

April 24, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.
For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I do.*

Romans 7:18-19

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



TODAY AT NATIONAL

Prayer Rocks

After worship, you are invited to pick up a prayer rock from the prayer pathway outside of the sanctuary, 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. *Not able to make a prayer rock last Sunday? Please help yourself to the extra stones and markers by the prayer pathway.*

Music at National

3 p.m., Sanctuary

Washington Bach Consort presents "Simply Magnificat." *Tickets available at the door.*

Cookies for College Care Packages

Drop off cookies today

Bring your cookies to the University table (by the sanctuary-level covered driveway entrance).

Men's Sunday School Class: Bible Study on James

Five Sundays beginning today

9:30–10:30 a.m., Culbertson Library

The men's Sunday school class will begin a new study today on the Book of James, led by **Rev. Dr. Steven A. Schaick**, Air Force Deputy Chief of Chaplains. Newcomers welcome! *Contact: Harry Johnson, 202.251.1565 or Adel Sanchez 202.409.3793.*

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at the church entrances.

Today in Wrestler's Class: "The Printing Press, the Internet, and the Kingdom of God." Dr. Ann White shares a historical perspective on old and new technology.

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg. Room 102*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

Youth Group

Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

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

Postcards of Encouragement

Send greetings to NPC friends in need of friendship and encouragement! Supplies are available in Stone Hall every Sunday; simply write your greeting and the person's name, and we'll take care of the rest.

April Food Donations: Canned Tuna

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by packing and delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

"Across the Aisle"

Young Adults Group

Sundays, 12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

All young adults (ages 22–35) are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 376 *verses 1-3*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 376 verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and merciful God,

You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding.

You have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake,
yet we sin against you in thought, word, and deed.

Through what we have done, and what we have left undone, we stray from your way.
As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, symbolized in baptism,
we thank you that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
through the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Donna Marsh

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism 9:15 a.m. Mack John Gawel
Son of Nyla Beth Gawel and Paul Gawel
11 a.m. Max Samuel Schestopol
Son of Tisha Hyukyung Bai Schestopol and Marcus Abraham Schestopol

Prayer of Response

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

Romans 7:7-25

9:15 a.m. John Neely

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 918

11 a.m. Ron Martinson

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The War Within

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Angel's Story

Choir

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

Congregation

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee

that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;

and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;

O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

▲ 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

But Thanks Be to God

G. F. Handel

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

with Mary Ellen Cain, mezzo-soprano and Michael Ford, tenor

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Major

John Stanley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary and Elson Parlor are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Max Schestopol.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in memory of Mary Ann and Joyce Ann Gawel and in honor of Bruno Gawel and Nyla Jayne Houser in celebration of the baptism of their grandson by Nyla Beth, Paul, Nyla Ann, and Mack Gawel.

Pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound!

Chapel prayers after worship. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

Need hearing assistance during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary. *Please remember to return the receivers after the service.*

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Mark Gourley

Ella Davis

Lori Backlund

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN
- SCRIPTURE Romans 7:7-25
- SERMON The War Within Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredh*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- An offering will be received at the center aisle.*

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10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Fanfare and Celebration Douglas Wagner
Grace Chimes Handbells
- My Worth Is Not In What I Own*
- Keith and Karen Getty*
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS McLane Stone
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE In Christ Alone Keith and Karen Getty
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Good, Good Father Chris Tomlin
- SCRIPTURE Romans 7:7-25
- SERMON The War Within Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH McLane Stone
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* I Am David Crowder
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Discussion: "The Chronicles of Narnia"

Thursdays, 7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will lead a weekly discussion of these classic stories by C.S. Lewis during April and May.

This week we will discuss *Prince Caspian and Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (chapters 1-8). Copies of the book are available in the church bookstore. *The weekly schedule is available at www.nationalpres.org/book-study. For more information, call 202.537.7527.*

The Circle Family Group

*Sunday, May 1, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
School Gym & Playground*

Families are invited for our monthly gathering of a potluck meal, play time, and a separate discussion for parents with a corresponding activity for children.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 7

8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Stuart McAlpine** on "Healing the Family Tree." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

*Saturday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.
Stone Hall*

Minister Deborah Chambers, from NPC mission partner Central Union Mission, will share about the work they do for homeless women in our city and for inner city children through their Camp Bennett program. There is no cost for the 12:50 p.m. presentation. *Contact Jo Schoofield, to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14; sign up today!

Choose from a variety of hands-on, family-friendly projects that make a difference, including feeding the homeless, packing dehydrated meals for disaster zones, collecting clothes for the needy, and packing backpacks for refugee children.

Learn more and sign up for a project: www.nationalpres.org/greatdayofservice or contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.

Your Recommendation Needed

The 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 at: www.nationalpres.org/nominate or using the brochures at the church entrances.

Vacation Bible School: Register Today!

July 11–15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School (for children age 4–rising 5th grade) is a week packed full of faith and fun, with service projects, games, crafts, music, and stories from the Bible. *Sign up online: www.nationalpres.org/VBS or contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 8

On Youth Sunday we celebrate God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth take part in leading our worship services. Each service includes testimonies from some of NPC's high school seniors, and we will receive this year's Confirmation class as new members. *A special offering will be received to support our ministry to youth. Envelopes will be in the pew or you may give online at www.nationalpres.org/giving.*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

April 24 – May 1

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36
Hebrews 12:1-14
Luke 4:16-30

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday

Psalms 99; 118
Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Matthew 6:19-24

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Leviticus 19:26-37
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 6:25-34

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Leviticus 23:1-22
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Leviticus 23:23-44
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Matthew 7:13-21

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-8, 16-18
Luke 12:13-21

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Be a Leader at Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy storytelling, making crafts, playing games, or meal-prepping? Consider using your gifts at Vacation Bible School this summer. We need leaders for our craft, recreation, story, and snack stations – each of which reinforces the truths we'll be learning about God, who knows and cares for us. You can sign up for one morning, up to all five mornings. *If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*

A/V Team

Bring the Gospel to others through video and audio production as part of our A/V Team. Our current volunteers span all ages, and training is provided! *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcNett@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7576.*

NPC Library and Archives

If you enjoy books and meeting people, consider helping in the Satellite Library (right outside of Stone Hall) periodically on Sundays, or serving with the Library and Archives Committee (which meets 6 times a year). *Contact Jim Anderson at 202.537.7529 or Library@NationalPres.org.*

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.
- **Childcare** is available from 8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four. Nursery rooms are located in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** are available upon request; *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 back six pews of the sanctuary.



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