

April 2, 2017

Welcome
to the
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Christ himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:17

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox
Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)
Hilda Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Jill Meek (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Turpin (*Serve*)



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Military Ministry

12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Come hear NPC member John Gordon discuss the Honor Flight Network, which brings veterans to DC to visit the memorials that honor their service. Our Military Ministry is open to all who are interested in issues affecting those serving the armed forces. A light lunch will be available.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Pick Up a Coin Bank

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is collected on Palm Sunday. Coin banks and envelopes are available at the info table or in the literature racks. *Through this offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in the U.S. and around the world.*

Your Recommendation Needed

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

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues, *Agencies Building Lower Level*
TODAY: “Ecology and Theological Education” Dr. Larry Golemon, Director of Washington Theological Consortium
- The History of the Church in the High and Late Middle Ages, *Church Room 110/111*
- A Journey through the Book of Acts and Our World Today, *Church Room 105*
- Men's Bible Class: Experiencing Prayer Power, *Culbertson Library*
- Looking at Luke, *Agencies Bldg Room 105*
- Parents' Gathering
10–10:30 a.m., *Elson Parlor*

Youth

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade)
Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101
- Middle School (8th grade)
Agencies Bldg. Room 101
- High School (9th –12th grade)
Youth House

Children

- Age 2–5th grade: Drop off/pick up at the National Presbyterian School building.

Children's Choirs (K–5th grade)

Sundays, 10:25–10:55 a.m., *School Bldg*

Youth Choir (6–12th grade)

Sundays, 10:20–10:50 a.m. *Church Bldg, Rm 5*

GriefShare

12:30 p.m., *Culbertson Library*

Those experiencing loss and grief will find encouragement and support.

“Across the Aisle” Young Professionals

12:15 p.m., *Church Room 110/111*

All young professionals (ages 22–35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

April Donations: Canned Tuna

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

Notes of Greeting and Encouragement

Write postcards to NPC members and friends who are in need of encouragement. *Supplies are available in Stone Hall.*

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary 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.

9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE My Heart, Full of Longing Johannes Brahms

Dan Campolieta, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation *O quanta qualia*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, whose praise is ever on our lips, you have given your only Son to die for us, for our salvation. Grant that we, who have been united in the communion of his precious body and blood, may be so cleansed from our sins, and so strengthened to follow the example of his holy life, that we may hereafter enjoy everlasting fellowship with you, and with one another, in this life and the life to come. We pray this through him who loves us, and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Brooke Foss Westcott

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation* Hymn 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

▲ LENTEN RESPONSE *Stuttgart*

Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been;

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *see p. 6*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS *see p. 6*

▲ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children (grades K-5) may leave now for Sunday School. Leaders will escort children to the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:15-20 Deacon Eric Young

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Unbreakable Bonds Rev. Donna Marsh

The Apostles' Creed: "Communion of Saints"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *see p. 6*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION *see p. 6* Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 504 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether *Union Seminary*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Toccata J.P. Sweelinck

10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

▲ WELCOME SONG My Worth Is Not in What I Own Keith & Krystin Getty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore

▲ SONG OF RESPONSE At the Cross Chris Tomlin

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, whose praise is ever on our lips, you have given your only Son to die for us, for our salvation. Grant that we who have been united in the communion of his precious body and blood may be so cleansed from our sins, and so strengthened to follow the example of his holy life that we may hereafter enjoy everlasting fellowship with you, and with one another, in this life and the life to come. This we pray through him who loves us, and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Chris Tomlin

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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. David Renwick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Thy Will Hillary Scott

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.

CLOSING SONG *offering received* Grace Like a Wave Rend Collective

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

My Heart, Full of Longing

Johannes Brahms
Dan Campolieta, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O quanta qualia

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Schmücke dich

Deck yourself, my soul with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render
Unto God, whose grace unbounded has this wondrous banquet founded;
Come, for now the Lord most holy stoops to you in likeness lowly.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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you have given your only Son to die for us, for our salvation.

Grant that we who have been united

in the communion of his precious body and blood

may be so cleansed from our sins,

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that we may hereafter enjoy everlasting fellowship with you,

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SERMON

Unbreakable Bonds

Rev. Donna Marsh

The Apostles' Creed: "Communion of Saints"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face *Morecambe*
Choir
Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face, here would we touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all our weariness upon you lean.
Congregation
This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heav'nly table for us spread;
Here let us feast and, feasting still prolong the fellowship of living wine and bread.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Evangeline Taylor
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I believe 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Let Us Break Bread Together John Ness Beck
Let us break bread together on our knees. Spiritual
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Come, Risen Lord

Sursum corda

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine.
Thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.
One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blest;
One name we bear, one Bread of Life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living head;
Then open thou our eyes that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Evening Worship *April 5, 7–8 p.m., Chapel*

Come for a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment with music, prayer, preaching, and Communion. Dr. David Renwick will preach: "Supplication: Ask Away."

Build with Habitat for Humanity *Sat., Apr. 8, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Ivy City, DC*

Participate in NPC's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need. *For information or to sign up, contact Mike Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Wednesday Women Bible Study & Prayer Group *Wednesday, Apr. 12, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer, followed by a study of the question: "Is Every Prayer Answered?" Stay after to write cards for those in need of encouragement. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

Support Our Easter Garden

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. *You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

Palm Sunday Concert: *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place Sunday, Apr. 9, 5 p.m., Sanctuary*

The National Presbyterian Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra, with special guests **The Loudoun County High School Concert Choir** present the music of Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and Barber. Invite a friend! No tickets required; a voluntary offering will be received. *Complimentary childcare is available for children 4 and under with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Adult Fellowship Luncheon *Monday, Apr. 10, Noon, Stone Hall*

Join in a hands-on service project to share Christ's Word with our Easter guests, and learn about opportunities to assist local missions through field trips. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.7529 for reservations. (\$15 advance registration and \$20 at the door.)*

Pathway Membership Class *Saturday, Apr. 22, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by April 17 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

April 9 9, 10:50, 11 a.m.

Join the palm parade (with donkey!) at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 13 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate the first Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to love one another.

Good Friday

April 14 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Reflections in word and music on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday: Invite a Friend! *Sunday, April 16*

Sanctuary Worship

8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m. identical services

Special music including choir, organ, brass, and timpani. Dr. Renwick will preach: "Unbroken."

Family Celebration

10 a.m. in Jones Hall

Family-friendly Easter message and play, familiar and contemporary songs, and Easter egg hunt on the playground.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL!

We are so glad you are here today.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 1

April 2 – 9

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Jeremiah 24:1-10
Romans 9:19-33
John 9:1-17

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Jeremiah 25:8-17
Romans 10:1-13
John 9:18-41

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Romans 10:14-21
John 10:1-18

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Jeremiah 26:1-24
Romans 11:1-12
John 10:19-42

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Romans 11:13-24
John 11:1-27

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Romans 11:25-36
John 11:28-44

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Matthew 21:12-17

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that you will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced as we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups for all ages are offered for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ's light in the world – serving and caring for one another through prayer, support, and service projects.

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Childcare | Available 8:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7. *Children are always welcome in worship!*

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.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

PRAYERS

We pray for our members and friends:

Shelley Barr

We grieve the death of:

Caroline Browne on March 16, 2017. A memorial service will be held April 5 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.

We pray for NPC mission partners:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush are based in the Philippines and committed to providing academic resources and training for Wycliffe and other Bible translation organizations. *31-day missionary prayer calendars are available in the information racks.*



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