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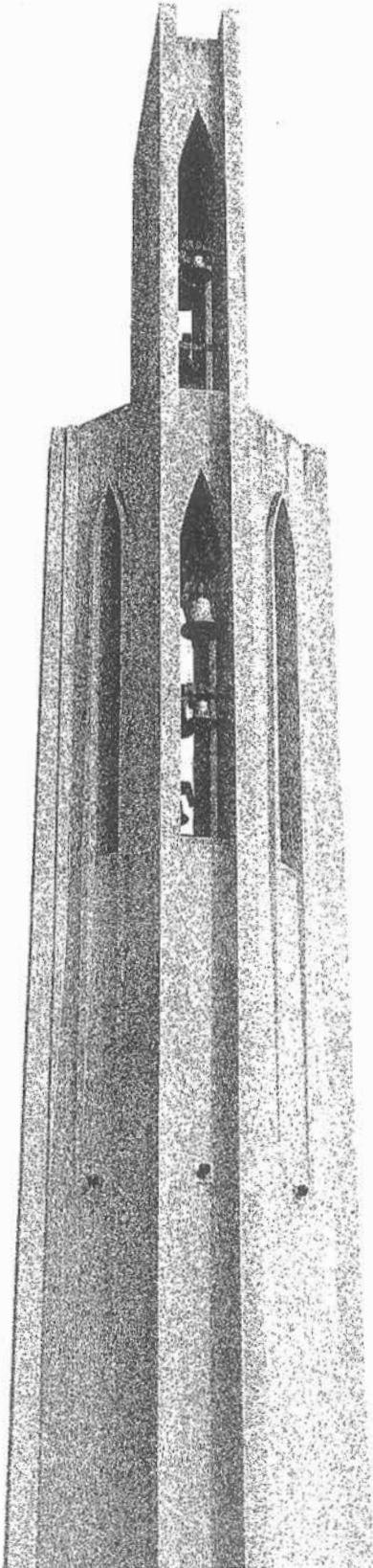
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*No one can see the kingdom of God
without being born from above.*

John 3:3

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

Chorale No. 1 in E Major

César Franck
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 371 *verses 1-3*

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 371, verse 4

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Hail to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most Merciful God,

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

To the glory of your great name.

SILENT CONFESSION AND 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

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-10

9:15 a.m. Elder Rudy deLeon

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 863

11 a.m. Elder Rick Hawthorne

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son
That whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through him might be saved.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn 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

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

Thou Art Holy

Craig Courtney
Nicaea

Holy, thou art holy, thou alone art holy!
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our songs shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee; perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
Thou art holy, thou alone art holy!

▲ 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 485

To God Be the Glory

To God Be the Glory

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL AMEN

John Stainer

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jo Phillips on her birthday today, by Norlie Lin D’Onofrio and Ann Schaefer.

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

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.

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 (6th–8th grade):**
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **NPC Youth 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

MOLDOVA PRAYER

12:15 p.m., Church Room 105

All are invited for a time of prayer for our NPC Moldova mission partners, including marriage and family ministries, orphans, and university support for student pastors and missionaries.

“THE ROAD TO CHARACTER”

The Road to Character by David Brooks is now available in the NPC bookstore. Purchase your copy today, and come hear author David Brooks speak at NPC on May 7 (*details on p. 7*).

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 today. Contact: *Howard Tucker-Frost* 703.241.8519 or hcfrost@gmail.com.

PRAYER ROCKS

During the children's time, baskets will be passed down the pew.

- Take a stone and a pen and write one word or short phrase on the rock that represents a prayer of need or thanksgiving to God.
- At the end of the service, place your stone writing side down on the prayer pathway just outside the Sanctuary.
- Next Sunday after worship, you are invited to pick up someone else's stone, take it home, and pray for that person or concern. We care for one another by bearing each other's burdens even when we don't know the details, and by lifting each other up to the Lord in prayer.

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:** www.nationalpres.org/nominate
- **email:** Cong-Nomination@NationalPres.org
- **brochures:** available at church entrances

HELP BUILD A SCHOOL FOR DEAF STUDENTS IN SENEGAL

*Art cards on sale: Stone Hall
after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship*

The Africa Mission Team is sponsoring the sale of art cards (*\$12.50 for seven cards*) made by deaf children at **École Renaissance des Sourds**, where NPC mission partner Angela Bednarczyk serves as Curriculum Specialist. All proceeds will aid construction of additional classroom space for the children at the school in Dakar, Senegal.

Invite a friend to NPC!

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

BOOK STUDY: CHRIST AND CULTURE

*Tuesdays in April and May
7:15–8:45 p.m., Agencies 105*

Join us this Tuesday as we continue six weeks of exploration and conversation about H. R. Niebuhr's classic analysis of the various ways Christians have responded in seeking to be faithful amidst their surrounding culture. Please read Chapter 3 for discussion this week. Newcomers welcome! *Copies of the book can be purchased in the church bookstore.*

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON WITH DR. RENWICK "A Taste of Scotland"

Monday, April 20, Noon, Stone Hall

Come for fellowship, lunch, and a program by Dr. Renwick about his homeland. *Sign up today in Stone Hall or call 202.537.0800 to reserve a place.* Donation for lunch (suggested \$10) can be made at the door.

BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Participate in NPC's sponsored build, and help provide a home for a DC family in need! *For information or to sign up, contact Linda Butcher, lbutter07@gmail.com*

MUSIC AT NATIONAL Sunday, April 26, 3 p.m.

(Pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m.)

Washington Bach Consort presents *Bach Mass in B Minor*. Tickets and more information: www.bachconsort.org.

Extend the warm hospitality of NPC by welcoming concert guests, and stay to enjoy the performance. *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7553.*

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Sunday, April 26

Help us reach out to our college students who are coming up on final exams. Homemade cookies will let them know they're loved and prayed for! **Please bake 2-dozen cookies** and bring them by the University Ministry table in the narthex on Sunday, April 26. *We hope to collect 1,000 cookies!*

WHAT DO YOU THINK: WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOD CALLING NPC TO DO? Sunday, April 26, 12:15–1:30 p.m. Stone Hall

We are seeking your prayerful input on NPC's mission work. We want to hear from you:

- How is NPC uniquely positioned to take part in God's work?
- Which needs in our community and the world cry out to us?
- How can we use our resources and partnerships to have the greatest impact?
- How do you personally feel called to participate in NPC's mission?

Discernment includes listening for the Holy Spirit speaking through community. Come share your thoughts at round table conversations. Light fare will be provided.

NPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Are you interested in taking the next steps on your spiritual pathway? Learn more about the Christian faith, membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by April 30 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*

GRIEFSHARE

*Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m.
Culbertson Library*

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Weekly meetings provide a safe place to meet others with the same confusing emotions and tough decisions as you. Explore ways to recover through small group discussion and Bible study.

*Contact: Barb Dear, 202.537.7540 or
BDear@NationalPres.org.*

AN EVENING WITH DAVID BROOKS: “THE ROAD TO CHARACTER” Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

In today’s culture, the drive for external success and attention is so fierce, there’s little time to cultivate inner depth. David Brooks, *NY Times* columnist and author of the new book, *The Road to Character*, will lead us in an exploration of true fulfillment in a society that emphasizes professional achievement. Brooks will discuss topics from *The Road to Character*, which looks at the lives of some of world’s greatest thinkers and inspiring leaders to illuminate how character is developed.

There will also be a time for audience Q&A, and a book signing. *Copies of the book are available in the bookstore.*



INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUPS?

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of busy life in the metro area? Some of our Lenten small groups are continuing in April and May! *For more information, and to become part of one of these groups, visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups or email groups@nationalpres.org.*

MISSING ANYTHING?

Missing any winter wear (or glasses, keys, or umbrellas)? Please stop by the lost and found in the Admin. Building to pick up any missing belongings. *Any items left by the end of April will be donated to charity.*

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

*Mark your calendars: Saturday, May 16
Flexible times, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

NPC is deeply involved in the community all year long, and on the Great Day of Service, everyone can pitch in – *including kids!* Teams will embody Christ’s love by:

- preparing meals for famine zones
- working on a Habitat for Humanity house
- collecting men’s and women’s clothing for people transitioning out of homelessness
- and much more!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with service projects, outdoor games, cool crafts, yummy snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. This year’s theme is “Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power.”

Register online today: nationalpres.org/VBS

NPC DIRECTORY ONLINE & IN PRINT

New NPC printed directories are available on the information table or at the church office. You may also access the current directory any time on “NPC Online” – a simple and secure way for you to update your contact information, view the congregational directory, or set up online giving – all from your computer. Members of the congregation receive a secure login and password to access these features. Step-by-step instructions to access NPC online are at the information table.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Please pray for:

David Trisler

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

April 19-26

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Daniel 4:1-18
1 Peter 4:7-11
John 21:15-25

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Daniel 4:19-27
1 John 3:19-4:6
Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Daniel 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Daniel 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Daniel 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-21
Luke 5:1-11

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Daniel 6:1-15
2 John 1-13
Luke 5:12-26

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Daniel 6:16-28
3 John 1-15
Luke 5:27-39

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Genesis 18:22-33
1 Peter 5:1-11
Matthew 7:15-29

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Resumes on April 26** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays beginning May 3, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd 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 **2nd 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 **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd 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 **1st 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 (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th – 12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9th–12th 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
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 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*
- Contemporary Music Team **Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th 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 & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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