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THE  
NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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

COMMUNION

*I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have,  
so that no one may seize your crown.*

Revelation 3:11

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Tierce en Taille

François Couperin  
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Eunice McGarrahan

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Darwall's 148th*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Unser Herrscher*

Gracious God, I bow before thee, bend thou also down to me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
In my heart O enter thou, let it be thy temple now.

*Seating Interval*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, our heavenly Father, we are exceedingly frail, and not disposed to virtue.  
Forgive our sins, strengthen our weakness, and make us valiant in the spiritual  
war we fight within and without. Guard us against our own negligence and  
cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts, for the  
sake of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Augustine of Hippo, 354-430

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Douglas Learned

11 a.m. *Children gather at the front of the sanctuary for blessing and dismissal to Pathways and National Choristers.*

RECOGNITION OF DUANE BARNEY AWARD RECIPIENTS 11 a.m.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Awake, Awake!

Craig Courtney

Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore the great eternal Lord of all, who reigns forevermore. He paints the orient sky of morn, he gives the flow'r its hue, and gently o'er its fragrant leaves he drops the pearly dew. *Sons and daughters of the King, let your endless praises ring: Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; he lives no more to die.* Awake, exalt his glorious name; and on this holy day, rejoicing in the house of prayer, your grateful homage pay. As o'er the earth a genial sun a radiant luster throws, so in the bosom where he dwells the light of mercy glows. How sweet when human voices join to sing his pard'ning love (The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now) while angels waft the joyful strain to purer worlds above. (A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.) Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore the great eternal Lord of all, who reigns forevermore.  
from Fanny Crosby and Thomas Kelly

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus Talks about Spiritual Vitality and Loyalty

Dr. John Huffman

HYMN

The Head That Once Was Crowned

*St. Anne*

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.  
The highest place that heav'n affords is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings, the Lord of lords, and heav'n's eternal Light:  
The joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below  
To whom Christ manifests his love, and grants his name to know.  
To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace is giv'n;  
Their name an everlasting name, their joy the joy of heav'n.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly elements of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his promised coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and full of faith in your loyal, covenantal love. With angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore:

*Choir:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditations                      Ain'-a That Good News!                      William L. Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news! I'm a-goin' to lay down this worl',                      *Spiritual*  
goin'-a shoulder up-a my cross, goin'-a take it home-a to my Jesus, ain'-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a that kingdom... I got a robe up in-a that kingdom... I got a Savior in-a that kingdom...

Hold On!                      Eugene Simpson

Keep yo' hand on-a the plow. Hold on! If you wanta go to heaven, let me tell you how, jus keep yo' hand on the Gospel plow. If that plow stays in yo' hand, land you straight in the Promised Land. Keep yo' hand on-a the plow. Hold on!

### Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN 461                      God Is Here!                      *Abbot's Leigh*

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Keep yo' hand on-a the plow. Hold on!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE

▲ POSTLUDE                      Prelude in C Major                      J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The services are simulcast in the chapel for the convenience of families with infants and toddlers.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of General Reginald C. Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

This first century map of sections of what is now Greece and Turkey shows the cities of churches mentioned in our scripture text in Revelation.



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# Worship



## BARNEY LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Today in worship** we honor the dedicated servant leadership of Joyce Edson and Alice Trudgeon with the Duane Barney Leadership Award. In December 2009, the session voted unanimously to recognize these two women of faith with this award, which was established in 1999 to recognize individuals who demonstrate, through their service to the Lord, the qualities embodied in the servant leadership of the late Duane Barney.

## GUEST PREACHER

We welcome **Dr. John Huffman**, to our pulpit today. Dr. Huffman holds degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton University and the University of Tulsa, as well as post-doctoral studies at Harvard University and Princeton University. He has pastored churches in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Key Biscayne, Florida; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Most recently, Dr. Huffman was Senior Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California. Dr. Huffman has written nine books, including *The Family You Want*, *Forgive Us Our Prayers* and the "Joshua" volume of *The Communicator's Commentary*.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**The preliminary results** of NPC's financial activities for the twelve months ending December 31, 2009, are as follows:

Operating Income	\$3,833,456.*
Operating Expenses	\$3,789,730.
Net Change	\$43,726.

\*Includes \$2,683,809 in Faith Giving.

## *Disaster Assistance for Haiti*

**P**resbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is working in cooperation with partners in Haiti to provide emergency food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. PDA enables us to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Donate at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) or place a check, marked "Haiti," in today's offering.

## UPDATE FROM SESSION

**At its January 25** meeting, the session:

1. Separated the Legal/Audit Committee into two committees;
2. Approved terms for Earl Palmer to remain as Preaching Pastor-in-Residence through June 27, 2010, in accordance with his availability for NPC;
3. Approved a capital budget for 2010;
4. Approved goals for session for 2010;
5. Elected Thomas Morgan to serve on the board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving;
6. Elected Gerri Hall Nickels to serve as NPC Treasurer and elected Dick Pera to serve as Assistant Treasurer during 2010;
7. Elected Ron Johannes, Faith Burton, and Bruce Boyd to serve as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the Maryland Corporation during 2010.

# Grow



## JOIN AN NPC CLASS

NPC offers a great variety of classes for adults on Sundays. A booklet, entitled "Grow," describing each class is available at the Information Desk. To learn more, contact Dianne Rodgers, 202.537.7525 or DRodgers@NationalPres.org.

### WEDNESDAY TEACHING SERIES

## *Life in the Spirit*

**W**ednesday Night Alive continues with a series that focuses on "Life in the Spirit: The Formation of Christian Character." The series, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is taught by Rev. Earl Palmer and other NPC staff. Dinner is served in Stone Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

*February 10*

### **Patience**

Rev. Eunice  
McGarrahan

*March 3*

### **Generosity**

Rev. Michael  
Denham

*February 17  
at 7 p.m.*

### **Ash Wednesday**

### **Vespers**

Rev. Earl Palmer

*March 10*

### **Faithfulness**

Rev. Earl Palmer

*February 24*

### **Kindness**

Rev. Earl Palmer

*March 17*

### **Gentleness**

Rev. Earl Palmer

*March 24*

### **Self-Control**

Rev. Earl Palmer

## SUPER BOWL PARTIES

**Youth are invited** to Super Bowl parties this evening from 6 p.m. until halftime. Middle school teens will gather at the Schauers' home, and high school teens will meet at the Gores' home. Chili will be provided; please bring one of the following: a bottle of soda or a bag of snacks, cookies, or brownies. For details and directions, please contact Mitch Gore at MGore@NationalPres.org.

## CHILDREN'S BLANKET DRIVE

**The Children's Sunday School** Blanket Drive begins today and continues throughout the month of February. Children are asked to bring their cash donations to class; their offering will warm those in need through the Church World Service Blanket Program (see page 7).

## BODY & SOUL CLASS

**Stay Strong this** winter in Body & Soul's power strength classes. The challenging one-hour body pump class is offered on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. The music will encourage you spiritually as you exercise and get toned up physically. Drop in on a class for free to see how you like it. Contact Hilda Gore, 202.309.5866, for more information.

## HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

**From February 12 to 15**, high school youth will ski, snowboard, and tube at Ligonier and Seven Springs, PA. Registration deadline is today. For forms and information, contact Mitch Gore, MGore@NationalPres.org.

# Serve



## FEBRUARY BLANKET DRIVE

**During the month** of February, you're invited to buy a blanket for \$5 to bring warmth and comfort to the homeless and refugees from war and natural disasters, such as the recent earthquake in Haiti. Come to the Women's Association table in Stone Hall to make your donations to Church World Services. The children of our Sunday School will also make donations at their weekly chapel services during February.

## NEW HOPE'S VISION TOURS

**New Hope International**, NPC's mission partner in Eastern Europe, Moldova, and Ukraine, has taken hundreds of supporters (including NPC members) on Vision Tours to countries where it serves. New Hope President Hank Paulson will be in Washington, February 8-11, to talk with NPC members about the 2010 trips in late April, mid-June, and late August. For more information, please contact Howard Frost, 703.241.8519.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**If you'd like** the NPC community to pray for you, a family member, or friend, contact Rev. Evangeline Taylor, 202.537.7537. The prayer and joy list is available at the Information Desk in the church narthex.

### *Health Concerns*

- Ethel Tingley
- Ione Freeman
- Julie McLean
- Jean Sears

## MISSION EMPHASIS OF THE WEEK

**Since 1991** the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place (CCHFP) has worked to enable homeless people to build their lives with the involvement of the community. CCHFP is accomplishing this objective by bringing together congregations, neighborhood groups, municipal agencies, and local business organizations. The services provided by CCHFP include street outreach, free health and psychiatric clinics, food and shelter, support services, and counseling. NPC members regularly volunteer their time and talents at CCHFP. To learn more visit [www.cchfp.org](http://www.cchfp.org).

## *Love is*

A MANY-SPLENDORED THING

**A**ll are invited—single, married, young, and old—for a delightful evening on Saturday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of warm fellowship, a delicious dinner, and a lively program. Advance ticket purchase required; register in Stone Hall today. Contact Joyce Yoder, [jlyoder@educate-advocate.com](mailto:jlyoder@educate-advocate.com) or 301.229.5398, to learn more.



# CLASSES AT NATIONAL

## SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

9:15 a.m.

Challenging Texts	C-5
Dangerous Act of Worship	C-123
Discipleship	A-102
Faith and Works	S-Library
Guided Tour of the Bible	C-110
LifeBuilders	S-230
Men's Bible Study	A-101
Women's Bible Study	C-105
Wrestlers	A-Lower Level
Young Professionals, 9:30am	S-220

11 a.m.

Bethel	C-5
Bible in Context	A-102

## WEDNESDAY TEACHING

**Life in the Spirit: The Formation of Christian Character**  
with Rev. Earl Palmer and Staff  
Stone Hall, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 10	Patience
Feb. 17	Ash Wed. Vespers-7p.m.
Feb. 24	Kindness
March 3	Generosity

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children are welcome to worship. At the 11 a.m. service there is a dismissal for children, four and older, to programs in the church and school.*

### NURSERY CHILDCARE

7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

6 weeks – Crawling	C-16
Crawlers – Toddlers	C-107
Walkers	C-7
Two- and Three-year olds	S-100

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

#### Preschool

9:15 – 10:25 a.m.

Two-year-olds	S-102
Three-year-olds	S-106
Four-year-olds	S-104

#### Elementary Chapel Jones Hall

9:15 a.m.

Adjourn to classes	
Kindergartners	S-130
1st graders	S-134
2nd graders	S-202
3rd graders	S-210
4th graders	S-206
5th graders	S-236

#### PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Two- and Three-year-olds	C-8
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**Angel Choir**  
10:20 – 10:45 a.m.

Fours - 1st graders	S-228
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## National Choristers

11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

2nd - 5th graders	S-228
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## Pathways to Worship

11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Fours - 1st graders	C-106
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*and 2nd graders not in choir*

## YOUTH SUNDAY CLASSES

9:15–10:20 a.m.

6th - 8th graders	MP-101
9th graders	YC-LL
10th -12th graders	YC

**Friday Night Youth Group**  
7–9 p.m.

6th - 8th graders	MP-101
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## RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Wm. S. Culbertson Library** is on the second floor of the Administration Bldg. and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or by appointment.)

**The Satellite Library** is on the lower level of the church near the Stone Hall entrance and is open on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Key: A - Agencies; AD - Admin.; S - School; MP - Multi-Purpose; C - Church; YC - Youth Center*

# DAILY READINGS

*February 7 - 14 (Year 2)*

## Sunday

Psalms 103; 117  
Genesis 24:50-67  
2 Timothy 2:14-21  
Mark 10:13-22

## Monday

Psalms 5; 82  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Hebrews 13:1-16  
John 7:37-52

## Tuesday

Psalms 42; 102  
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33  
Hebrews 13:17-25  
John 7:53–8:11

## Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 1  
Genesis 27:1-29  
Romans 12:1-8  
John 8:12-20

## Thursday

Psalms 97; 16  
Genesis 27:30-45  
Romans 12:9-21  
John 8:21-32

## Friday

Psalms 51; 142  
Genesis 27:46–28:4,  
28:10-22  
Romans 13:1-14  
John 8:33-47

## Saturday

Psalms 104; 138  
Genesis 29:1-20  
Romans 14:1-23  
John 8:47-59

## Sunday

Psalms 103; 117  
Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Luke 9:18-27