

January 17, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Love one another just as I have loved you.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you.

John 13:34; Matthew 22:39; 5:44

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

Classes for Adults in January Term *January 17 and 24, 9:30 a.m.*

Three-week classes for adults continue – newcomers welcome!

- **The Refugee Crisis & Our Faith**
Church Room 105
Consider the plight of forcibly displaced people and Christian responses to them.
- **Practical Christian Ethics for Challenging Times**, *Church Rm 110/111*
Learn to apply principles of Christian ethics practically in the modern world.
- **How God Did It: The Scientific Story of Creation**, *Church Room 5*
See how scientific views are compatible with Christian faith.
- **The Gospel According to Downton Abbey**, *Chapel*
Reflect on themes of Christian faith and the Church suggested by (and omitted from) this drama.

For full class descriptions, pick up a brochure on the information table or literature racks or visit www.nationalpres.org/adults

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- The Refugee Crisis & Our Faith
Church Room 105
- Practical Christian Ethics for Challenging Times
Church Room 110/111
- The Scientific Story of Creation, *Church Rm 5*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey*, *Chapel*
- Christian Parenting Talks, *Jones Hall*

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg, Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg, Room 102*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

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

Intergenerational Mission Trip

Info meeting: 12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor

Learn about our mission trip for all ages, June 25–July 1, 2016. During the trip, we will build literal and metaphorical bridges, help with a community medical clinic, and construct a church with our friends in the central Dominican Republic. Light fare will be provided at the meeting.

Summer Church Camp

Today in worship we welcome Stef Walker, from Ligonier Christian Camps. The Ligonier Camp experience has been a meaningful way for many NPC children and youth to grow in their faith. *Stef will visit children and youth in Sunday school and will be available for conversation in Stone Hall after worship.*

Firmly ROOTED: Talks for Christian Parents

Sundays in January, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Jones Hall (School Gym)

Find insight into staying biblically rooted during these weekly talks specifically for parents.

- **TODAY** Biblically Rooted in Christ
- Jan. 24 Biblically Rooted in Church
- Jan. 31 Biblically Rooted in the Home

January 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 these monthly donations to Martha's Table; contact Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support during weekly classes led by Rev. Evangeline Taylor. Each class is self-contained; attend whenever you are able. *Contact: Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 1 in G Major

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, in whose image each one is created,

Fixing great value and worth to be cherished, protected!

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if by God's love we're befriended.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most merciful God,

we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed;

we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

So that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your great name.

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

Stef Walker
Ligonier Summer Camp

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

Amos 2:6-8

pew Bible pp. 744

The Word of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. Deacon Alfreda Robinson Bennett

Thanks be to God.

11 a.m. Richard Armstrong

SERMON

Probing Questions: Whose Life Matters?

Dr. David Renwick

Genesis 1:26; Jeremiah 1:5; John 3:16; Exodus 20:13

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Sursum corda

Soloist and Choir

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand;

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp too great to understand.

Lord, it was you who formed my inward parts; knit me together in my mother's womb;

your mighty Spirit lifts to heaven's heights, and rescues from the darkness of the tomb.

Congregation

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;

try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;

Keep me from any path that gives you pain,

and lead me in the everlasting way.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 139:1-4, 15-17

Rev. Donna Marsh

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unborn substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

How wonderful are your works!

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

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

John Carter

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
At thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

Psalms 84:1-4

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

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▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Concerto No. 2 in A Minor

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in recognition of the January 15th birthday and the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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!

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. Prayers will take place in Elson Parlor after the 9:15 a.m. service, and in the chapel after the 10:50 and 11 a.m. services.

“Probing Questions” Sermon Series with Dr. Renwick

January 24

What's So Sacred About Sex?

January 31

*Is the Bible Environmentally
Friendly?*

February 7

*Is Religion Inherently
Dangerous?*

PRAYERS

Please pray for NPC members and friends.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Amos 2:6-8
Genesis 1:26; Jeremiah 1:5; John 3:16; Exodus 20:13
- SERMON *Probing Questions: Whose Life Matters?* 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

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10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

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- ▲ WELCOME SONGS My Worth Is Not in What I Own
Give Me Your Eyes Keith and Kristen Getty
Brandon Heath
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Quinn Fox
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE O Love that Will Not Let Me Go George Matheson
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Your Grace Is Enough Matt Maher
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- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* Lay Me Down Chris Tomlin
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPC's Membership Class: Pathway of Christian Discipleship

Saturday, Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 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 Jan. 19 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

Book Discussion: "Augustine's Confessions"

Thursdays through February 4

7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox continues a discussion on the final four chapters of this classic book. If you were not able to join us in the fall, you will not be behind – the material is entirely new. We will discuss Book 11 this week. Copies of the book are available for sale in the church bookstore. *More info: Grow@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Reformed Institute's Annual Convocation at NPC

Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 a.m.–Noon, Stone Hall

Guest speaker Dr. Suzanne McDonald will present "Election Again?", suggesting an approach to election that helps us to root our Reformed priorities in the bigger scriptural picture. This event is free, and registration is helpful but not required. *Contact: Mary Hill, 703.518.5125, or mhill@reformedinstitute.org.*

Small Groups Begin Soon!

Sign up begins Jan. 24

Be part of a small group this winter for Christian community, prayer, discussion and study. *For more information, visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups*

Eurasia Mission Team Presentation

Sunday, Jan. 24, 12:30–2 p.m., Elson Parlor

You're invited to a multimedia presentation and conversation with members of the NPC Eurasia Mission Team who traveled to Croatia and Armenia last year. Learn about God's work in these areas and join the conversation about the direction of Eurasia ministries in 2016. A light lunch will be provided.

Plenary Presentation with Peter Wehner

Sunday, January 31, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Peter Wehner, a committed Christian, well-known journalist, and Senior Fellow at The Ethics and Public Policy Center, will present **"How Christians Can Flourish in an Increasingly Adversarial Culture."**

Wehner writes widely on political, cultural, religious, and national-security issues for numerous publications—including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Christianity Today* and *Time* magazine. He has also appeared as a commentator on *Fox News*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, and *C-SPAN* and appears frequently on national talk radio programs.

Save the Date: Annual Women's Retreat

April 8–10, Ellicott City, MD

Leigh McLeroy will be the guest speaker at this year's women's retreat, leading us in a reflection on being "Fully Alive!" from Ephesians chapter 2. *Online registration for this popular annual retreat will begin January 24, but mark your calendars now!*

Weather Closure Policy

To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the nationalpres.org website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** Your safety is our priority, so please use your personal judgment before travelling.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

January 17–24

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23
Ephesians 4:1-16
Mark 3:7-19

Monday

Psalms 135; 112
Genesis 8:6-22
Hebrews 4:14-5:6
John 2:23-3:15

Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86
Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 5:7-14
John 3:16-21

Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4
Genesis 9:18-29
Hebrews 6:1-12
John 3:22-36

Thursday

Psalms 36; 27
Genesis 11:1-9
Hebrews 6:13-20
John 4:1-15

Friday

Psalms 130; 139
Genesis 11:27-12:8
Hebrews 7:1-17
John 4:16-26

Saturday

Psalms 56; 111
Genesis 12:9-13:1
Hebrews 7:18-28
John 4:27-42

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Genesis 13:2-18
Galatians 2:1-10
Mark 7:31-37

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tutor a Child

Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m., Mount Sinai Baptist Church (1615 3rd St NW)
The Unique Learning Center, one of NPC's local mission partners, needs tutors! Help make learning exciting and make a difference in a child's life. *Contact: Sherry Woods (202.716.4106) or Margaret Gardner (202.621.7888) to get started.*

Share God's Word

Bring the Good News to others through video and audio production as part of our A/V Team. Our current volunteers span all ages, and training is provided! *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcNett@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7576.*

BIBLE READING FOR 2016

Several Bible reading guides are available *at the information table or www.nationalpres.org/bible-guides*

- **Read the Bible's "Top 100"** essential passages in 20 weeks – get to know the main themes of the Old and New Testaments by the summer. There are a variety of resources available to help you follow this plan:
 - listen to the daily readings on our website
 - pick up a guide at the information table
 - purchase an additional study resource at the church bookstore
- **Read through the New Testament or the entire Bible** in a year. Guides are available at the information table or online.

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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