

August 17, 2014

THE  
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CHURCH

A MINISTRY OF GRACE, PASSIONATE ABOUT  
CHRIST'S MISSION IN THE WORLD

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Psalm 103:8

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*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

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

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Prelude in C minor, Op. 37, No. 1                      Felix Mendelssohn  
Erik Suter, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 478                      Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven                      *Lauda anima*  
*verses 1-3*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                      Hymn 478, *verse 4*

Angels, help us to adore him: Ye behold God face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and Most Merciful Father,  
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone the things we ought to have done,  
and have done the things we ought not to have done.  
But you, O Lord, are rich in mercy;  
spare those who confess their faults,  
and restore those who are penitent;  
according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And grant, O Most Merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may forever live a godly, righteous, and prayerful life;  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*adapted from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer*

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

Stuart & Cathie Showalter, NPC missionaries in Burkina Faso

*Rising K-2nd grade children may leave for the Children's Church program at this time. Parents, pick up children in Room 105 following the service.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Genesis 18:1-2a; 16-33

*pew Bible pp. 12-13*

McLane Stone

Director of Youth Ministries

J. Theodore Anderson

Director of Library and Archives

SERMON

Abraham: Culture Wars

Dr. David Renwick

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art thou O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with lovingkindness.

He will not always chide, nor keep his wrath forever.

Psalm 103

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*St. George's Windsor*

*Choir*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;

From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;

Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

▲ *Congregation*

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;

Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;

There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:

Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

▲ 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 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*In Babilone*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor, Op. 37, No. 1

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 anniversary of their wedding in Jerusalem.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God by Rick and Betty Hawthorne in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in grateful appreciation for the Christian fellowship at NPC.

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.
- Members of 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 for scheduling and information: 202.537.7529.

# TODAY

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLENARY** *9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

*Military Chaplains: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths*

**RADM Margaret Kibben**

Rear Admiral Kibben, newly-promoted Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy, will share the spiritual challenges that face the men and women of our armed forces, and how the Chaplain Corps strategically meets them amidst the unique challenges of the contemporary world. Margaret is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA); she and her family regularly worship at NPC.

*Next Sunday: "Healing the 7 Deadly Sins,"*  
*Evangeline Taylor*

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Sundays, Multi-Purpose Room* *9:30 a.m.*

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.* *Church Room 8 & 105*

- Ages 3 & 4 – Church Room 8
- Rising K-5th grade – Church Room 105

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** *Sundays, 10:45 a.m.* *Church Room 105*

- Ages 3 & 4 go to Church Room 8
- After the Time for Children, rising K-2nd Graders leave worship for program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.

## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Yesterday Helen Holt celebrated her 101 year birthday! Greet Helen in Stone Hall following the 10:45 a.m. service.

## **SAY CHEESE!** **HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN** *Stone Hall*

All are invited to come by the Connections Photo Booth before or after worship to have your picture taken and enjoy donuts and lemonade. Our goal is to have photos for all of our members and friends so that all of our church family can know one another. We're halfway there! Please stop by if you haven't yet had your photo taken.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL** **COLLEGE LUNCH** *Noon, Youth House*

Heading back to school? Coming back to school here in the DC area? Either way, join us for a casual lunch this afternoon before your fall semester ramps up. Drop in and say hello or goodbye, as the case may be, to your NPC friends!

## **SERVING THE GLOBAL CHURCH:** **BURKINA FASO** *Noon, Parlor*

NPC-supported Wycliffe missionaries Stuart and Cathie Showalter work with the church among the Kaan people of Burkina Faso. Their focus is to provide the Scriptures in the Kaan language and to develop the community through literacy and small scale development projects. After 27 years they are almost finished with the New Testament in the Kaansa language. Come hear stories of how God is working in that community to transform people's lives. *Light refreshments will be served.*

## **BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING** *Satellite Library*

Relax with a good book this summer! Check out our selection of new books for your summer reading at the Satellite Library right outside of Stone Hall.

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## **ADULT SUMMER PLENARIES** *Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

**August 24**, Evangeline Taylor  
*Healing the 7 Deadly Sins*

**August 31**, Trip Reports  
Join us for reports of the June Holy Land pilgrimage and our youth mission trips to Belize and West Virginia.  
• 9:30 a.m. – Holy Land  
• 11:45 a.m. – Youth Mission Trips  
*Light luncheon fare will be provided at 11:45*

## **SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING**

*Sunday, August 24, Noon, Stone Hall*  
All are invited to help make sandwiches for the homeless on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during the summer. In just 20 minutes you can help make 800 sandwiches we will provide for mission partner, Martha's Table. *Financial contributions are gratefully accepted by mail or at the event to help offset project costs.*

## **MEET AND GREET STAFF**

*Sunday, August 24, Noon, Stone Hall*  
Join us for a reception with our NPC full- and part-time staff. Get to know the staff and enjoy coffee, cookies, and conversation.

## **PRAY. EAT. LOVE. PLANNING MEETING**

*Sunday, August 24, 12:15 p.m.*  
*Elson Parlor*

We are on the final stretch in planning the "Pray. Eat. Love." event on September 7 – a morning of worship, service, family fun, and a shared meal. Be a part of the working team! *Contact: Leslie Saum, L.Saum@NationalPres.org.*

## **THIS MONTH'S FOOD DONATION: UNSWEETENED CEREAL**

In August we are collecting boxes of un-sweetened cereal for mission partner Martha's Table. Please bring donations to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table.

*If you are able to help gather food donations on Sundays or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table, please contact Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

## **SUMMER CHOIR**

*Sundays, 10 a.m., Choir Room*

There are still three Summer Sundays left. Come sing in Summer Choir! No Wednesday rehearsals, just Sunday morning prep before the 10:45 service. Come as often as your schedule permits. We would love to welcome you! *Contact: Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org.*

## **GET CONNECTED TO NPC: JOIN THE USHER TEAM**

Want to join a group that has high camaraderie? Joining the usher team is a great way to meet more people at NPC and serve the church, simultaneously. *Contact head usher, Walter Hampton at 410.544.7156 or jesse506@verizon.net.*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please pray for:*

Ozeal S. Brown

Mark Gourley

Katherine Kranenburg

Carol Wehrer

*We mourn the deaths of:*

Alice Eubank on July 26, 2014.

Barbara Cecil Tucker Priddy on August 8, 2014. A memorial service will be held on August 27 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

*To make a confidential prayer request, visit: [www.NationalPres.org/prayer](http://www.NationalPres.org/prayer)*

# INVITE A FRIEND

PRAY • EAT • LOVE

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 7

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All are invited to a morning of prayer, family fun, and service!

**10:45 a.m. PRAY: worship together**

Dress casually and bring a friend to a music and scripture filled worship service giving glory to God.

**11:45 a.m. EAT: share a meal**

Stay after the service for a complimentary buffet lunch outside in the fountain courtyard. There will also be fun games and activities for the kids!

**11:45 a.m. LOVE: serve others**

Before or after lunch, all ages can help feed the hungry in our city by sorting and bagging gleaned produce that will later be distributed to local food banks. There will also be a collection of new and gently used children's books for mission partners throughout the city. You may drop off book donations on September 7, and help sort the books for delivery.

*No tickets required. Donations welcome at the door or in advance (note "Pray Eat Love" on check).*

**Details: [www.nationalpres.org/PrayEatLove](http://www.nationalpres.org/PrayEatLove)**

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## Men's Retreat

*Friday, Sept. 19–Saturday, Sept. 20*

**Reason to attend the Men's Retreat:**

Get outside your comfort zone. Learn to trust God and depend on him. He is faithful! Resolve to "MAN-UP" and become the disciple God wants men to be.

Register in Stone Hall or online at [nationalpres.org/mens-ministry](http://nationalpres.org/mens-ministry).

See brochure for details about the retreat speaker, schedule, and accommodations.

Contact: Gene Thompson, [gene@thompsonmail.org](mailto:gene@thompsonmail.org), 202.244.5558.

## "Journeys" Women's Brunch

*Saturday, September 27, Stone Hall  
8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Plan now to attend and invite a friend to a wonderful morning of conversation and inspiration. Melinda Moore, Sandy Sharpe, and Charley Stone will share and celebrate stories of God's faithfulness in their lives. Cost: \$15. *Reserve your place by registering in Stone Hall on Sundays September 14 and 21.*

## Fall Conference

*Saturday, October 18*

What does it mean to live a life of character? How can we live lives that are filled with meaning, rather than merely accomplishments?

**David Brooks**, *New York Times* columnist and author of a forthcoming book on the subject, and **Andy Crouch**, executive editor of *Christianity Today*, will challenge us to consider how to live a life of depth—one shaped by lasting virtues that truly matter. Plan now to attend NPC's Third Annual Conference! Registration begins in September.

## Prepare for Marriage Seminar

*Saturday, February 14, 2015*

*8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elson Parlor*

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This one-day workshop taught by our pastors will help you learn important skills that every couple needs to survive and thrive in their marriage. Cost: \$100 per couple. Contact: [Holly Novak](mailto:HNovak@NationalPres.org), [HNovak@NationalPres.org](mailto:HNovak@NationalPres.org); 202.537.7527.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.** Contemporary service in Chapel  
**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages  
**10:45 a.m.** Traditional service in Sanctuary

### LECTIONARY READINGS

*Year 2*

**August 17 - 24**

#### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
 Judges 16:15-31  
 2 Corinthians 13:1-11  
 Mark 5:25-34

#### Monday

Psalms 135; 112  
 Judges 17:1-13  
 Acts 7:44-8:1a  
 John 5:19-29

#### Tuesday

Psalms 123; 86  
 Judges 18:1-15  
 Acts 8:1-13  
 John 5:30-47

#### Wednesday

Psalms 15; 4  
 Judges 18:16-31  
 Acts 8:14-25  
 John 6:1-15

#### Thursday

Psalms 36; 27  
 Job 1:1-22  
 Acts 8:26-40  
 John 6:16-27

#### Friday

Psalms 130; 139  
 Job 2:1-13  
 Acts 9:1-9  
 John 6:27-40

#### Saturday

Psalms 56; 111  
 Job 3:1-26  
 Acts 9:10-19a  
 John 6:41-51

#### Sunday

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

## CLASSES AND GROUPS

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & GROUPS

#### Plenary Class 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- AUGUST 17: Ministering to People of Faith, No Faith, and All Faiths *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 24: Healing the 7 Deadly Sins *Stone Hall*
- AUGUST 31: Trip Reports from Holy Land (9:30 a.m.) and Belize (11:45 a.m.) *Stone Hall*

#### Groups

- The Circle Family Group 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m. *Off campus*
- Men's Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m. *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study Saturdays 8:30 – 10 a.m. *Satellite Library*
- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) Sunday lunch today *Church Room 110/111*
- "Real Moms" Resumes Wednesday, September 3 *Church Room 108*
- Women in the Word Bible Study Resumes Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. *Church Room 105*
- WomenConnect Resumes September 17 *Church Room 105*
- Wednesday Women Resumes September 10 *Church Room 105*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study Resumes September 10 *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study Resumes September 11 *Agencies 105*
- GriefShare Resumes September 21, 12:30 p.m. *Admin. Building Room 108*
- Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon Resumes October 4 *Stone Hall*

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

- 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade *Agencies Lower Level*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

- Ages 3 & 4 *Church Room 8*
- Rising K–5<sup>th</sup> grade *Church Room 105*

#### Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.

- Ages 3 & 4 (*go directly to Room 8 at 10:45 a.m.*) *Church Room 8*
  - Rising K–2<sup>nd</sup> grade *Church Room 105*
- Children begin in worship. After the Time for Children, they leave worship for their program in room 105. Parents, pick up children there after worship.*

### CHILDCARE 7:45 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

- Summer Choir Sunday Rehearsal, 10 a.m. *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team Wednesdays 6:30 – 8 p.m. *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells Resumes Tuesday Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade) Resumes September 14 *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup> grade +) Resumes September 14 *Multipurpose Room*

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

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library (Sundays) *Adjacent to Stone Hall*
- Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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