

May 1, 2022
Eastertide
Communion Sunday

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

'Feed my lambs.'

John 21:15

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

Communion

Today, May 1, 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.

Milestones in Worship

This morning in our worship services we welcome our 4th graders and their families as they celebrate Communion as part of the Milestones in Worship program. This program teaches children key pieces of our liturgy in the reformed tradition so they may become lifelong worshippers of our Risen Lord.

Next Sunday, May 8 - Youth Sunday

Join us as our young people lead worship in both services with special testimonies from our high school seniors.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, Sunday, May 1

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

Wednesday, May 4

- 12:00 pm: Prayers for Afghan Family

Saturday, May 7

- 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

Sunday, May 8 - Youth Sunday

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Adult Sunday School
- 9:55-10:45 am: Family Sunday School Social

Great Day of Service,

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

NPC's Great Day of Service is back and in-person! Join us as we come together to serve and impact the lives of thousands in DC and around the world! Please [click here](#) to sign up.

Whether it's dropping in for a few hours to pack meals to feed 17,000 people overseas, reading with disadvantaged kids, refurbishing the youth gaga pit, creating a beautiful outside space for inner-city kids, or collecting food for the hungry and families in need, you can help change lives all in a single morning.

Childcare

Free childcare is available for kids under four. Everyone age four and up can serve! Childcare is for on-campus projects only and must be reserved on the signup form.

Food Collection

Please bring a few (or a lot!) of non-perishables for Central Union Mission. The collection will be in the main parking lot behind Stone Hall. To see the list of desired items please [click here](#). We also need volunteers to help!

2021 Annual Report now available online!

Would you like a sneak peek at our annual report? [Click here](#) to view it online. We'll have copies available for you to pick up on May 15 at our Congregational Meeting.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at 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

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us. By the cross you came and broke them down.

You broke them down. And there were chains around us.

By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

Pre-Chorus

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

Chorus

Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (repeat)

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

Pre-chorus Chorus

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! (3x) *Chorus*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Donna Marsh

God of abundant grace,

who lived and died for us in Jesus Christ,

Forgive us when we grow weary of fighting temptation.

Forgive us for depending on our own strength and insight

when you long to give to us

the unlimited power of Jesus' resurrection

to live lives that are being renewed every day.

Grant that, as Jesus was raised bodily from the dead,

we may know this same resurrection power at work within us,

serving you, and treasuring those whom you have made,

and for whom you died and rose again.

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.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
 the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.
 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
 he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
 And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
 our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
 As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
 And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Larsen

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

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Chorus**
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Chorus**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE I Know That My Redeemer Liveth G. F. Handel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 495 *verses 1-3* We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 495, verse 4

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

God of abundant grace,
who lived and died for us in Jesus Christ,
Forgive us when we grow weary of fighting temptation.
Forgive us for depending on our own strength and insight
when you long to give to us
the unlimited power of Jesus' resurrection
to live lives that are being renewed every day.
Grant that, as Jesus was raised bodily from the dead,
we may know this same resurrection power at work within us,
serving you, and treasuring those whom you have made,
and for whom you died and rose again.

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 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. 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.

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 them to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-25

Deacon Lewrene Glaser

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' ²¹When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' ²³So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

²⁴ This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. ²⁵But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

SERMON

Running on Full

Dr. Renwick

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pasture feed us, for our use thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air

Gordon Jacobs

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark veil, yet will I fear no ill;

For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;

My head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;

And in my Father's house always my dwelling place shall be.

Brother James Leith MacBeth Bain

Psalm 23

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Larsen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation This Do in Remembrance of Me

Judy Hunnicutt

This do in remembrance of me; keep this feast, and together we'll be.

This do in remembrance of me till I come to my kingdom.

This is my body, broken for you, Take and eat in remembrance of me;

Broken that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting.

This is my blood, I shed it for you. Take and drink in remembrance of me;

Shed that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting.

Prayer of Response 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.

▲ HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Marosa

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;

And in my Father's house always my dwelling place shall be.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"

Lynnwood Farnam
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 7, 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 May speaker will be Bob Palmer, giving his testimony about how the Lord led him to be involved in mission work with the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Family Sunday School Social

Sunday, May 8, 9:55 am

Volunteers, parents, and children have the opportunity to gather together for food, fellowship, and fun. Come to Stone Hall to celebrate our high school seniors and enjoy time together!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 12:00 pm

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday May 15, 2022, at noon to receive the Annual Report. [Click here](#) to view it online.

Car Wash Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, May 15, 9:45 am-1:00 pm

Get your car washed near the Van Ness entrance to support the June high school youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic!

Adult Fellowship Broadcast

May 16, 2022, 1:00 pm

Our May program will feature Ms. Ann Adams, Historian, Tenley Town Historical Society speaking on *Preparing National Presbyterian for Historical Designation in the District of Columbia*. Her presentation will cover efforts to apply for a historical designation for our church. To join us, please visit our [Watch](#) page.

Welcome Conference Guests to NPC; Hear Great Speakers

May 17-19

Volunteers are needed to welcome pastors from around the country to [The Fellowship Community's annual conference](#) at NPC. NPC members can come to hear any or all **speakers for free**, including Tod Bolsinger, Mike Cospser, Cherie Harder, Priscilla Pope-Levison, and Thom Rainer, and the E. Daniels Band. If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Susan O'Banion at sobanion@nationalpres.org.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Children's Check-In

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

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

You are welcome at our **9:55-10:45 am** Adult Sunday School classes! Please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online for the details. All classes are in-person with one online class.

- *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

SERVING AT NATIONAL

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children!

Children's ministry volunteers are needed in all areas: Sunday School teachers and aides, Children's Chapel assistants, Children's song leader, and more! For more information, please contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org.

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

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 [click here](#) or visit our Jobs page online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#).

Thank you to Easter Flower Donors

We are grateful to these additional donors to the Easter flower displays:

- Nora Szeto
- Gerri Hall
- Rich and Susan Harmon Meyers
- Marcia Bini

Special thanks to all the Flower Ministry designers, conditioners, flower "repurposers," and donors whose contributions beautify the church on Easter and throughout the year.

Mask Update

After session review, masks are now optional at all NPC worship services with the exception of the balcony and transept pews. Our goal is to create safe, comfortable worship spaces for all. Masks are also optional at all programs. Masks will continue to be mandatory for all child care staff.

Afghan Refugee Ministry

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

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.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER

Registration Open for VBS

July 11-15, 2022

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. [Click here](#) to register rising 6th-12th graders to volunteer as youth helpers.

Vacation Bible School Leaders Needed

From July 11-15, we will welcome dozens of children into NPC to learn how God loves them. We need help from the whole congregation to make that possible, from snacks, crafts, games, and leading small groups! For more information, contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org.

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 or to register, please [click here](#) or visit our Events page.

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 or 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](#)

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.

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 today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of

Wray Muoio, by her husband Ralph and children Adele, William and Weston.

Prayers

We mourn the deaths of:
DeVier Pierson on April 21.
Bette Schintzel on April 13.

We pray for:
Young Life North DC as they share the gospel with teenagers.

How can we pray for you?
Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,
llarsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537.

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