

He is Risen!

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019



NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



*Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4

Today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Each week at National we seek to live out this good news of Christ's living presence.

Our prayer is that you will find a spiritual home here—a home where you are nurtured in your faith and encouraged in Christian community. On Sundays we worship God together through music, prayer, and preaching. Classes and groups are offered for adults, teens, and children, and childcare is available all morning.

Preaching and teaching equip us to know and love God, but we are also called to engage the world by sharing Christ's love with one another. We serve and care for one another through prayer, networks of support, and local and international service projects.

Whether you attend weekly, whether you have been away for awhile, or whether this is your first time at National, I trust that this morning you will sense the presence of the Risen Christ and feel drawn to connect more closely with him through his church in the days ahead.



David Renwick

Dr. David Renwick
Senior Pastor

Beginning or Renewing Your Faith?

Dr. Renwick highly recommends three books: *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller, *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, and *Surprised by Oxford* by Carolyn Weber.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing
G. F. Handel
Brass Sextet, Adam Green, timpani and Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. David Renwick

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

▲ FANFARE AND HYMN *as directed* Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Paul Sjolund

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!* Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!* *Easter Hymn*

Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!* Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!* Where, O death, is now your sting? *Alleluia!*

Died he to redeem and save, *Alleluia!* Where your victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!* Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, *Alleluia!*

Death in vain forbids him rise, *Alleluia!* Christ has opened Paradise, *Alleluia!*

Sing we to our God above, *Alleluia!* Praise eternal as God's love, *Alleluia!*

Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, *Alleluia!* Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Dr. Joyce Emery

10:00 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah!

William Billings

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison; please be seated*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus Christ from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death,

and brought us hope of everlasting life.

We confess that we do not always believe in this hope,

and remain captive to doubt, fear, and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

Hear our grateful praise, O Risen Lord,

as we celebrate your wondrous love and eternal glory.

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

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE	John 21:1-14	8:30 a.m. Deacon Alfreda Bennett
The Word of the Lord.	<i>pew Bible p. 883</i>	10:00 a.m. Deacon Gerri Hall
Thanks be to God.		11:30 a.m. Elder Lora Tredway

SERMON	A Stunning Breakfast	Dr. David Renwick
	John 21:15-18	

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Truro

Choir: Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Congregation: Christ is alive, and calls us on from distant shores in Galilee;
to love, to serve, and follow him, with joy through all eternity.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostles' Creed	8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox
		10:00 a.m. 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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

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 flower 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 the 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
while angels waft the joyful strain to purer worlds above.
IS CROWNED WITH GLORY NOW!

Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore
A ROYAL DIADEM ADORNS
the great eternal Lord of all, who reigns forevermore.
THE MIGHTY VICTOR'S BROW!

Fanny Crosby and Thomas Kelly

- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
 Praise God, from who 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 Thine Is the Glory G.F. Handel
 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 Kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.
Refrain
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
 Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
 For the Lord now liveth. Death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*
 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
 Life is nought without thee. Aid us in our strife.
 Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*
- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Hallelujah! G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*
 Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
 The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
 And he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Quinn Fox
- POSTLUDE Toccata Charles-Marie Widor
Todd Fickley, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please Note: There are entrances and exits at both the back of the Sanctuary and the front of the Sanctuary near the pulpit and scripture lectern.

In worship this morning we welcome our brass sextet and percussionists:

William Gerlach, trumpet	Aaron LaVere, trombone
Keith Jones, trumpet	Seth Cook, tuba
Tom Cupples, trumpet	Adam Green, timpani
James Nickel, French horn	Randy Gorman, percussion

The **Easter Garden** outside the Sanctuary and flowers throughout the church celebrate the healing work, care, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and his victory over sin and death. Hallelujah!

Want to support our Flower Ministry and Easter Garden?

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table. *You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

2019 AT NATIONAL



Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching, joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. There are many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Weekly Worship

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.: Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.: Contemporary worship in Jones Hall (school gym) with a live band, worship leader, full liturgy, and a video of the Sanctuary sermon.

“The Story” for Adults, Youth, and Children resumes April 28

Know and grow in God’s word through preaching and Sunday School opportunities following “The Story,” a condensed version of the Bible set in chronological order.

Great Day of Service (May 18)

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community.

Youth Summer Trips

A high school mission trip will travel to the Dominican Republic to serve alongside churches and orphanages. Middle school students will travel to The Great Escape conference with speakers, worship, and plenty of fun.

Care and Support

Those going through a difficult time may receive a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support.

Vacation Bible School: Sign Up to Volunteer

A week long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade from July 8–12th. We have received an overwhelming number of registrations, and now we need an overwhelming number of volunteers!

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

Concert Series

Performances featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort and The City Choir of Washington, as well as our own Chancel and Festival choirs.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at National, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Book Study: “You Are What You Love”

Thursday, April 25, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox will resume a weekly discussion of James K.A. Smith’s *You Are What You Love*, continuing with chapter 4.

“The Amazing Race” Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, April 28, 12:00–4:30 p.m.

Middle and high schoolers are invited for a city-wide scavenger hunt! *Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/AmazingRace19>*

Men’s Breakfast

Sat., May 4, 8:00–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by NPC Director of Serve Ministries, John Turpin, on the theme “One Journey Through the Body of Christ.” *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Youth Car Wash

Sunday, May 5, after worship

Get a clean car, and support the youth mission team travelling to the Dominican Republic this summer.

Lunch and Learn: God at Work in Jordan and Pakistan

Sunday, May 5, 12:30 p.m., Stone Hall

Dr. Renwick will share stories from his recent visit to NPC mission partners, Marka Church in Jordan and Forman Christian College in Pakistan.

Sandwich Making

Sunday, May 12, Stone Hall

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 in 15 minutes!

Family Night: Nationals Baseball Game

Friday, May 17, 7:05 p.m.

Bring the whole family to a night out watching the Nationals take on the Cubs. *Contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org to sign up.*

Great Day of Service

Sign up today! Saturday, May 18

Bring friends and family for National’s fun and meaningful day of service in and around our city. Projects include:

- packing meal kits (great for all ages!),
- reading projects and lunch with kids from Little Lights,
- helping to build a home for low income residents of DC,
- and more!

We will also be collecting clothes, books, and household goods from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on May 18.

Learn more and sign up: nationalpres.org/greatday.

Expert Advice for Older Adults and their Families

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at National. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org.*

"THE STORY" THIS WEEK

This week we will read Chapter 27 of "The Story."

Sunday

Matthew 27 (pp. 381-382)

Monday

Matthew 28 (pp. 382-383)

Tuesday

John 20 (pp. 383-384)

Wednesday

Luke 24 (pp. 384-385)

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Luke 24 (pp. 385-386)

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John 21 (pp. 386-387)

Saturday

Matthew 28 (p. 387-388)

For reflection:

- The first witnesses to the empty tomb (the three women) were "afraid but filled with joy." Have you had an experience of Jesus in your life, when you were at once afraid and filled with joy (or perhaps it was other conflicting emotions)?
- On the road to Emmaus the disciples were not prepared to encounter Jesus, and so were surprised by the encounter at the table. Have you ever encountered Jesus in a way that was unexpected or surprised you? How did you respond?
- "Doubting" Thomas initially refused to believe Jesus was raised, but a week later he confessed, "my Lord and my God." Do you think his reputation as a doubter is justified? Why or why not? What role has doubt played in your relationship to God?
- What are ways you can obey Jesus command "to make disciples of all nations...?"

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome!

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come outside on the terrace or downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

Welcome booklets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

PRAYERS

On this Easter Sunday, we pray that the grace of God, the hope of Jesus' resurrection, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit will live in our hearts every day.

How can we pray for you?

*Contact the care office at 202.537.7540
or lmartin@nationalpres.org.*



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FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

GATHERING

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano
Contemporary Music Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:1-9

Dr. Joyce Emery
Associate Pastor

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

OPENING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*

our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*

who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia!*

suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia!*

unto Christ, our heav'nly King, *Alleluia!*

who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia!*

sinner to redeem and save. *Alleluia!*

But the pains which he endured, *Alleluia!*

our salvation have procured; *Alleluia!*

now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia!*

where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*

Sing we to our God above, *Alleluia!*

praise eternal as God's love; *Alleluia!*

praise our God, ye heav'nly host, *Alleluia!*

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Emery and Cate McCrory,
Director of Children's Ministries

PRAYER OF ADORATION

EASTER SCENE ONE

"I will never...betray you"

The Upper Room

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Son of God, We like to think that if we could, we would sit right next to you at the table to share a meal with you. We want to make you laugh and understand everything that you say. But we honestly confess

that sometimes we are way too busy to come to your Table. We forget that we were created to bring you joy. We do not even bother to listen to all you have to teach us from your Word and through others. Sometimes we even refuse to stand up for you. Forgive us, we pray. (Silence) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Go to Dark Gethsemane Joyful Noisemakers Choir

EASTER SCENE TWO

"I will never...betray you"

Mount of Olives

EASTER SCENE THREE

"I will never...fall asleep when you need me in prayer"

Garden of Gethsemane

EASTER SCENE FOUR

"I will never...deny you"

Courtyard of the High Priest

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Crowd: **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

RESURRECTION REFLECTION

"I Will Never...Save Myself"

Dr. Joyce Emery

CHORAL RESPONSE

The Strife is O'er

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

EASTER SCENE FIVE

"I will never...stop searching"

Resurrection

SONG OF RESPONSE

You Never Let Go

Matt Redman

EASTER SCENE SIX

"I will never...leave you, nor forsake you"

OFFERTORY

He Is Exalted

Grace Notes Choir

Halle Halle Halle!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

CLOSING SONG

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song—
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought or storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
my comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Joyce Emery

INVITATION TO FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Cate McCrory

Many thanks to all participants and volunteers!

ENSEMBLE

Evan Atchison

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