



April 3, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*As the father has sent me,
so I send you.*
John 20:21



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

The Circle Family Group

4:30–6:30 p.m.

School Gym & Playground

Families are invited for our monthly gathering of a potluck meal, play time, and a separate discussion for parents with a corresponding activity for children.

Your Recommendation Needed

Your Congregational Nominating Committee asks your help in selecting our church's leaders as elders, deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, or participants on next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. *Submit your recommendations online at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate*

Dominican Republic Mission Team – Join Us!

The intergenerational mission team going to the Dominican Republic this summer will meet to discuss trip planning and support. The meeting is open to supporters not able to go on the trip.

Some spots for the trip are still open – come if you're interested! *Contact: John Turpin, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Small Groups

New small groups begin April 17; sign up online today!

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of a busy life? Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study. *Information: groups@nationalpres.org or visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

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

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.

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

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings to NPC friends in need of friendship and encouragement! Supplies are available in Stone Hall every Sunday; simply write your greeting and the person's name, and we'll take care of the rest.

April Food Donations: Canned Tuna

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

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Two Welsh Hymn Preludes

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rhosymedre

William Neil, organ

Hyfrydol

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

McLane Stone

▲ HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne!

Alleluia! He is the triumph; his the victory alone!

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Risen from the dead in power! Find in him our full release,

Hope of an eternal glory, everlasting joy and peace.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest;

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Deo gracias

All glory to almighty God the Father, Spirit, living Lord:

The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead and alive forevermore,

stand in our midst today, as in the upper room:

show us your hands and your side, speak peace to our hearts and minds,

forgive our sins, still our fears,

and empower us as your witnesses in the world;

for the glory of your name.

John R.W. Stott

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

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. Quinn Fox

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

John 20:18-31
pew Bible p. 883

9:15 a.m. Deacon Janice Sessing
11 a.m. Elder Clyde Taylor

SERMON

Mission: Impossible

Dr. Quinn Fox

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Paul Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.
Then the same day at evening, as they were all assembled,
came Jesus and stood in their midst.
Then Jesus said unto them,
"Peace be with you, peace be unto you."

John 20:18-19

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

Peace I Give to You

Craig Courtney

Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled and fear not.
In this world you shall have tribulations.
Take heart! I have overcome the world!
Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
My peace I give to you.

John 14:27; 16:33
with Eileen Doty, violin

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to the Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Christ is coming soon.
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

from Revelation 22

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 399

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

Dunlap's Creek

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace I give to you. My peace I give to you.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Dr. Renwick is preaching today at the 50th anniversary of John Calvin Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas, where he served from 1987-1994.

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Columbarium are given to the glory of God in memory of G. Joseph Sears on the occasion of his April 3rd birthday with love from his wife Margaret Smith Sears.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God by Richard Gillis in memory of his beloved wife, Carol Gable Gillis, remembering her love of music.

Bring flowers to brighten someone's day. If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound, pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you!

Chapel prayers after worship. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Zachary Gardner

Elsy Rivera

We mourn the death of:

Manning Muntzing on March 28. A memorial service will be held April 16 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the Court of Flags.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

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| PRELUDE | | Dottie Seep, piano |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| ▲ HYMN <i>see p. 3</i> | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus | <i>Hyfrydol</i> |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN <i>in unison</i> | | |
| SCRIPTURE | John 20:18-31 | |
| SERMON | Mission: Impossible | Dr. Quinn Fox |
| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | | |
| SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | | |
| PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| ▲ DOXOLOGY | | |
| ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |

An offering will be received at the center aisle.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead and alive forevermore, stand in our midst today as in the upper room: show us your hands and your side, speak peace to our hearts and minds, forgive our sins, still our fears, and empower us as your witnesses in the world; for the glory of your name.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 | Touch the Sky | Dylan Thomas |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | Because He Lives | Chris Tomlin |
| PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN <i>in unison</i> | | |
| SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON | | |
| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | How Can It Be? | Jason Ingram |
| SCRIPTURE | John 20:18-31 | |
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| SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION | | |
| PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER | | |
| CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i> | Lay Me Down | Chris Tomlin |
| ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION | | |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | | |

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sandwich Making

*Next Sunday, April 10, 10:30 & 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. Together we can make up to 800 sandwiches in 15 minutes!

Afternoon TEA Moms Group

*Wednesday, April 13, 1:30–2:45 p.m.
Elson Parlor*

Women with school-aged children are invited to a monthly gathering for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God using *Romans: The Gift of God*, a study by Timothy Keller. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com for information or to sign up for our weekly email devotional.*

Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group

*Wednesday, April 13, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of Jesus on the Mount of Temptation, followed by writing cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

Book Discussion: "The Chronicles of Narnia"

*Thursdays beginning April 14
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a discussion of this classic by C.S. Lewis. At our first session Dr. Fox will introduce the series and begin a discussion of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Copies of the book are available for sale in the church bookstore. *More info: Grow@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, April 16, 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 Apr. 11: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Helping Refugees: From Crisis to Response

*Panel Discussion: Saturday, April 16,
9:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Stone Hall*

Displaced individuals and experts from the State Department, NGOs, and Christian ministries will help us to understand what we hear in the news about the global refugee crisis, and channel our dismay into positive responses. *Contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14; sign up today!

Choose from a variety of hands-on, family-friendly projects that make a difference, including feeding the homeless, packing dehydrated meals for disaster zones, collecting clothes for the needy, and packing backpacks for refugee kids. *Learn more and sign up for a project: www.nationalpres.org/greatdayofservice or contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Your Gift of Love Needed!

On Easter Sunday morning, a fire destroyed much of the house of one of our custodial staff. If you would like to help, please write a check to NPC, marked "Love Gift."

Invite a friend to worship at National!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

April 3–10

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Exodus 14:21-31
1 Peter 1:1-12
John 14:1-17

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Exodus 15:1-21
1 Peter 1:13-25
John 14:18-31

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Exodus 15:22-16:10
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 15:1-11

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Exodus 16:10-22
1 Peter 2:11-3:12
John 15:12-27

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Exodus 16:23-36
1 Peter 3:13-4:6
John 16:1-15

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Exodus 17:1-16
1 Peter 4:7-19
John 16:16-33

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 18:1-12
1 John 2:7-17
Mark 16:9-20

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Lead at Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy making crafts, playing games, storytelling, or meal-prepping? Consider using your gifts at Vacation Bible School this summer. We need leaders for our craft, recreation, story, and snack stations – each of which reinforces the truths we'll be learning about our God who knows and cares for us. You can sign up for one morning, up to all five mornings. *If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*

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! You can help make learning exciting and make a difference in a child's life. *Contact: Sherry Woods, 202.716.4106, or swoodsdc@gmail.com.*

Serve at Ingleside Retirement Community

Enable retirement community residents to attend worship services by assisting in wheeling residents from their rooms to services at Ingleside on Sundays at 4 p.m. Volunteers would serve on a rotating basis the first Sunday of each month.

Contact: Rebekah Liu at Paulreb3@msn.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** are available upon request; *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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