

# PRAY • EAT • LOVE

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 4

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP TOGETHER • SHARE A MEAL • SERVE OTHERS

*And the chains fell off his wrists.*

Acts 12:7b

**Senior Pastor** Dr. David Renwick  
**Associate Pastors** Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor  
**Parish Associate** Dr. Nancy Fox  
**Music** Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)  
Hilda Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)  
**Ministry Directors** J. Theodore Anderson (*Library & Older Adults*)  
Jill Meek (*Children*), Leslie Saum (*Connections*)  
John Turpin (*Serve*)

# Welcome to National

*We are so glad you are here today.*

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather in community to worship God. Classes and groups are offered for all ages for us to better know God and one another. Preaching and teaching equip us to act as Christ’s light in the world, serving and caring for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Next Sunday (worship at 9:00, 10:50, and 11 a.m.) we begin a new series of sermons for the fall. The messages will focus on “What Jesus Said” – considering in particular some of Jesus’ words recorded in Mark’s Gospel. Our classes for youth, children, and adults also resume next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. I hope you will join us!



Blessings always,



Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor*

P.S. Children are *always* welcome in worship! However, childcare for children age 4 and under is also available from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in rooms 16 & 7 on the ground floor of the church building.

## Today After Worship

### Pack Backpacks for Refugee Children

All ages can help pack backpacks for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. We’ll fill the backpacks with school supplies, blankets, toiletries, and other essentials.



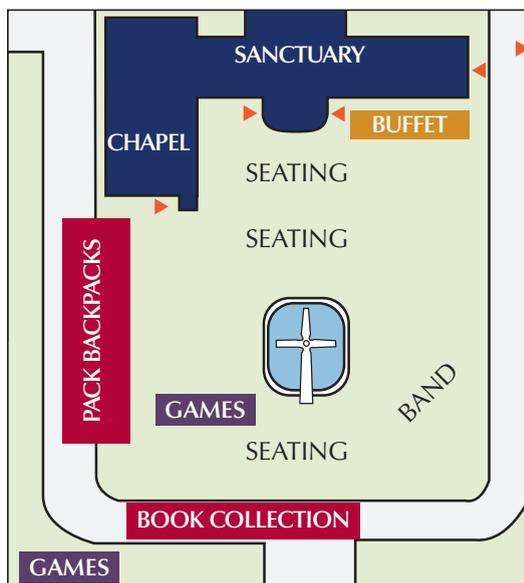
### Drop Off Books

Drop off donations of educational and devotional books for local adult literacy classes.



### Buffet Lunch & Games

Stay and enjoy a buffet lunch, music, and games and activities for the kids!



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 A.M.

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Sonata in D Major  
*Pomposo-Andante-Allegro*

Henry Purcell  
Dennis Edelbrock, trumpet  
William Neil, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

▲ HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Coronation*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Harold Best

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise God's name, I'm fixed upon it, name of all-redeeming love.  
Hitherto thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me whence I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the throne of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it: Seal it for thy courts above!

Robert Robinson, 1735-1790

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Help us, O Lord, to see ourselves as you see us,  
and, in true repentance, to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.

Speak to us your word of pardon.

We trust in no wisdom or virtue of our own,  
but only in the mercy and love of God,  
which you have shown us in the life and death of your only Son,  
even Jesus Christ our Lord.

William Temple, 1881-1944,  
Archbishop of Canterbury

SILENT CONFESSION AND MEDITATION

*sung first by the Choir, then the congregation as directed*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,*  
*And give him the glory: Great things he hath done!*

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

HEARING GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*Children (grades K–2) may leave now for a children’s program. Leaders will escort children to Elson Parlor, where parents will pick them up at 11:45 a.m.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

SCRIPTURE

Acts 12:4-11

Elder Charlie Glendinning

The Word of the Lord.

*pew Bible p. 896*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What’s Holding You Back?

Rev. Donna Marsh

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

SOLO RESPONSE

Break Every Chain

Tasha Cobbs

There is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain – to break every chain – to break every chain.

All-sufficient sacrifice, so freely give, at such a price; on our redemption heaven’s gate swings open wide.

There’s a Savior risen up with power to break every chain – to break every chain – to break every chain.

Joanna Jones, soloist and pianist

▲ 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 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

### Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven  
from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

### ▲ 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 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

### ▲ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

### ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ▲ POSTLUDE

Brass Quintet

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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### This morning we welcome guest musicians:

Woodrow English, *trumpet*

Matt Niess, *trombone*

Jack Tilbury, *tuba*

Dennis Edelbrock, *trumpet*

Rick Lee, *French Horn*

Adam Green, *timpani*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the many volunteers at National Presbyterian Church who mobilize ministry here at church, and take Christ's mission to our city and the world.

The floral arrangements at the entrance to the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 58th wedding anniversary of Claude and Betty Bennett.

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.

## PRAYERS

*Please pray for:*

Shelley Barr  
Betty Bennett

Mark Gourley  
Max Schestopol

*We mourn the death of:*

Lawrence B. Brown on August 26. A memorial service will be held on October 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Court of Flags.

# Next Sunday, September 11

Worship: 9:00, 10:50 & 11 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

## Fall Worship Schedule: Beginning Sept. 11:

- 9 A.M.**      **Traditional Sanctuary**  
1 hour service with rotating music by soloists, children, youth, and adult choirs.
- 10:50 A.M.**      **Contemporary Jones Hall**  
Contemporary service led by a pastor and the praise team with a video of the sermon.
- 11 A.M.**      **Traditional Sanctuary**  
Traditional service with Chancel Choir.

## Wholeness & Healing Service

*Sunday, Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m., Chapel*  
**Chaplain Larry Greenslit** will be our guest speaker, reflecting on his experiences of 9/11. All are welcome for a quiet time of worship, with an opportunity to pray for others as well as to receive prayer for wholeness and healing in body, mind, or spirit. Communion will be served and anointing with oil will be available for those who wish to receive it. Dr. Greenslit served for 27 years in the Navy Chaplain Corps and is currently the Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel.

## Sandwich Making

*Sunday, Sept. 11, Stone Hall  
after 9 & 11 a.m. worship*

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. *Together we can make up to 800 sandwiches!*

## Sunday School for All Ages *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children resume next Sunday!  
*Class descriptions: [nationalpres.org/adults](http://nationalpres.org/adults)*

### Adults

- **The History of the Church in the Middle Ages** | *R. V. Seep*  
Church Building Room 110/111
- **Abiding in Jesus** | *Nancy Fox and Margaret Gardner*  
Church Building Room 105
- **Lessons from King David in I & II Samuel** | *Currie Renwick*  
Agencies Building Room 105
- **Wrestlers**  
Agencies Building Lower Level  
*On September 11, Paul Arveson will engage Os Guinness' Fools' Talk*

### Youth

- **Middle School (6th & 7th grade)**  
*Multipurpose Bldg. Room 101*
- **Middle School (8th grade)**  
*Agencies Bldg. Room 101*
- **High School (9th –12th grade)**  
*Youth House*

### Children

- Parents will join children at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 for a parent orientation.*
- **2 & 3-year olds:** *School Bldg. Room 104*
  - **4-year olds:** *School Bldg. Room 106*
  - **K–5th:** *Meet in Jones Hall (school gym)*

## Youth Kickoff Barbecue

*Sunday, Sept. 11, 5 p.m., Youth House*  
Middle and high school youth and their families are invited to our annual BBQ and parent orientation. Come meet new friends and hear about exciting plans for the year!

# Upcoming Events

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## Morning MOMS Group

*Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7  
10 a.m.–Noon, Church Room 107*

Moms of young children gather weekly to be encouraged through friendship, prayer, and scripture. Free childcare is provided. Join us when you can, for as long as you can. *Contact: Amy Thompson, AThompson@NationalPres.org.*

## Women's Bible Study

*Saturdays beginning Sept. 10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Church Room 105*

A warm and welcoming multi-generational group of women meet weekly for fellowship and prayer, but most of all to study and apply God's Word to their daily lives. This year the group will study "The Life and Letters of the Apostle Peter" led by Sandy Sharpe. *Contact: Barbara Mitchell, barbaramitchell@comcast.net*

## Wednesday Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group

*Second Wednesday of each month  
beginning Sept. 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Monthly gathering beginning with prayer in room 110/111, followed by a study of "Prayers and Pray-ers" of the Bible. Stay after to write cards to those in need of care and prayer. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

## Afternoon TEA Moms Group

*Third Wednesdays of each month  
Beginning Sept. 21, 1:30–2:45 p.m.  
Elson Parlor*

Women are invited to monthly gatherings for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God. This year we'll study and share the importance of God's "Living Water" in our lives by looking at inspiring stories and lessons both in the Old and New Testaments. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com for information or to sign up for our weekly email devotional.*

## Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, Sept. 10, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*  
Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Michael Cromartie on "Faithful Living in Challenging Times." *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

## Community Bible Study

*Thursdays beginning Sept. 15  
7–9 p.m., Agencies 105*

Become part of a small group-based Bible study, beginning with a study of prayer in the book of Nehemiah. Join any Thursday! Studies of The Book of Revelation and Paul's Epistle to the Philippians will be available later in the year. *Contact: Robin King, 301.706.7147 or robin@kinghome.us.*

## Habitat for Humanity Build

*Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.*

Help a family in need build a permanent house with NPC and DC Habitat for Humanity. *Contact: Mike Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

## Parent Gathering

*Sundays beginning Sept. 18, 10–10:30 a.m.  
Elson Parlor*

Stop by for a brief time of study, friendship, and coffee with other parents before picking up children from Sunday School.

## GriefShare

*Sundays beginning Sept. 18,  
12:30 p.m., Administration Bldg*

If you've experienced loss, you may be faced with many questions and challenges. GriefShare classes meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Class fee: \$35. *Contact: Barb Dear, 202.537.7540 or BDear@NationalPres.org.*

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

*Monday, Sept. 19, Noon, Stone Hall*

Enjoy lunch and time together at this special program with speaker James Rosebush, author of *True Reagan: What Made Ronald Reagan Great and Why It Matters.*

# Save These Dates

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

September 4 – 11

### Sunday

Psalms 103; 139  
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6  
Revelation 14:1-7, 13  
Matthew 5:13-20

### Monday

Psalms 5; 29  
Job 32:1-10, 32:19-33:1, 33:19-28  
Acts 13:44-52  
John 10:19-30

### Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133  
Job 29:1-20  
Acts 14:1-18  
John 10:31-42

### Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33  
Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31  
Acts 14:19-28  
John 11:1-16

### Thursday

Psalms 97; 62  
Job 29:1, 31:1-23  
Acts 15:1-11  
John 11:17-29

### Friday

Psalms 51; 65  
Job 29:1, 31:24-40  
Acts 15:12-21  
John 11:30-44

### Saturday

Psalms 104; 98  
Job 38:1-17  
Acts 15:22-35  
John 11:45-54

### Sunday

Psalms 19; 113  
Job 38:1, 18-41  
Revelation 18:1-8  
Matthew 5:21-26

## Forum on Faith and Politics

*Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.*

E.J. Dionne and Michael Gerson – two *Washington Post* columnists who write from different “sides of the aisle,” with similar Christian conviction – will share thoughts and insights about the upcoming elections. *Free and open to the public; no tickets required.*

## Pathway Membership Class

*Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.*

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Sept. 19: [KRakiatu@NationalPres.org](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org), 202.537.7578.

## Become a Stephen Minister

*Training class begins Oct. 4*

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one discussion and prayer to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. Are you called to be a part of this meaningful ministry? *Contact: Lucille Smiley 202.832.1596 or Dottie McKnight, 301.320.5168.*

## “American Ulysses” Evening with the Author

*Thursday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.*

Dr. Ronald C. White, Presbyterian pastor and author of *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant*, will present a reading of the book followed by audience interaction and book signing. Dr. White is a longtime friend of NPC as a former theologian in residence, and has presented a previous book, *Lincoln’s Greatest Speech*, at NPC.

## Join or Facilitate a Small Group

*Groups begin: October 9–November 13*

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of your busy life? Become part of a small group! Small groups meet regularly for six weeks at different times and locations in the DC area for friendship, prayer, discussion and study based on the previous Sunday’s Scripture passage and sermon. **Group registration begins September 25.** *Make small groups possible by becoming a facilitator or a host; contact [groups@nationalpres.org](mailto:groups@nationalpres.org) to learn more.*



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