

# *He is Risen!*



April 17, 2022  
Easter Sunday

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!



*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*

## New to National? Welcome!

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](http://nationalpres.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter.

## 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.

## WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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. A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year can be found on page 7 of this bulletin. Let us know if you have questions by visiting the Welcome Center or by emailing us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org).

## EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

### Great Day of Service

**Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am -1:30 pm**

NPC's Great Day of Service is back and in-person! This is a day that the whole church serves together. We'll have lots of great opportunities for all ages to choose from, both on campus and in the community. Be on the lookout for more information and the sign-up. Coming soon!



**Sneak Peek! Summer of Serving  
Sundays in June 19-Aug 28**

All ages are invited to join us this summer for a different serving opportunity each week. We'll make sandwiches for the homeless, create cards for hospitalized veterans, collect and assemble hygiene supplies for Central Union Mission and much more! Come to serve, stay for snacks and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

# 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

*Welcome! Masks are optional at all of our worship services, 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

INTROIT

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 20:1-8

Dr. David Renwick

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

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

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

▲ HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Paul Sjolund

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*

Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*

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!*

Easter Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Easter Hymn*

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!*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

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.**

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*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!*

▲ 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(10:00 am and 11:30 am) A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Fox

*At the 10:00 am service, children grades K-5 will be dismissed for Children's Chapel.*

*At all other services, children may remain with their parents,  
and worship bags are available at the Sanctuary doors.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Renwick

<sup>11</sup>Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

Life-Giving Moments

Dr. Renwick

CHORAL RESPONSE I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John Rutter

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

*Please make your Easter offering today online (see QR code on p.8)**or at the doors as you exit the sanctuary.**At the 10:00 am service, children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

*Messiah*

The kingdom of this world has 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!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Marsh

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.

▲ 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 grave clothes folded 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. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN Heinrich Schütz

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Toccata Charles-Marie Widor  
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**Easter Egg Hunt:** After the 10:00 am service, kids preschool-5th grade are invited for a fun time gathering eggs at the Education Building!

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

Andy Balio, trumpet  
Kevin Paul, trumpet  
Sam Dusinberre, trumpet  
James Nickel, French horn  
Lee Rogers, trombone  
Seth Cook, tuba  
Adam Green, timpani  
Bradley Robinson, percussion

**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.

**Today's Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the life of  
Vivian Christy Sansoni, celebrating her 21st birthday on April 16th, from her father,  
Brian Sansoni, and her family and friends, who love her and miss her dearly.

*Additional Easter floral donor dedications will be acknowledged in the coming week.*



# FIND YOUR PLACE TO CONNECT



Whether your passion is serving, singing or Sunday School, we have something for you! Here are a few examples of how you can get connected to our church community. If you have any questions, we are available to chat at the Welcome Center or you may email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org). You can also find details about these and more at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org).

## **Sunday School**

Know and grow in God's Word through weekly Sunday School for all ages. In addition, Club 45 (4th and 5th graders) meet each month for a time of fun, faith and friends.



## **Youth**

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.



## **Young Adults**

Young adults gather regularly for small group discussion, Sunday lunch fellowship, and fun outings.

## **Youth Summer Trips**

This summer, high school students will travel to the Dominican Republic for a week-long mission trip, and middle school students will attend camp together.



## **Sandwich Making, Food Drives and Great Day of Service**

Year-round opportunities to serve, including a special day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community.



## **Care and Support**

Those going through a difficult time can find a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of transition or grief.

## **Small Groups**

Our welcoming small groups gather throughout the week in person and online for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and fellowship together.



## **Large Groups**

Our large groups include Men's Breakfast, Women's Fellowship Dessert Nights, Military Ministry, Senior Adults, Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.



## **Vacation Bible School**

A week-long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

## Adult Fellowship Broadcast

**Tomorrow, April 18, 1:00 pm**

The April Adult Fellowship Broadcast will feature our own Glenn R. Schmitt, of the Military Ministry. His presentation commemorates the parishioners of National and its predecessor congregation, Church of the Covenant, who served in the World Wars and have been memorialized on bronze tablets at the Chapel entrance of the church.

To join us, please visit our [Watch](#) page.

## Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, April 30, In-person

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just 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](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org).

## Senior Pastor Search Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work and making progress! They are reviewing materials submitted by prospective candidates, and reaching out to others. As the PNC seeks to discern God's call to the next Senior Pastor of NPC, prayer is an important part of the process. The PNC invites you to pray with them and for them every step of the way. You can check their webpage by [clicking here](#).

## 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?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office, [llarsen@nationalpres.org](mailto:llarsen@nationalpres.org)  
202.537.7537.

## Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference

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](https://nationalpres.org/giving), text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



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