



June 26, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A voice cries out:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*

Isaiah 40:3

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associate: Dr. Nancy Fox

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

Sunday School Plenary

9:30 a.m. *Stone Hall*

"The Bible Cause: How The American Bible Society Shaped Our Nation"

Dr. John Fea

For 200 years the American Bible Society has influenced world history as it sought to place a free copy of the Scriptures in local languages throughout the world. In the process, it has intersected with and influenced American culture. Copies of Dr. Fea's new book, *The Bible Cause: A History of the American Bible Society*, will be available for signing and purchase. Dr. Fea is Professor of American History and Chair of the History Department, Messiah College.

Next week: "Singing the Bible," David Robinson. *see p. 7 for details.*

Summer Sandwich Making

Noon, *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 400 sandwiches in 15 minutes!

Welcome, Darren Kennedy

This morning we warmly welcome guest preacher Darren Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy is a PC(USA) co-worker teaching systematic theology at The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo. He was appointed by the PC(USA) in 1999. Darren studied the politics and economics of the Middle East as an undergraduate at Princeton University. He earned his M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary and later his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh. His doctoral work on the providence of God was published in 2011 under the title *Providence and Personalism*. He is married to Dr. Elisabeth Kennedy and has two sons.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Returning July 1

Pray for the members of our mission team currently in the Dominican Republic serving alongside the local community by building a church, staffing a medical clinic, and helping special needs orphans.

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Summer Sunday School

June 12 – August 28, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults *Stone Hall*

Youth *Multipurpose Building*

Rising middle and high school students gather together.

Children *School Building*

Age 2– rising 5th grade gather in two age-appropriate groups.

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings of friendship and encouragement to NPC friends! 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.

Parent Gathering

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)

Parents, bring your child to Sunday School, then stay for a fellowship-based conversation among parents. We will reflect on family, work, choices, and priorities using the life of Joseph as our example. Children will discover their own route through Joseph's journey as well during their Sunday School classes. *Gatherings will take place weekly – drop in whenever you can!*

Bring Unsweetened Cereal:

June Food Donations

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the info table.

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

Please silence all electronic devices.

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| ▲ WELCOME SONGS | 10,000 Reasons
Break Every Chain | Matt Redman
Will Reagan |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

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| ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE | Look to You | Joth Hunt |
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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,
you know the thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,
and done evil in your sight.

Wash us from the stains of our sins,
and give us grace and power to put away hurtful things.

Deliver us from bondage to sin, that we may bring forth fruits of repentance,
and enter into your promised joy.

Alcuin of York

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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| ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE | This Is Amazing Grace | Jeremy Riddle |
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SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-13

SERMON	Hope in the Wilderness	Dr. Darren Kennedy
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| ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | Rev. Evangeline Taylor |
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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.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG <i>offering received</i>	Lay Me Down	Chris Tomlin
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- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Please silence all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Madrigal, Op. 31

Louis Vierne

Matthew Daley, guest organist

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN

Winchester New

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
Now cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way of God within;
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
We bless thee as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Once more upon thy people shine and fill us with thy love divine.
The Spirit came on thee to rest, a dove from God on high most blest:
The Father's full-beloved Son, who hast our full salvation won.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All praise, eternal Son to thee, whose coming sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit evermore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,
you know the thoughts of our hearts.
We confess that we have sinned against you,
and done evil in your sight.
Wash us from the stains of our sins,
and give us grace and power to put away hurtful things.
Deliver us from bondage to sin, that we may bring forth fruits of repentance,
and enter into your promised joy.

Alcuin of York

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Quinn Fox

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism Sarah Louise Kauffman

Daughter of Elizabeth Fox Kauffman and Scott William Kauffman

Caroline Grace Toppings

Daughter of Jacqueline Hahey Toppings and Christopher James Toppings

Prayer of Response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-13

Elder Margaret Gardner

The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hope in the Wilderness

Dr. Darren Kennedy

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Kingsfold

Choir

Lord, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. God called you "My beloved Son," the suffering servant true, sent you the Kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.

Congregation

Straightway and steadfast through your life you then obeyed God's call,
resisting in the wilderness the tempter's boastful guile.
Renew our faith, rekindle hope, in love cast out our fear;
Help us to sing salvation's song: God's Kingdom is come near!

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
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he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
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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

The Desert Shall Rejoice

Roger C. Wilson

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad,
and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.
Say unto them that are fearful of heart, "Be strong, and fear not!
Behold, your God will come; he will come and save you."

Isaiah 35:1, 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.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Care for Others as a Stephen Minister

Stephen Ministers provide a listening ear and spiritual support for those going through a difficult time in life. Today in worship we commission a new Stephen Minister. You, too, can share Jesus' love with others as a Stephen Minister by joining the next training class in the fall. *Contact: Lucille Smiley, 202.832.1596.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff, by the Director of the Library and Archives, J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Jeff and Evangeline Taylor, and the birth of their grandson, Jack Alexander Williamson.

Pick up a bud vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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:

Mark Gourley

Mary Elisa Norment

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

Sunday Schedule Through August 28

8:30 A.M.
Jones Hall Worship

9:30 a.m.
Sunday School

10:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Sat., July 9, 8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Quinn Fox on God's call to "Stay Faithful." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Build with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, July 9, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Participate (ages 16 and up) in NPC's sponsored build and help provide a home for a DC family in need. NPC sponsors a Habitat build on the second Saturday of every month. *For info or to sign up, contact Mike Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Share Your Musical Gifts:

Sing in Summer Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Choir Room

Participate as often as your schedule permits! Just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service; no midweek rehearsals. *Contact: Michael Denham, MDenham@NationalPres.org.*

Join the Contemporary Worship Band

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Jones Hall

Are you a drummer, guitarist, bass guitarist, singer, or keyboard player? We're looking for musicians to play on a rotating basis on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights. *Contact: Hilda Gore at HGore@NationalPres.org.*

Adult Sunday School Plenaries

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Next Sunday: July 3, David Robinson
Singing the Bible

Professional singer, choral director, and former seminary professor Dr. Robinson will share insights into what it means to sing sacred texts set to music from the perspective of personal faith. His wife Glenda will serve as his accompanist. He has been a guest soloist at NPC on several occasions, most recently for Handel's "Messiah."

July 10, David Renwick
Jesus' Friends and Enemies

July 17, Rebecca Weaver
A Religion of the Book: The Literary Character of Our Faith

July 24, International Justice Mission
The God of Justice

July 31, Robert Wauzzinski
A Kingdom Bank with a Mission

August 7, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed
Islam and the West: Promoting the Dialogue of Civilizations

August 14, Nancy Fox
Meeting Brothers and Sisters in Syria and Lebanon

August 21, Os Guinness
Fool's Talk

August 28, John Turpin & McLane Stone
Mission Trip Reports

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

June 26 – July 3

Sunday

Psalms 67; 93
Numbers 21:4-9, 21-35
Acts 17:12-24
Luke 13:10-17

Monday

Psalms 57; 47
Numbers 22:1-21
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 21:12-22

Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99
Numbers 22:21-38
Romans 7:1-12
Matthew 21:23-32

Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91
Numbers 22:41-23:12
Romans 7:13-25
Matthew 21:33-46

Thursday

Psalms 143; 116
Numbers 23:11-26
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday

Psalms 88; 20
Numbers 24:1-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 22:15-22

Saturday

Psalms 122; 63
Numbers 24:12-25
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 22:23-40

Sunday

Psalms 108; 23
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 19:11-20
Mark 1:14-20

SAVE THESE DATES

Be a Part of the "Pray Eat Love" Picnic Team *Event on Sunday, September 4*

Be a part of the planning team for our annual "Pray, Eat, Love." There are many ways to lend a hand in planning this fall event where we worship, grow, care, and serve as a church family.

Contact: Diane Stewart, snowmiss@cox.net.

Forum on Faith and Politics

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m.

An evening conversation with E.J. Dionne and Michael Gerson: two *Washington Post* columnists who write from different "sides of the aisle," with similar Christian conviction. They'll share thoughts and insights about the upcoming elections. In particular, what are concerns Christians especially ought to have before them?

Party with Purpose

Sunday, October 16

The whole church family is invited to an evening with our local mission partners. We'll enjoy dinner together, hear more from our partners, and participate in hands-on projects.

Contact: Ginny Taylor, ginnyestj@verizon.net.

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** 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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