











Welcome to

National Presbyterian Church

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

And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Jesus.

Luke 4:20

Jesus appointed twelve to be with him.

Mark 3:1

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)

Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Iill Meek (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections)

TODAY AT NPC

Summer of Serving Sundays at 9:45 am and Noon Garden Rooms

- Today, July 31
 Focus on Refugees
 - Come and learn more about the challenges refugees face and hear about what NPC is doing. Help with a back to school drive for refugee children.
- Next Sunday, August 7 Focus on Baby Supplies for Little Lights Families

We will be collecting and packing baby supplies for families in need at mission partner Little Lights. Please note: you do not have to donate to participate!

Each Week we invite you to serve together with us for a different service project focus! Enjoy delicious snacks and help with a variety of projects to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry. Please click here to read about our weekly activities and sign up to donate supplies.

If you'd like to help with donations, please see our list of needed items on page 10 of this bulletin.

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- Next Sunday, August 7: Dr. Tremper Longman and Dr. David Renwick, A Conversation on the Bible and Abortion

Please see page 9 in this bulletin for a full list of our speakers and topics.

COMING SOON

Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 6, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Our August speaker will be Dr. David Renwick. Join us for *A Final Conversation with Pastor David Renwick*, as he shares some closing thoughts and reflections, including a time to "ask anything." Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Ask the Pastor

This is your chance! On August 21 at 9:45 am, our Adult Summer Speaker will be our own Dr. David Renwick and his subject will be "Ask the Pastor." What have you always wanted to know but never had a chance to ask about NPC? Or the Bible? Or theology? Or . . .? Please click here to let Dr. Renwick know your question.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our 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

GATHERING Improvisations Kevin Rose, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Battle Belongs When all I see is the battle, you see my victory.

When all I see is a mountain, you see a mountain moved.

And as I walk through the shadow, your love surrounds me.

There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high.

O God, the battle belongs to you! And every fear I lay at your feet.

I'll sing through the night, O God the battle belongs to you.

And if you are for me, who can be against me?

For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for you.

When all I see are the ashes, you see the beauty.

When all I see is a cross, God, you see the empty tomb.

Chorus

O God, the battle belongs to you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Larsen

Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

Holy and ever-blessed Jesus, eternal Son of God:

In love for us as sinners, you entered our world

and humbled yourself, even to death on a cross.

Forgive us when we fail to see you as you are.

Deepen within us a due sense of your perfect divinity and infinite love,

that honoring and adoring you as Savior and Lord,

we may trust in your saving death, imitate your holy example,

obey your gracious commands,

and find true human joy through your faithful promises.

To the glory of your great name.

from John Wesley

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

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One;

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;

Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

▲ 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

Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministries

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

Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-3, 12:1-3

Everett Pomare

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Therefore, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Contours of Faith

Dr. Renwick

Deepening Faith: Eyes on Jesus

Colossians 1:15-23; John 13:3-5; 12-16; 1 Peter 2:20-25; Luke 4:16-20

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

If We're Honest

Francesca Battistelli

Please join in singing

Truth is harder than a lie. The dark seems safer than the light.

And everyone has a heart that loves to hide.

I'm a mess and so are you. We've built walls nobody can get through.

Yeah, it may be hard but the best thing we could ever do, ever do...

Chorus

Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine.

'Cause love can heal what hurt divides.

And mercy's waiting on the other side,

if we're honest (ooh ooh), if we're honest (ooh ooh).

Don't pretend to be something that you're not,

living life afraid of getting caught.

There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down

at the cross, at the cross. Chorus

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

▲ 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!

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.

▲ CLOSING SONG

At the Cross

Chris Tomlin

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.

There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life!

I'm in awe of you. I'm in awe of you!

Where your love ran red and my sin washed white,

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.

Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus

Here, my hope is found. Here, on holy ground.

Here, I bow down! Here, I bow down!

Here, arms open wide. Here, you saved my life!

Here, I bow down! Here I bow!

Chorus

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Prelude Through All Major Keys, Op. 39, No. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 142 *verses 1-3* All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!

Coronation

- ▲ Prayer of Adoration
- ▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 142, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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Gloria Patri

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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

John Charles Alden

Son of Elizabeth Ung Alden and Mark Charles Alden

Prayer of Response

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CHORAL RESPONSE

SERMON

Soloist

Korean Melody

Arirang

Christ, you are the fullness of God, firstborn of everything.

For by you all things were made; you hold them up.

You are head of the church, which is your body.

Firstborn from the dead, you in all things are supreme!

Choir

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts in his one body.

Let his Word dwell richly in us as we teach and sing.

Thanks and praise to God through our Lord Jesus.

In whateer we do let his name receive all praise.

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OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Paul Wohlgemuth

Divinum mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending, he,

Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;

Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent; ev'ry voice in concert sing, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,

Hymns and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be;

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

▲ Doxology

Old Hundredth

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and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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▲ HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

▲ Benediction

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Divinum mysterium

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Larsen

▲ Postlude

Fugue in G minor, K. 401

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Invite a friend - or two or three - to join you in worship in person or online.

- Did you know that one-third of people say that they are likely to come to a worship service when someone they know invites them? Personal contact is the best way to draw others into the church and towards Christ.
- Did you know that there are also other tools that can become great conversation starters using electronics, social media and the internet? <u>Click here</u> to see a few of them. Give some a try and let us know your experience. We'd love to hear what works!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Schedule

Our worship services are both in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our <u>Watch</u> page.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Nursery & Toddler Rooms

8:45 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years will be available throughout the morning.

Children, Youth, Families and Adults Summer Schedule

- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
- 9:45 am & noon: Summer of Serving (in place of Children & Youth Sunday School)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group, 6-12th grades

ADULT SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am Stone Hall and Online

This summer, we are offering a different speaker each Sunday, 9:55-10:45 am in Stone Hall and online. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Adult Classes page for more information and the Zoom link. Here's our upcoming speaker schedule:

- **July 31:** Dr. Tracy McKenzie, We the Fallen People: The Founders and the Future of American Democracy
- **August 7:** Dr. Tremper Longman and Dr. David Renwick, *A Conversation on the Bible and Abortion*
- August 14: Dr. David Renwick, No Regrets: 45 Years a Pastor
- **August 21:** Dr. David Renwick, *Ask the Pastor* (<u>Click here</u> to send your question.)
- **August 28:** Kristin Franke, Summer of Mission, Service, Vacation Bible School and More

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transitional Pastor Update and Senior Pastor Search

Session is excited to share that on Monday evening, July 11, they approved the hiring of a **transitional pastor** to begin in September when Dr. Renwick retires. Presbytery will now complete its part of the process, and details will be shared with the congregation as soon as these steps are completed.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work and making progress! They have been interviewing candidates and will soon focus on a few finalists. 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 and for them, and the final candidates, so that, together, they will sense God's will for our church. You can check their webpage by clicking here.

Want to help with Summer of Serving Donations?

Help the hurting, hungry and homeless by donating the following items needed for the next two Sundays. You may bring donations to the Garden Rooms or place them in the collection bins around the church.

August 7: Baby items for Little Lights families

- · Diapers size 6
- Pull-ups sizes 3T/4T and 4T/5T
- · Diaper rash cream
- · Baby shampoo
- · Baby body wash
- Pacifiers

August 14: Trail mix ingredients for Martha's Table

Large packages of:

- Dried Cranberries
- · Almonds
- · Mini pretzels

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, July 31

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
- 9:45 am: Summer of Serving
- 12:00 pm: Summer of Serving
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, August 2

• 7:00 pm: Park Night

Wednesday, August 3

• 4:00 pm: Club 45

Saturday, August 6

• 8:00am: Men's breakfast

Sunday, August 7

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship with Communion
- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
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My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "My NPC" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password-protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Wednesdays at 4:00 pm July 27-August 17

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Please join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jill Meek at jmeek@nationalpres.org for more information.

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.

SERVING AT NATIONAL

Job Opportunities

- Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)
- AV Engineer (Part time)
- AV Assistant (Part time)
- Communications Assistant (Part time)

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

Join Our Welcome Team!

We need many smiling faces to greet, usher and connect with folks on Sundays. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Serve at Church page and sign up today! You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at <u>LSaum@nationalpres.org</u>, 202.537.7494.

Want to sing in the Summer Choir?

Each Sunday, Summer Choir:

- rehearses at 10:00 am then
- sings at 11:00 am worship.

We would love to welcome you! For information contact Dr. Michael Denham at mdenham@nationalpres.org. or 202.537,7490.

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!
 <u>Facebook</u> | <u>Instagram</u> | <u>YouTube</u>

Prayers

We pray for:

Jim Bomkamp Ahlam Shenouda

We pray for:

The Persecuted Church which consists of millions of Christians across the world who are denied their rights, imprisoned, tortured, or martyred for their faith.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office, 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. *You can...Support the general ministry of National*

- Go to <u>national pres.org/giving</u>,
- text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or
- scan the QR code below:



Support the Capital Campaign

- Click here to give a one-time gift.
- Click <u>here</u> like to setup a recurring gift through the end of the campaign (12/31/2023).

Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7484.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Ed Blanton in honor of his parents,
Edward and Leo Blanton in celebration of their 76th wedding anniversary on July 29th.



