




August 21, 2016



# Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





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



*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgression.*

Psalm 51:1-2



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), John Turpin (Serve)

# TODAY AT NATIONAL

## Adult Sunday School Plenary

9:30 a.m. Stone Hall

### "Fool's Talk"

Dr. Os Guinness

Speaker and best-selling author, Dr. Os Guinness will present key themes from his latest book, *Fools Talk: Recovering the Art of Christian Persuasion*. This, his magnum opus, was the 2016 *Christianity Today* Book of the Year in Apologetics/Evangelism. Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase.

**Next week:** Stories of Service from NPC Mission Trips, *see p. 7 for details*.

## Free NPC Car Magnets

Pick up a free NPC magnet for your car at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary, or downstairs in the bookstore.

## Sponsor Supplies for Refugee Children

You can sponsor a backpack full of supplies for refugee children. The 600 backpacks that we'll assemble during Pray Eat Love (*see p. 7 for details*) cost \$24 each – please give what you can!

- Mark checks with the memo line: "Refugee Backpacks"
- Give online at [nationalpres.org/PrayEatLove](http://nationalpres.org/PrayEatLove)

## T-Shirts & Hats for Pray Eat Love

Hats and t-shirts are now available for you to wear on September 4; get yours upstairs at the information table or downstairs in Stone Hall. *Donations gladly appreciated.*

## WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

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## Summer Sunday School

Through August 28, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

**Adults** Stone Hall

A plenary presentation takes place in Stone Hall.

**Youth** Resumes in September

Rising middle and high school students are encouraged to attend the plenary presentation in Stone Hall.

**Children** Church Building

Through August, elementary-aged children gather in Room 106 and preschool children gather in Room 7.

## Bring Canned Fruit: August Food Donations

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

## 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.

*Jones Hall (School Gym)*

## ▲ WELCOME SONGS

In Christ Alone  
Let the Heavens Open

Keith Getty  
Kari Jobe

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

## PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Hilda Gore

## ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE

## O Breath of Life

Andy Piercy

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

Hilda Gore

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgression.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin;  
for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you alone have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight;  
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless when you pass judgment.  
You desire truth in the inward being, so teach me wisdom in my secret places.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

from Psalm 51

## SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

## If We're Honest

Francesca Battistelli

## SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:1-4; 12:1-10

SERMON

## Defeating Oneself

Dr. David Renwick

*"Life of King David" sermon series*

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## Apostles' Creed

Dr. Nancy Fox

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

CLOSING SONG *offering received*

## Lay Me Down

Chris Tomlin

## ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

# 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

## *Sanctuary*

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

O Soul, Bedeck Thyself with Gladness

J.S. Bach

Dan Campolieta, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

*Slade*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 491, verse 5

Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless God's holy name henceforth forevermore.

### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgression.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin;  
for I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
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so that you are justified in your sentence,  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
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### SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure.  
For we confess our sins unto you, and hide not our unrighteousness.  
For thy mercy's sake, deliver us from all our sin.

Richard Farrant

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Stuttgart*

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;  
Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

## PATHWAY OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

### SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 11:1-4; 12:1-10

Elder Delores Ziegler

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible pp. 248-249*

Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

Defeating Oneself

Dr. David Renwick

*"Life of King David" Sermon Series*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Woodworth*

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,

And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, *O Lamb of God I come, I come.*

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;

Because thy promise I believe, *O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

### ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

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suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

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

#### 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

Create in Me

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

### ▲ 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 388

O, Jesus I have Promised

*Angels' Story*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso and Fugue, from Sonata No. II

Felix Mendelssohn

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**The flowers in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for his blessings by David and Roz Mack to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding in Jerusalem.

**Take flowers to brighten someone's day.** Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? Take along flowers to bring some cheer! Bud vases with fresh flowers may be found on the table outside of Elson Parlor.

**Chapel prayers after worship:** If you have a joy or concern on your heart, come to the chapel down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be there to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

**Need hearing assistance 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.*

## PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

Virginia Barney  
Shelley Barr

Betty Bennett  
Mark Gourley

Max Schestopol

*We celebrate the birth of:*

**Viya Isabella Rao McClymont** to parents Matt McClymont and Sonaly Rao on July 27.

*We mourn the death of:*

**Helen Metcalf** on August 12. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 27 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

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

## Fall Schedule Begins September 11

9 A.M. Worship  
Traditional | Sanctuary

10:50 A.M. Worship  
Contemporary | Jones Hall

11 A.M. Worship  
Traditional | Sanctuary

9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mission Trip Stories of Service

*Sunday, August 28, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Join us for stories and photos of our middle school and intergenerational mission trip pilgrimages to rural Virginia and the Dominican Republic over the summer.

### "Pray Eat Love" Annual Picnic

*Sunday, September 4*

Let's make a difference together!

- **One worship service** at 10:45 a.m. featuring exceptional music.
- **Hands-on service project** for all ages: packing backpacks for refugee children in Lebanon with school supplies, blankets, toiletries, and other essentials.
- **Book collection** of Bibles, devotional, educational, and sports books for local literacy classes.
- **Buffet lunch**, music, and games and activities for the kids.
- Held rain or shine.

*Available today: hats and t-shirts to wear on September 4; get yours at upstairs at the information table or downstairs in Stone Hall.*

### Facilitate or Host a Small Group

*October 9–November 13*

Help foster Christian community and spiritual growth as a small group facilitator or host!

- **Facilitators:** training and materials will be provided (*no experience needed*).
- **Hosts:** all you need is a willingness to welcome the group in your home

Groups gather once a week for six weeks.

*Learn more; contact: [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org).*

### Wholeness & Healing Service

*Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m., Chapel*

**Chaplain Larry Greenslit** will be our guest speaker, reflecting on his experiences of 9/11. 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. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it. Dr. Greenslit served for 27 years in the Navy Chaplain Corps and is currently the Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel.

### Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, Sept. 10, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Michael Cromartie will be our speaker.

### Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one discussion and prayer to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Are you called to be a part of this meaningful ministry?

*Contact: Lucille Smiley 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight, 301.320.5168.*

### Job Opportunity

Applications are now being accepted for a full time administrative assistant position for our care ministries. *For more information, visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs)*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

August 21-28

### Sunday

Psalms 67; 93  
Job 4:1-6, 12-21  
Revelation 4:1-11  
Mark 6:1-6a

### Monday

Psalms 57; 47  
Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-27  
Acts 9:19b-31  
John 6:52-59

### Tuesday

Psalms 54; 99  
Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21  
Acts 9:32-43  
John 6:60-71

### Wednesday

Psalms 65; 91  
Job 6:1, 7:1-21  
Acts 10:1-16  
John 7:1-13

### Thursday

Psalms 143; 116  
Job 8:1-10, 20-22  
Acts 10:17-33  
John 7:14-36

### Friday

Psalms 88; 20  
Job 9:1-15, 32-35  
Acts 10:34-48  
John 7:37-52

### Saturday

Psalms 122; 63  
Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22  
Acts 11:1-18  
John 8:12-20

### Sunday

Psalms 108; 23  
Job 11:1-9, 13-20  
Revelation 5:1-14  
Matthew 5:1-12

## SAVE THESE DATES FOR FALL 2016

### GriefShare

*Begins Sunday, September 18, 12:30 p.m., Administration Bldg*

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you may be faced with many questions and challenges. GriefShare classes meet weekly, for 15 sessions, to help you face these challenges of deep hurt and isolation, and move toward rebuilding your life. Class fee: \$35. *Contact: Barb Dear, 202.537.7540 or BDear@NationalPres.org.*

### 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.

### Pathway Membership Class

*Saturday, September 24, 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 Sept. 19: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

### "American Ulysses" Evening with the Author

*Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m.*

Dr. Ronald C. White, Presbyterian pastor and author of *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*, will present a reading of the book followed by audience interaction and book signing. Dr. White was at NPC in 2002 to present his book on Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, and again in fall 2006 as theologian in residence.

## 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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