











Welcome to NATIONAL Presbyterian Church

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

... Christ Jesus is worthy ... for by his blood he ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and ethnic group.

Revelation 5:9

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Dr. Quinn Fox

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Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)

Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Terry Kumnick (Children)

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TODAY AT NATIONAL

Special Adult Sunday School Presentation

Adult Sunday School will meet together in Stone Hall at 9:55-10:45 am for a presentation by Dr. David Renwick titled *Why I Believe: God, Jesus and the Bible*. This class meets in person or online here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87391794908.

Guest Preacher: Dr. Hani Hanna

This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Hani Hanna as our guest preacher during both worship services. Dr. Hanna is President and Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC) in Cairo, Egypt. ETSC has had a long history of connection with NPC, and was recipient of significant funds through the legacy of NPC members John and Dorothy Shaw. We have had several professors from the seminary teach and preach in past years (Atef Gendy, Tharwat Wahba, Darren Kennedy and Anne Zaki).

The Seminary serves many branches of the Protestant community in Egypt, including the growing Presbyterian Church, which is known as the Evangelical Protestant Church (Synod of the Nile).

Dr. Hanna received his PhD in Systematic Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. His faith has been profoundly shaped by his family's experience of suffering, combined with a quest for balance of the life of the mind and the life of the heart.

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 Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@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
- Parent Gathering: Parents of children of all ages are invited to meet each week in Jones Hall in the Education Building.
- Today, Adult Sunday School will meet together in Stone Hall at 9:55-10:45 am or online here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87391794908. See page 10 for our spring classes starting February 6!

11:00 am: Traditional Worship

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8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! By DC mandate, masks are required at all times in our facility, regardless of your vaccination status. Masks should stay on throughout the entire worship service.

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 All Creatures of our God and King William Draper Arr. David Crowder All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam, thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou, rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou, rising moon in praise rejoice! Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless! And worship him in humbleness.

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit--three in One!

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O alleluia, alleluia! (3x)

O alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin in unison

Rev. Donna Marsh

Eternal God, in you we live and move and have our being.

Your face is hidden from us by our sins,

and in the blindness of our hearts we forget your mercy.

Cleanse us from all our offenses.

Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires.

With reverent and humble hearts may we draw near to you,

confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Book of Common Worship

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

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

Nevin Arthur Benjamin

Son of Diana Lynn Peacock and John Robert Benjamin

Prayer of Response

Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.

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Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE Revelation 5:1-14 Elder Peter Hogge

Scripture text on page 7.

Sermon

The Lion and the Lamb: God and Suffering Dr. Hani Hanna Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo, Egypt

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 SOLO

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Chorus: (2x)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave.

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is he worthy of this? *He is.*

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

What A Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

Chorus 1:

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now? *Chorus*: What a wonderful Name it is...

Chorus: What a powerful Name it is...

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hanna

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Dr. Fox

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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Prelude

Adagio in E major

Craig Phillips Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;

Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:

No angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,

But downward bends its burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways

From pole to pole that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:

His reign shall know no end; and round his sacred feet

Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

▲ Prayer of Adoration

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ Congregational Response

Diademata

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;

Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

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Mae Matheson Thomas

Daughter of Erin Hatch Thomas and Benjamin Robert Thomas Prayer of Response

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Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE Revelation 5:1-14 Deacon Paul Waymack

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

'Christ Jesus is worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for he was slain and by his blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and ethnic group; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,

⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our Go and they will reign on earth.'

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice:

'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!' ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!'

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Lion and the Lamb: God and Suffering Dr. Hani Hanna Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo, Egypt

Congregational Response

O quanta qualia

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb; take we the robe and the harp and the palm; Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain, dying in weakness but rising to reign.

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 Blessing and Glory Sergei Rachmaninoff

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be to our God!

I heard a great voice, as of much people, saying in heav'n: Hallelujah!
Blessing, glory, honor, power be unto God!

▲ 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

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hallowed be thy name.

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on earth as it is in heaven.

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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.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ Hymn

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

O Christ, the great foundation, on which your people stand To preach your true salvation in every age and land. Pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth;
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited, by grace we make you known.

Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak, Where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak, There let your church awaking attack the powers of sin And, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.

This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead
Shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation his heav'nly kingdom brings,
The final consummation, the glory of all things.

Orig. Chinese: Timothy T'ingfang Lew

A BENEDICTION Dr. Hanna

▲ CHORAL AMEN Sergei Rachmaninoff

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ Dr. Renwick

▲ POSTLUDE Recessional on Christe Sanctorum David Blackwell

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Tonight, Jan 30

7:00 pm: High school small groups

Friday, Feb 4

RSVP deadline for Feb 11 Great Date Night

Saturday, Feb 5

8:00 am: Men's breakfast

Sunday, Feb 6 - Communion Sunday

• 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship

- 9:55-10-45 am: Sunday School for all ages (Spring Adult Sunday School semester begins)
- 7:00 pm: High school youth group

Congregational Assessment Coming Soon

Can a church get a CAT scan? Yes! Our presbytery requires a standardized, all-congregation survey called the "CAT Scan" (Congregational Assessment Tool) to be completed as part of any senior pastor transition. This survey will be sent to the congregation to help us take a look in the mirror; it will be available beginning at the end of January for three weeks. The results will be shared with you, with the session, and with the Pastor Nominating Committee to inform their work. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Serve Director

We are so excited to welcome a new Serve Director! Starting February 1, please join us in welcoming **Jonathan Edwards** to the NPC family. To read all about him, please click here.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 5, 8:00 am

All men are invited to hear a presentation by Derek Hoffman. To RSVP, please <u>click here</u>.

Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Starts Next Sunday, February 6!

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 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, location TBA

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

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.

<u>Click here</u> or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.

Great Date Night

February 11, 6:00 pm, RSVP February 4

Join other couples from NPC to hear from David and Currie Renwick about some of their life lessons in marriage. Then, enjoy dinner out on the town with some talking points for your date! Children's programs will be provided at church. For all the details and to RSVP by February 4, please click here.

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online February 14 at 1:00 pm

This month, we will feature *National's Flower Ministry – an aspect of Sunday Worship*, with Beverly Tam and Gerri Hall. Their program will give a history of how our Flower Ministry came to be, how the ministry operate, examples of the products, and the production and the meaning of flowers within corporate worship. To join us, please visit our <u>Watch page</u>.

Winter Small Group Mini-Study Starts February 20 RSVP by February 14

Go deeper into relationship and Scripture by joining *Following Christ Toward a Cross-shaped Life*, a 6-week small group discussion based on Sunday's sermons. For more information and to RSVP, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events page online.

Women's Ministry Dessert

The Women's Ministry Dessert has been rescheduled for Friday, March 4. For more information and to RSVP, please <u>click here</u>.

SERVING AT NATIONAL

New This Week

Afghan Refugee Ministry

We are excited to announce that God has been working on 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.

Super Sandwich Sunday is Back! February 13

Before settling in at home for the big game, join other NPC members in making sandwiches for Martha's Table in Stone Hall. Opportunities to help make sandwiches will be available following Sunday school and both worship services. For questions, please contact sobanion@nationalpres.org or kfranke@nationalpres.org.

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 contact Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@nationalpres.org.

Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower 'bud vases' at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry team 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 tkumnick@nationalpres.org for more information or if you'd like to help.

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 jozackgreene@nationalpres.org

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

Join us for in-person worship (and we're always online)!

Ready to come back to church? Please do! Masks are required of all, but there is no pre-registration required, and no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary. For more information, please <u>click here</u> or visit <u>nationalpres.org/return</u>.

Need a Bible?

We have free 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!

Visit Our New Library!

Come by the gorgeous new library for all ages! Visit us on Level 2 of the Main Church, and chat with our new volunteer librarians and Transitional Librarian, Currie Renwick. Questions about the library can be addressed to Currie at npclibrary@nationalpres.org.

Prayers

We pray for:

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church who are experiencing hardship.

We pray for:

Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC) in Cairo, Egypt as they train and equip pastors and leaders in Egypt, the Arab world and communities abroad.

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 Rick and Betty Hawthorne, in memory of their parents who loved flowers and gardening.

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, text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444





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