all electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

*from 18 Leipzig Chorales*

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 420 *verses 1-4*

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 420, verse 5

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,

serving thee whom we adore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, in your mercy take away from me my sins.

Graciously kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh:

A heart to love and adore you,

A heart to delight in you,

A heart to follow and enjoy you,

For Christ's sake.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Giving "1,000 Thanks" Together

*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

Galatians 5:16-23

9:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Cain

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible p. 948*

11 a.m. Deacon Lewrene Glaser

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### RESPONSE

### Holy Spirit

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

#### *Choir*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;  
bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

#### *Congregation*

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all we do:  
Love enough to grow and persevere in each thought and deed and attitude;  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn our striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all we do.

### ▲ 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

### A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green;  
the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.  
His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here,  
to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.  
We are his branches, chosen, dear; and though we feel the dresser's knife,  
we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care.  
From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery  
with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.  
Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

### ▲ 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 555                      Now Thank We All Our God                      *Nun danket alle Gott*

*Words of this thanksgiving hymn were actually written about 1636 by German pastor Martin Rinkart. His village had been decimated by the Thirty Years War and terrible ravages of disease. Pastor Rinkart had buried fully half of the eight thousand who had perished, but his poetry hearkens to the faithfulness and care of a loving heavenly Father. When the world around him was falling apart, he called his flock to gather closely around God's throne of grace and peace.*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE                      Marche Triomphale                      Sigfrid Karg-Elert

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The annual fruit and vegetable arrangements are given to the glory of God by the NPC family and friends in thanksgiving to God for his love and many blessings to us and our nation, and also in celebration of Virginia Barney's November 19th birthday.

**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.*

## Giving 1,000 Thanks Together

*Stone Hall all morning*

Today we will share our gratitude together, beginning in worship as we each write our thanks on a special card. Make your card for the "Wall of 1,000 Thanks" in Stone Hall and enjoy a café experience with gourmet coffee, delicious goodies, and time with one another. There is also hot cocoa and activities for the kids!

### PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

June Dickinson  
Schestopol family  
Carol Weihrer

*Prayer requests: [nationalpres.org/prayer](http://nationalpres.org/prayer)*

# 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Chapel*

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- PRELUDE Joanna Jones, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 555 Now Thank We All Are God *Nun danket alle Gott*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:16-23; 1 Corinthians 12:29-13:8a
- SERMON Who We Wish We Could Be Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- An offering will be received at the center aisle.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, in your mercy take away from me my sins. Graciously kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh: A heart to love and adore you, A heart to delight in you, a heart to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake.

## 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 Overwhelmed Michael Weaver
- Give Me Your Eyes Brandon Heath
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS McLane Stone
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Be Thou My Vision Eleanor Hull
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE I Lift My Hands Chris Tomlin
- SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:16-23
- SERMON Who We Wish We Could Be Dr. David Renwick
- 1 Corinthians 12:29-13:8a
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH McLane Stone
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG Soul on Fire Brenton Brown
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

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## 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!

## Wednesday Advent Services

*Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16*

*7–7:55 p.m., Sanctuary*

Advent Vespers begin soon for a time of restorative mid-week worship during the busy Christmas season. Communion will be served. *See back page for details.*

## Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, Dec. 5, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

All men are invited for a hearty breakfast and great fellowship. NPC member Gregg Gochnour will speak to us about "Redeeming the Time." *To reserve your place contact: Men@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527.*

## Business and Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

*Saturday, Dec. 5, Noon, Stone Hall*

Gerri Hall, member of NPC's flower ministry, will lead an interactive workshop during this special luncheon. Everyone will make and take home a floral arrangement to enjoy. Cost of the lunch and program is \$20. *For reservations, sign up in Stone Hall today or call Jo Schoolfield at 301.598.6284.*

## Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale

*Dec. 4–6, Youth House driveway & lawn*

Boy Scout Troop 1946 will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands from 3–9 p.m. (Fri), 9 a.m.–9 p.m. (Sat), and 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (Sun). *Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.*

## Fall Small Groups

21 small groups – a total of over 210 people – met this fall for prayer, sermon reflection, and time together. Small groups will resume the week of February 7, 2016.

## Handel's "Messiah" Performance

*Sunday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m.*

Mark your calendars and make plans to bring your family and friends to the NPC Festival Choir & Orchestra performance of Handel's beloved masterpiece. *No tickets are required; an offering will be received. Complimentary childcare (age 5 and under) available with RSVP to: Childcare@NationalPres.org.*

## Mission Gifts for Christmas

*Dec. 6 & 13, Stone Hall*

Did you know that Americans spend \$450 billion dollars on Christmas every year? Your Christmas spending can make a difference for people who really need it! Mission Gifts for Christmas offers you an opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *For more information, call 202.537.7503 or visit nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.*

## AARP Smart Driver Course

*Monday, Dec. 7, 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 or call 202.537.7529.*

## U.S. Army Chorus Concert

*Monday, Dec. 21, 1 p.m., Sanctuary*

Come and bring a friend to this free amazing concert of Christmas favorites (both sacred and secular)! All are invited to the Adult Fellowship Luncheon at noon in Stone Hall before the concert. *For lunch reservations (\$12), call 202.537.0800.*

## NPS Appoints 2016 Head of School

Malcolm C. Lester has been appointed the next Head of School at National Presbyterian School, beginning July 2016. Mr. Lester has served four years as the Head of School at Grace Episcopal Day School in Kensington, MD after 21 years at St. Albans School in a variety of roles including English Teacher and Head Lacrosse Coach.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

November 22-29

**Sunday**

Psalms 108; 23  
Isaiah 19:19-25  
Romans 15:5-13  
Luke 19:11-27

**Monday**

Psalms 62; 9  
Joel 3:1-2, 9-17  
1 Peter 1:1-12  
Matthew 19:1-12

**Tuesday**

Psalms 12; 7  
Nahum 1:1-13  
1 Peter 1:13-25  
Matthew 19:13-22

**Wednesday**

Psalms 96; 134  
Obadiah 15-21  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
Matthew 19:23-30

**Thursday**

Psalms 116; 130  
Zephaniah 3:1-13  
1 Peter 2:11-25  
Matthew 20:1-16

**Friday**

Psalms 84; 40  
Isaiah 24:14-23  
1 Peter 3:13-4:6  
Matthew 20:17-28

**Saturday**

Psalms 63; 90  
Micah 7:11-20  
1 Peter 4:7-19  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Sunday**

Psalms 24; 110  
Amos 1:1-5, 1:13-2:8  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 21:5-19

## THANKSGIVING & ADVENT WORSHIP

*Invite a friend!*

### THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

**Thursday, November 26** – Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

*“Unconventional Blessings”* Rev. Donna Marsh

*Donations of nonperishable food and/or winter warmth drive clothing (see p.2) will be collected during the service.*

### ADVENT WORSHIP: “A SERVANT IS BORN”

**Sunday, November 29**

*“Born to Humility”* Rev. Donna Marsh

**Wednesday, December 2** – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

*“Born to Change Our Hearts”* Dr. Nancy Fox

**Sunday, December 6**

*“Born to Heal”* Dr. Quinn Fox

**Wednesday, December 9** – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

*“Born to Restore”* Dr. Don Wilson

**Sunday, December 13**

*“Born for All”* Dr. David Renwick

*“Christmas Glory” with the Chancel Choir, Soloists, Brass, & Organ*

**Wednesday, December 16** – Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

*“Born for Peace”* McLane Stone

### 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 Ambassadors**, 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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