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# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

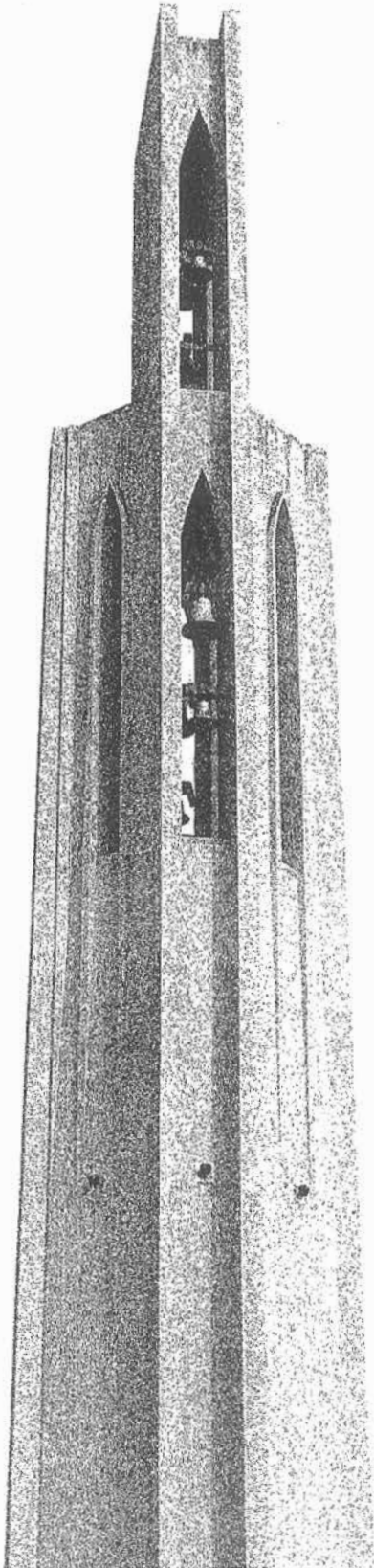
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME  
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST  
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

PALM SUNDAY

*"Is it not written,  
'My house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all the nations?'"*

Mark 11:17

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*  
*Parish Associates:* Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson  
Rev. 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)



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

*Kindly turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Diane Bish

Matthew Daley, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

Isaiah 9:6

*One* Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**All Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

*One* Lo, your king comes to you;

**All Triumphant and victorious is he; humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

***Children and Chancel Choir in procession:***

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let the praises ring!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let them ring!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna to the King!

▲ ***Congregation standing, waving palms, and singing as directed***

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang.

Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,

Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,

For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,

And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

PRAYER OF ADORATION *please be seated*

CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise Ye the Lord

Mark Patterson

Praise ye the Lord, O praise him from the heavens. Praise ye the Lord, O praise him in the heights above.

Praise ye the Lord, O praise him, sun and moon, stars of light. Let them praise the name of the Lord.

The Lord commanded and the heavens were created. He set them in place for ever and ever.

His word endures for all time. Praise ye the Lord, O praise him, all creatures, all nations;

All heav'n and earth, bring forth your song. Praise ye the Lord!

Youth Choir

Dottie Seep, Director with Joanna Jones, piano

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God; your Son our Savior entered Jerusalem in triumph,  
and was proclaimed Messiah and King.

Many spread garments and branches along his way,  
but they did not know that this path would lead to Calvary.

As we also raise branches of palms and sing “Hosanna,”  
help us remember that the one who came in the name of the Lord,  
came for our redemption and restoration.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us.

Show us ever more clearly, how to follow Christ Jesus all the way to the cross.

SILENT CONFESSION AND MUSICAL MEDITATION

Winchester New

*Choir*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

*Congregation*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

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. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-10; 15-19

The Word of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. Deacon David Nickles

**Thanks be to God.**

11 a.m. Jay Braitsch

SERMON

Is It Not Written?

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

This Is God's House

Anton Bruckner

This is God's house, a temple he has made,  
To be a place of prayer for all the nations, worthy of his glorious name.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
who alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition.  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his human life, breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to eternal life.

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS      Sanctus

Charles Gounod  
from *Messe Solennelle*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis! Amen.  
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.*

with Michael Ford, tenor

#### ▲ DOXOLOGY

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

#### ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### ▲ HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

#### ▲ BENEDICTION

#### ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*The King's Majesty*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see th' approaching sacrifice.

#### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### ▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in C

Wayne L. Wold

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Richard Gillis in loving memory of his beloved wife, Carol Gable Gillis.

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.

## 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.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing purple 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 first ten pews as you enter the Sanctuary.*

# TODAY

## **PALM PROCESSION** *10:30–10:55 a.m.*

All ages are invited to gather outside the Court of Flags at approximately 10:30 a.m. (between the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services) for a festive outdoor procession with palms and music.

## **COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH** *12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Drop by after the 11 a.m. service for a home cooked lunch and some casual time to connect with fellow students.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN** *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

## **NPC YOUTH** *5–7:30 p.m., Youth House*

Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

- **Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **NPC Youth dinner (parents welcome!):**  
5:45–6:45 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- **High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade):**  
6:30–7:30 p.m., Youth House

## **PLEASE SIGN FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

To help us get to know one another, members and guests alike are encouraged to sign and pass along the Friendship Register during the welcome or the offering.



## **PALM SUNDAY CONCERT** *5 p.m., Sanctuary*

The National Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra presents “Written on His Hands,” featuring Dan Forrest’s beautiful new “Requiem for the Living.” *No tickets required; a freewill offering will be received.*

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ANNUAL DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING**

Envelopes are available in the sanctuary pews today or you may give online at [www.nationalpres.org](http://www.nationalpres.org). *Through this traditional annual offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in the U.S. and around the world.*

## **NEW ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES**

Need help hearing during the service? Twelve assisted listening receivers with your choice of a *T-Coil compatible* neck loop or a standard single ear bud can be found on the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service. *Contact: Bill McNett, [BMcnett@NationalPres.org](mailto:BMcnett@NationalPres.org).*

## **FOOD DONATIONS IN APRIL: 1 LB. BAGS OF RICE**

Please bring donations of 1 lb. bags of brown or white rice for mission partner Martha’s Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha’s Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, [nancy@nchapman.com](mailto:nancy@nchapman.com).*



come celebrate  
**EASTER**



**HOLY WEEK**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 2**

**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**  
*Celebrate the first  
Lord's Supper and Jesus'  
command to love one  
another.*

**"Is It I, Lord?"**  
Rev. Donna Marsh

**GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 3**

The chapel will be open  
for prayers and quiet  
individual meditation  
from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**  
*Reflections in word and  
song on the seven last  
words of Christ.*

**"What Evil Has  
He Done?"**  
Dr. David Renwick

**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5**

**SANCTUARY WORSHIP  
8:30, 10, & 11:30 A.M.**

IDENTICAL SERVICES

**"Is What You See All You Get?"**  
*Dr. David Renwick*

Glorious music with the Chancel Choir, brass,  
organ, and timpani: Beethoven and Handel  
"Hallelujahs!"

*In past years, there have been over 1,000 people in  
attendance at the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary!  
You'll be less crowded if you come at 8:30 or 11:30 a.m.  
Bring the whole family; classes and groups will resume  
the Sunday after Easter.*

**FAMILY CELEBRATION  
10 A.M.**

IN JONES HALL (SCHOOL GYM)

Families, let's worship the risen Lord together!

We will celebrate with:

- Hymns and praise songs
- A message from Dr. Fox
- Children's choirs and Easter play
- And more!

An egg hunt on the playground follows the  
Celebration. Children age 4 and under must  
be accompanied by a parent at the Celebration.  
*Childcare is available all morning in the main church  
building for children age 4 and under.*

*Invite a friend!*

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GUILD**

*Saturday, April 4, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Stone Hall*

All women are invited for lunch and presentation from Bread for the World – a Christian organization urging our nation's leaders to end hunger. Learn how your voice as a Christian can affect the lives of millions of people struggling with hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Contact Joan Anderson, to join the noon luncheon (\$12), 202.362.7475

## **WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP**

*Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.,  
Church Room 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of Judas Iscariot from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards of encouragement to members in need of care and prayer.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

*Saturday, April 11  
8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Peter D. James, pastor of Vienna Presbyterian Church, on “Man, God, and the 21st Century Man.” *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

## **CONNECT ONLINE**

NPC Online is a simple and secure way to update your contact information, view the current congregational directory, or set up online giving. Members and friends of the congregation can access the NPC Online login via the NPC website. Step-by-step instructions to access NPC Online are available at the information table. *For those without computer access, new printed NPC directories are available in the Administration Building on Sundays.*

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Support this year's 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.*

## **SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING**

*Sunday, April 12, Stone Hall  
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

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 700 sandwiches!

## **CROATIA MISSION TRIP**

A mission trip to support NPC partner Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia is being planned for about eight days in late May and early June. Tasks include helping the seminary library and the school's English language program. *Registration ends April 19. Contact: Howard Tucker-Frost 703.241.8519 or hefrost@gmail.com*

## **SMALL GROUPS THIS LENT**

24 small groups with over 240 participants have met weekly during Lent. Thanks to the many dedicated hosts and facilitators! *Interested in facilitating or hosting a future group? Contact groups@nationalpres.org.*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please pray for:*

Betty Bennett

Nettie Broyhill

Lewrene Glaser

Erland Heginbotham

Mary Elisa Norment

May Yamate

*Confidential prayer requests:  
www.nationalpres.org/prayer*



# CLASSES AND GROUPS

*No classes or groups on Easter; classes and groups resume April 12*

## ADULTS

### LECTIONARY READINGS

*Year 1*

**March 29 – April 5**

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6  
Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-17  
Philippians 3:1-14  
John 12:9-19

#### Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91  
Jeremiah 15:10-21  
Philippians 3:15-21  
John 12:20-26

#### Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51  
Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-18  
Philippians 4:1-13  
John 12:27-36

#### Thursday

Psalms 27; 102  
Jeremiah 20:7-18  
1 Corinthians 10:14-17;  
11:27-32  
John 17:1-26

#### Friday

Psalms 22; 130  
Genesis 22:1-14  
1 Peter 1:10-20  
John 13:36-38

#### Saturday

Psalms 43; 143  
Job 19:21-27a  
Hebrews 4:1-16  
Romans 8:1-11

#### Sunday

Psalms 93; 117  
Exodus 12:1-14  
John 1:1-8  
Luke 24:13-35

### Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities
- Financial Peace University
- Men's Sunday School Class
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch)
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101
- The Gospel of Luke
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues

*School Room 236  
Church Room 105  
Agencies 101  
Agencies 105  
Elson Parlor  
Church Room 5  
Church Room 110/111  
Agencies Lower Level*

### Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- "Real Moms" Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:30–3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7–8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **April 11, 8–9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30–10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*

## YOUTH

### Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Youth House*

### Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

## CHILDREN

### Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

*Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.*

• 2 and 3-year olds: School Room 104

• 4-year olds: School Room 106

### Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

*Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or*

*from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.*

• Kindergarten: School Room 108

• 3rd Grade: School Room 208

• 1st Grade: School Room 132

• 4th Grade: School Room 240

• 2nd Grade: School Room 200

• 5th Grade: School Room 242

### Children's Church, 11 a.m.

*Church Room 106*

*Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.*

### CHILDCARE 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

• Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling

*Church Room 16*

• Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs.

*Church Room 7*

## MUSIC

• Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

*Choir Room*

• Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.**

*Church Room 110/111*

• Children's Choir (K–5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.**

*School Building*

• Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.**

*Multipurpose Room*

## BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

• Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

*Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*

• Satellite Library & Moehrl Bookstore

*Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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