









March 27, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Lent

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

Romans 5:1-2a

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)

Leslie Saum (Connections)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Sunday School Social Today, March 27, 9:55-10:45 am

Volunteers, parents and children, gather with us for food, fellowship, and fun in Jones Hall in the Education Building!

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.

Online Prayer for Ukraine, March 30

Please join us for prayer at 12:00-12:30 pm. <u>Click here</u> or visit our Events page for more information and the Zoom link.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, April 30

Becoming a church member at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or learn more about Christian faith, please attend the in-person Pathway of Christian Discipleship class on Saturday, April 30. For more information, please click here or visit our Events page. You may also contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by April 20th at 202-537-7578 or KRakiatu@ NationalPres.org.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Invite your friends!

All of our services are both in-person and online.

- Palm Sunday, April 10: Between services, at 10:30 am, we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance to Jerusalem with our Palm Sunday Procession, featuring a donkey!
- Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm

Easter Worship - Sunday, April 17

8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am Rejoice with us in the resurrection of our Lord!

Easter Egg Hunt: immediately following 10:00 am worship

Please visit <u>nationalpres.org/Easter</u> for all the details about our events celebrating Holy Week and Easter.

If you would like *Pocketful of Practices for Lent*, you are invited to pick one up at the Welcome Center or click here to download.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one by supporting NPC's Easter flower displays? You will find Flower Ministry envelopes in the resource racks outside the sanctuary. You may make your donation to NPC by check or online, noting "*Easter Flowers*" on the memo line.

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 Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG

All Because of Jesus

Steve Fee

Giver of every breath I breathe. Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, to you be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend your worth.

King over all the universe, to you be the glory.

And I'm alive because I'm alive in you.

Chorus

It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ that covers me and raised this dead one's life. It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

Giver of every breath I breathe. Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, to you be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend your worth.

King over all the universe, to you be the glory.

And I'm alive because I'm alive in you. Chorus

Every sunrise sings your grace, the universe cries out your praise.

I'm singing freedom all my days now that I'm alive. Chorus (2x)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin *in unison* Incarnate Word of God,

Rev. Lisa Larsen

in your flesh you reconciled us to God the Father.

You continue to bring peace with God to all those who in heartfelt repentance confess their sin.

Forgive us then, we pray,

and cleanse us from the deep stains of sin.

Mercifully direct all we think, say, and do

by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we look to you, help us to persevere in your saving and reconciling love.

Michael Buckley

Northern Ireland Peacemaker

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 sung first by the band, then the congregation

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!

A 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

Rev. Marsh

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptismal Vows and Baptism

Kathleen Li-Huei Franke Lucas Wei-Yun Franke

Daughter and Son of Kristin Margaret Franke and Grant Richard Franke

Prayer of Response

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 them to the nursery.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Marsh

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:1-11

Joy Eckert

Scripture on page 7.

SERMON The Cross-Shaped Life

Rev. Marsh

Reconciled and United by the Cross

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

Oh the Deep, Deep Love Bob Kauflin and Samuel Trevor Francis

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me;

Underneath me, all around me is the current of your love;

Leading onward, leading homeward to your glorious rest above.

Chorus

Oh, the deep, deep love; All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;

How he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;

How he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own;

How for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. *Chorus* (2x)

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest;

It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test;

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend;

You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end. *Chorus* (2x)

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

▲ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

Text on page 8.

▲ CLOSING SONG Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love too vast and astounding to tell, forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,

sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand, the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus* (2x)

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Marsh

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude Adagio from Symphonie No. 3

Louis Vierne Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ Hymn 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

▲ Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ Congregational Response

Azmon

In Christ, our head, we all may know, may feel our sins forgiv'n; anticipate our heav'n below, and own that love 'tis heav'n.

Charles Wesley

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Larsen

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SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation* Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

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▲ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Larsen

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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.

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Welcome and Announcements

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-11

Deacon Deborah MacKay

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Cross-Shaped Life Reconciled and United by the Cross Rev. Marsh

RESPONSE In Christ Alone

Soloist

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.

Congregation

In Christ alone—who took on flesh—fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
But by the cross, where Jesus died, we're reconciled and justified,
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ we stand.

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, alt.

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.

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY Nothing

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Craig Courtney

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this my plea: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness: Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus. Robert Lowery

with Heather Green, violin

▲ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

▲ HYMN O Praise God's Gracious Power Marion

O praise God's gracious power, that tumbles walls of fear,

And gathers in one house of faith, all strangers far and near:

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise redeeming faith, that claims us as God's own,

A living temple built on Christ, the rock and cornerstone:

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise the word of truth, the reconciling sound,

Yet, more than this, O praise its source, praise Christ in whom we're bound;

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

Thomas Troeger, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION Rev. Marsh

- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE
 - We praise you Christ! Your cross has made us one!
- PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- ▲ Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A minor

Johannes Brahms Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ukraine Response

NPC cares deeply about our world. We are actively responding to urgent needs in Ukraine:

 How can you help? NPC is collecting a special offering, which will go to Mission Eurasia, a highly rated Christian charity where NPC members are involved. You may donate now by clicking here, by putting *Ukraine* on the memo line of a check or scanning this QR code:



• In addition, NPC has provided emergency grants! The Serve Council approved \$7,500 in emergency funding from its budget to help two of our mission partners care for Ukrainians in desperate need. European Christian Mission International (ECMI) is running a shelter in a church basement in Lviv and University Divitia Gratiae (UDG) in Moldova is using its main campus to house Ukrainian refugees.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 2, 8:00 am Stone Hall

All men are invited to hear a presentation by Jonathan Edwards, *Estamos Juntos – We Are Together*, Jonathan's story and time in Mozambique. For more information please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events page.

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our <u>Events page</u> online.

Today, March 27

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Family Sunday School Social (No individual classes for children and youth)
- 9:55-10:45 am: Adult Sunday School
- 7:00 pm: High school small groups

Wednesday, March 30

• 7:00 pm: Lenten Evening Service

Saturday, April 2

• 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

Sunday, April 3

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 7:00 pm: High school youth group

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Children's Check-In and Check-Out

Please visit one of our children's check-in stations when you arrive in the main building or the Education 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

- Today, children, youth and their parents are invited to join us for our <u>Sunday School Social</u> at 9:55 am in Jones Hall in the Education Building.
- Adult Sunday School: See schedule below or visit our <u>Adult Classes page</u> online.

11:00 am: Traditional Worship

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 <u>Adult Classes page</u> online for all the details. All classes are in-person with one online choice.

- Protestant Christian Traditions, teacher: R.V. Seep, Chapel and online
- The Story Behind "The Story," 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, 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

SUMMER CAMPS

Family Camp at Camp Ligonier July 20-24, 2022

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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Events page.

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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Events page.

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Mask Update

Masks are now optional at the 11:00 am Sunday worship service, except in the balcony and transepts where all guests should wear a mask. Masks are still required at the 8:45 am Sunday worship **service**, where there are more families with young children. Masks are required in the National Presbyterian School building and at all children's activities. Our goal is to create comfortable, safe worship options for all. In other situations, such as evening services, adult classes, and fellowship gatherings, participants may choose to wear a mask or not. We trust that common sense, courtesy, and our commitment to love our neighbors will prevail. Session will review our mask policy at its March 28 meeting.

Afghan Refugee Ministry

We are excited that God has given us an opportunity to minister to a family from Afghanistan! You can <u>read all about it and sign up to help here</u> or at nationalpres.org/refugee.

Registration Open for VBS July 11-15, 2022

Please visit our Events page online to register for VBS. You may also <u>click here</u> to register your children ages 4 years to 5th grade and <u>click here</u> to register rising 6th-12th graders to volunteer to be a youth helper.

NPC Fund for Charitable Giving Informational Meeting

Next Sunday, April 3, 12:15 pm, Parlor Tax Day is almost here! Interested in setting up a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)? Don't know what a DAF is? Join members of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving to learn more or email npcfund@nationalpres.org for more information.

Planets in Peril Now on YouTube

Catch up or share with your friends! Dr. Quinn Fox's series *Planets in Peril: The Science Fiction Novels of C.S. Lewis* is now on <u>YouTube</u> as well as in the speaker archives on our website.

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 information please email npckids@nationalpres.org.

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)
- Children's Summer Interns

For more information or to apply, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Jobs page online.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our <u>Serve at Church</u> 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:

<u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook. <u>Click here</u> or visit our Home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.

Follow us on social media!

Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

<u>Click here</u> or visit our Children's Ministry page for kids up to 5th grade. <u>Click here</u> or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.

Need a Bible?

We have 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!

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Wee Siew Kim by her granddaughter, Ms. Joanna Lam.

Prayers

We mourn the death of: Charlotte Winsheimer on March 16.

We pray for:

Forman Christian College, in Lahore, Pakistan as they provide Christian education and witness.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin,

lmartin@nationalpres.org 202.537.7540.

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