

February 22, 2015

# THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

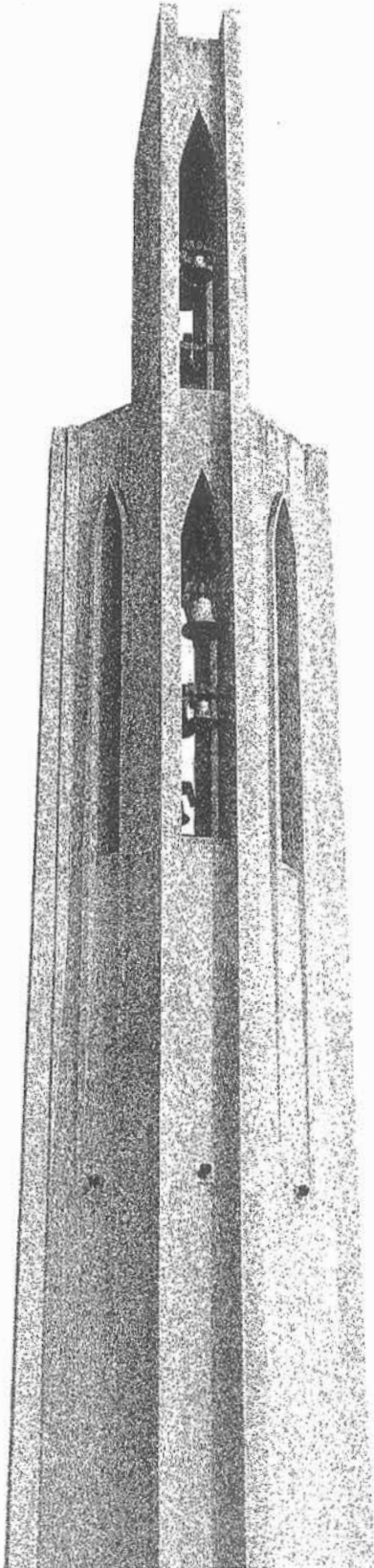
LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME  
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST  
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*Teacher, do you not care?*

Mark 4:38

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

Prelude on the Ave Verum

W.A. Mozart  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 476 *verses 1-4* O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*Lyons*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 476, verse 5

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

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

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and grant me a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

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

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

Hymn 572

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Rest*

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain of stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

## 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

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Encouraging one another to love and good deeds.*

Hebrews 10

SCRIPTURE

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Mark 4:35-41  
*pew Bible p. 816*

9:15 a.m. Dottie McKnight  
11 a.m. McLane Stone

SERMON

*Questioning Jesus*  
Do You Not Care?  
Luke 10:38-41

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

*St. Thomas*

*Choir*

Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be undismayed;  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, and shall lift up thy head.

*Congregation*

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way;  
Wait patiently, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

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

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I have called you by name.  
*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,*  
*When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o’er you,*  
*When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed:*  
*You are mine, you are precious in my sight.*  
My love for you is everlasting; my love for you shall have no end.

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through people in different ways,

**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

**To use it for the common good.**

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for a particular work as ministers of the Word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all."

Constitutional Questions

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayer of the Congregation

**God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.**

- ▲ HYMN 361 *verses 1, 3 & 5*      How Firm a Foundation      *Foundation*
- ▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ POSTLUDE      Prelude and Fugue in G Minor      Dietrich Buxtehude
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Louise McKenzie recognizing what would have been her 98th birthday on February 27th, with love and gratitude from her children, Joyce and John, her six grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or homebound? 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!

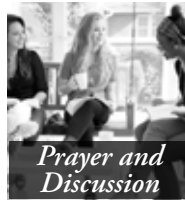
*We are so glad you are here today.*

- **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. An usher will be happy to seat you if you do not wish to appear on camera.*

# TODAY

Become part  
of a *small*  
*group* this  
Lent!



Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of busy life in the District? Become part of a small group this Lent! Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, and discussion based on Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon.

### **Become part of a group today:**

#### **Groups for parents of younger children begin today:**

- Square One (parents of infants), 10:15-11 a.m., Church Room 107
- Children's Choir Parents, 10:15-11 a.m., National Presbyterian School Multi-Purpose Room
- The Circle (parents of pre-school or early elementary-aged children), 4:30-6 p.m., Jones Hall/School Gym

**After church groups begin today following the 11 a.m. service.**

**Not yet joined a group? Find your place in a group today by visiting the tables in Stone Hall** or visit [www.nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://www.nationalpres.org/small-groups)

Questions? Contact [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.0800.



## **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

### **COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH**

*12:130 p.m., Jones Hall (School Gym)*

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

## **BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!**

*10:15 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.*

*Court of Flags*

Would you **like to meet more people at church, but small talk feels awkward?**

Whether you are new to National, or have been coming for some time: join us for a casual and interactive time together – “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community” right after 9:15 or 11 a.m. worship. *All are welcome – we will gather in the Court of Flags outside of the sanctuary.*

## **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).*

# THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

## **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** *Wednesdays during Lent* 7–8 p.m., Sanctuary

*February 25* “What Will the Owner Do?”  
Dr. Quinn Fox

Come for mid-week spiritual refreshment during these one-hour evening services featuring music, prayer and preaching, and Communion.

### “Jesus’ Questions”

*March 4* “How Can the Scribes Say?”  
Dr. David Renwick

*March 11* “Why Do You Trouble Her?”  
Rev. Donna Marsh

*March 18* “Are You Still Sleeping?”  
Rev. Evangeline Taylor

*March 25* “Who Is Greater?”  
McLane Stone

## **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**

*Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., Agencies 105*

This weekly Bible study welcomes men and women with all levels of Bible knowledge. A new study of the book of Daniel has just begun. Newcomers welcome! Study booklets are available for \$10. *Contact: Robin King, robin@kinghome.us*

## **WOMEN’S RETREAT: CULTIVATING A FLOURISHING FAITH**

*April 17-19, Ellicott City, MD*

*Register TODAY through March 15*

Sign up today for this year’s women’s retreat! Our speaker will be Rev. Glenda Simpkins Hoffman, Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Rev. Hoffman will guide us in conversation and reflection on the topic of “Cultivating a Flourishing Faith,” from Isaiah 58:11. This large-group retreat is a wonderful way to strengthen your relationship with Christ and meet other women in the church. *Register today in Stone Hall or online at [nationalpres.org/womens-retreat](http://nationalpres.org/womens-retreat)*

## **COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP**

*\*NEW TIME & LOCATION\**

*Tuesday, March 3, 8:30 p.m.*

*AU Kay Spiritual Life Center Basement*

All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org*

## **MEN’S BREAKFAST**

*Saturday, March 7*

*8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Meet other men at NPC for a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Marc Matthie on the “Foundation of Hope” *Reserve your place: [Men@NationalPres.org](mailto:Men@NationalPres.org) or call 202.537.7527.*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Please pray for:*

Maurietta “Jo” Schoolfield

Maj. Scott Porter, son of Aly Porter, deployed to Afghanistan

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

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

*Saturday, March 7, 12 p.m., Stone Hall*  
Women of all ages are invited for a presentation from special guests from Chiang Mai, Thailand. *Contact Joan Anderson for luncheon reservations (\$12): 202.362.7475*

*Support the B&P Guild mission projects by purchasing pecans in Stone Hall on Sundays.*

## **LUNCH & LEARN**

*Sunday, March 8, 12:30–2 p.m.*  
*Elson Parlor*

All are invited to a presentation by special guests from Chiang Mai, Thailand. *Reserve your place for lunch: contact Susan O'Banion, sobanion@nationalpres.org.*

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

*Wednesday, March 11, 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 “Solomon,” from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will enjoy snacks, and address cards of encouragement to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*  
*Registration begins March 1*

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with faith and fun, including Bible teaching, service projects, cool crafts, yummy snacks and awesome music! *We're building our volunteer team now – to volunteer, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org.*

## **MUSIC AT NATIONAL PRESENTS:**

**Washington Master Chorale**  
Sunday, March 8 – 4 p.m.  
*Rachmaninoff Vespers*  
[www.washingtonmasterchorale.org](http://www.washingtonmasterchorale.org)

**The City Choir of Washington**  
Sunday, March 15 – 4:30 p.m.  
*Mozart Coronation Mass*  
*Arvo Pärt Te Deum*  
[www.thecitychoirofwashington.org](http://www.thecitychoirofwashington.org)

**Washington Bach Consort**  
Sunday, March 22 – 3 p.m.  
*All in the Family:*  
*Motets of the Bach Dynasty*  
[www.bachconsort.org](http://www.bachconsort.org)

**Greater opportunities** are available for each of these performances. Welcome our guests and enjoy a complimentary seat at the concert! *For information and to volunteer, contact Carolann Haley, CHaley@NationalPres.org*

## **WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY**

To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org) website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** As always, please use your personal judgment before travelling.

## **EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS**

Lisa Rindner, MSW, LGSW is a trusted resource for our congregation, providing free expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. She can provide support and help for older adults, their families, and caregivers in navigating elder care services, programs, and activities. *Contact Lisa at LRindner@iona.org or 202.895.9440 for an appointment at NPC.*

*Invite a friend to NPC!*

# CLASSES AND GROUPS

## ADULTS

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Feb. 22 – March 1

#### Sunday

Psalms 84; 32  
Jeremiah 9:23-24  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Mark 2:18-22

#### Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6  
Deuteronomy 8:1-20  
Hebrews 2:11-18  
John 2:1-12

#### Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91  
Deuteronomy 9:1-12  
Hebrews 3:1-11  
John 2:13-22

#### Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51  
Deuteronomy 9:13-21  
Hebrews 3:12-19  
John 2:23-3:15

#### Thursday

Psalms 27; 102  
Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5  
Hebrews 4:1-10  
John 3:16-21

#### Friday

Psalms 22; 130  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Hebrews 4:11-16  
John 3:22-36

#### Saturday

Psalms 43; 143  
Deuteronomy 11:18-28  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
John 4:1-26

#### Sunday

Psalms 84; 32  
Jeremiah 1:1-10  
1 Corinthians 3:11-23  
Mark 3:31-4:9

### 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) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 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
- 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 **Lenten Wednesdays, 8 – 10 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–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 & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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