

March 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Leading people to become
faithful followers of Jesus Christ
together in God's world

*Jesus told his disciples,
"If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me."*

Matthew 7:24

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| Senior Pastor | Dr. David Renwick |
| Associate Pastors | Rev. Donna Marsh Dr. Quinn Fox Rev. Lisa Larsen |
| Parish Associates | Dr. Nancy Fox Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus |
| Music | Dr. Michael Denham (Director) Todd Fickley (Organist) Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader) |
| Ministry Directors | Jonathan Edwards (Serve) Kristin Franke (Youth & Families) Terry Kumnick (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections) |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion

Today, March 6, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please [click here](#) to read the guidelines for preparation.

One Blood Follow-up

Luncheon and Discussion

Today at 12:15 pm, Stone Hall

All are invited! The NPC Race Task Force will host a follow-up discussion on our church's reading of *One Blood* by Dr. John Perkins. We'll be joined by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Sanders, pastor of Third Street Church of God and professor at Howard Divinity School.

Lenten Evening Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

March 9-April 6

Join us in-person or online on our Watch page at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays for *The Mighty Minor Prophets*, a time of contemplative worship and communion during Lent as we journey to the cross.

Camp Ligonier

This weekend, we're delighted to welcome representatives from Camp Ligonier, a great partner ministry for our youth and children's programs. We're thankful for them hosting laser tag for our children this weekend and leading Parents' Gathering this Sunday.

This summer, Camp Ligonier will be the site for our middle school camp (*On the Edge*), family camp, and opportunities for families to send their children and youth to camp. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit our Events page.

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our [Events page](#) online.

Today, March 6

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship with Communion
- 9:55-10-45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 pm: *One Blood* Follow-up Luncheon and Discussion
- 7:00 pm: High school small groups

Wednesday, March 9

7:00 pm: Lenten Evening Service

Saturday, March 12

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins!

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10-45 am: Sunday School for all ages

Time Change - Next Sunday!

We return to Daylight Saving Time next Sunday, March 13. Remember to set your clocks ahead to be on time for worship!

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Please visit nationalpres.org/Easter for a full listing of our events celebrating Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Our Gift to You - A Great Resource for Observing Lent

If you would like *Pocketful of Practices for Lent*, and did not get one, you are invited to pick one up at the Welcome Center. To download it from our website, please [click here](#).

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

*Welcome! Masks are required at our 8:45 am service,
which is attended by many young children not eligible for vaccination.
Thank you for loving your neighbor in this way!*

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG

Cornerstone

Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Chorus:

Christ alone, Cornerstone! Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all!

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil! **Chorus**

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne!

Chorus (2x)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Forgive us, for we forget that you have the power to save,

and that none can separate us from your love.

Lord Jesus Christ, bring us home to yourself,

for we have wandered and gone astray.

By the power of your Spirit, draw us to the foot of the cross,

for we have no strength in ourselves to come.

Grant that under the shadow of your cross we may find forgiveness, peace,

and the path of life for which we were created.

from Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning!

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is thy faithfulness!

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Larsen

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Dr. Renwick

*Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
 Younger children may remain with their parents (worship bags available)
 or parents may take to nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-14; 16:21-28 Elle Schmitt

Scripture text on page 7.

SERMON The Cross-Shaped Life: The Narrow Door Dr. Renwick

Galatians 2:19-21; Hebrews 12:1-7

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Quinn Fox

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

OFFERING SONG Salt And Light John and Jan L'Ecuier

You make me want to be like you, your holiness I will pursue,
 I want the heart of Jesus.
 Show me the meaning of your grace, I want to give the world a taste
 of the love of Jesus.

Chorus:
*Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.
 Reveal your glory in my life.
 For I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.
 Make me salt, make me light.*

As a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand, mold me in your image,
 the work of your hand. **Chorus**

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table
 Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Song Speak O Lord Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises;

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fox

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 Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in, Oh his love for me. Oh his love for me!

Chorus 1:

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me! **Chorus 1**

Chorus 2:

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am!

Chorus 1, Chorus 2 (2x)

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our 11:00 service, with the exception of the balcony and transepts where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to help you find the seating area where you will be most comfortable.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

"My Jesus Calls to Me" Op. 122, No. 1

Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 379 *verses 1-3* My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 379, verse 4

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground us sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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and that none can separate us from your love.

Lord Jesus Christ, bring us home to yourself,
for we have wandered and gone astray.

By the power of your Spirit, draw us to the foot of the cross,
for we have no strength in ourselves to come.

Grant that under the shadow of your cross we may find forgiveness, peace,
and the path of life for which we were created.

from Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *sung first by the Choir, then the Congregation*

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

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Apostles' Creed

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Matthew 7:13-14; 16:21-28

Sophia St. John

¹³ 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Cross-Shaped Life: The Narrow Door
Galatians 2:19-21; Hebrews 12:1-7

Dr. Renwick

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Morecambe

Have you not bid us love you, God and King;
All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross, there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you, and O let me find.

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CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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OFFERTORY

Broad Is the Road

Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

Broad is the road that leads astray, and thousands walk together there,

Windham

But wisdom shows a narrow path with here and there a traveler.

“Deny thyself and take thy cross,” is the Redeemer’s sure command.

Nature must count her gold but dross if she would gain the heav’nly land.

Lord, let not all my hopes be vain; create my heart entirely new,

Which weakend faith could n’er attain, which false pretenders never knew.

Broad is the road that leads astray, and thousands walk together there,

But wisdom shows a narrow path with here and there a traveler.

Isaac Watts

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Don’t Be Weary Traveler

H. T. Burleigh

Don’t be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Spiritual

I was tired long the road, pilgrim with a heavy load;

Near to Jesus every day, following the narrow way.

Don’t be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Dr. Michael Denham

Prayer of Response and The Lord’s Prayer

Dr. Fox

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

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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.

▲ HYMN 393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

“O World, I Must Leave Thee” Op. 122 No. 3

Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SERVING AT NATIONAL

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children!

Children's Ministry volunteers needed: Become a teacher, room aide, host docent or check-in/out host. For more information please contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org.

Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower bud vases at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

Do You Love to Sing and Love Children?

Children's song leader needed: We are looking for a special person to lead our children in songs of praise to the Lord on Sunday mornings! Please contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org for more information or if you'd like to help.

Job Opportunities

- Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)
- AV Engineer (Part time)
- AV Assistant (Part time)
- Youth and Children's Summer Interns

For more information or to apply, please [click here](#) or visit our Jobs page online.

Call for Contemporary Service Musicians

Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? Volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our [Serve at Church](#) page!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Monday, March 21 at 1:00 pm

Join us online with our special guest speaker Reverend Lisa A. Larsen, newly appointed Associate Minister for Care here at National. Lisa will speak about *My life and Ministry in Christian Service*. As the newest member of staff this event will allow us to get to know her life and work. To join us, please visit our [Watch](#) page.

Your Input Needed - Survey Sent to Members and Regular Attenders

Please check your email! A very important survey was sent to members and regular attenders on Thursday, February 24. This completely confidential standardized survey, called a CAT Scan, is a tool recommended by our presbytery for churches beginning the senior pastor search process. It will help our PNC and Session to have a snapshot of the health and perspectives of our congregation.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Children's Check-In and Check-Out

Please visit one of our two check-in stations when you arrive in the main building. If you have questions about check-in and check-out procedures, please visit our [Children's Ministry page](#) or contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org. These protocols help keep our children safe and provide a secure environment.

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

- Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.
- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years available throughout the morning.

9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School

- Children's Sunday School for ages 2 years-5th grade
- Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students
- Adult Sunday School: See schedule below or visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online.

11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Classes

We have a great line-up this semester with continuations from fall and new classes, all at **9:55-10:45 am**. Please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online for all the details. All classes are in-person with one online choice.

- *Protestant Christian Traditions Part 2*, teacher: R.V. Seep, Chapel and online
- *The Story Behind "The Story" (Continued)*, teacher: Quinn Fox, Garden Room A
- *For Such a Time as This: Stories to Inspire Biblical Justice from Queen Esther to Today*, teacher: Nancy Fox, Room #209
- *Exploring John's Gospel (Continued)*, teacher: Currie Renwick, Garden Room C
- *Letters To a Birmingham Jail – Book Discussion Group*, facilitator: Elder Peggy Lewis, Room #109
- *Parent Gathering*, facilitators: Kristin Franke and others, Jones Hall in the Education Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Afghan Refugee Ministry

We are excited to announce that God has given us an opportunity to minister to a family from Afghanistan! You can [read all about it and sign up to help here](#) or at nationalpres.org/refugee.

Winter Small Group Mini-Study

Go deeper into relationship and Scripture by joining *Following Christ Toward a Cross-Shaped Life*, a 6-week small group discussion based on Sunday sermons. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit our Events page online.

What Presbyterians Believe

Now on YouTube

Catch up or share with your friends! Dr. Quinn Fox's series *True Confessions: What Presbyterians Believe* is now on [YouTube](#) as well as in the speaker archives on our website.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please: [Click here](#) or visit our Children's Ministry page for kids up to 5th grade. [Click here](#) or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER!

Dominican Republic Youth Mission Trip June 25-July 1

Our mission team of 9th-12th graders will be serving in the Dominican Republic with [Foundation for Peace](#). Please be praying for the team's health and safety, and for Christ to reign in the relationships built with the local community. If you'd like to contribute to the team's funding, please contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org.

Registration Open for VBS July 11-15

Please visit our Events page online to register for VBS. You may also [click here](#) to register your children ages 4 years to 5th grade and [click here](#) to register rising 6th-12th graders to volunteer to be a youth helper.

Middle School Summer Camp On the Edge, July 17-21, 2022

All middle school youth, from rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders are invited for a week of adventures, growing in community, and studying God's Word together. For more information and registration please [click here](#) or visit our Events page.

Family Camp at Camp Ligonier July 20-24

Join other NPC families this summer for campfires, beach days at the lake, group worship, family devotions and much more! For more information and how to register please [click here](#) or visit our Events page.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

[Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook.

[Click here](#) or visit our Home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.

Follow us on social media!

[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

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Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving, text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



Prayers

We rejoice with:

Carol Bedicks and Haiyang Zhang,
Abby and Colin Plaisance and
Laura and Nicholas Gamse
as they recently welcomed
new baby daughters.

We pray for:

Our mission partner
European Christian Mission,
International as they establish churches
in Eastern and Western Europe
and minister to those seeking refuge
in Ukraine and Moldova.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to
Liz Martin,
lmartin@nationalpres.org
202.537.7540

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
by Edward Blanton in honor
of his father Edward's 100th birthday
on March 8th.

Need a Bible?

We have gift Bibles in the narthex for you
or anyone who does not have a Bible of
their own. Please pick one up today as our
gift to you!



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