

March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Who shall deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 7

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
1 Corinthians 15:26

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Rev. Donna Marsh
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Rev. Lisa Larsen

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Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)

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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Leslie Saum (Connections)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, March 20

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 pm: *The Human Crisis in Ukraine and Our Response* in Stone Hall
- 1:45 pm Moldova Prayer, Room 109
- 7:00 pm: High school youth group

Monday, March 21

- 1:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Broadcast

Wednesday, March 23

- 7:00 pm: Lenten Evening Service

Friday, March 25

- 7:00 pm: Club 45
- 7:00 pm: Middle school youth group

Saturday, March 17

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting

Sunday, March 27

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

Ukraine Response - How to Help

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

Special Event Today

12:15 pm in Stone Hall

Please join fellow church members for *The Human Crisis in Ukraine and Our Response*. This presentation will focus on humanitarian needs, the situation of the Church in the region, and how Christians are responding. A light lunch will be served.

In addition:

- Special offering - donate now by [clicking here](#), by putting *Ukraine* on the memo line of a check or scanning this QR code:



All gifts will go to Mission Eurasia, a highly rated Christian charity where NPC members are involved.

- 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; University Divitia Gratiae (UDG) in Moldova is using its main campus to house Ukrainian refugees.

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

Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe of Canaan's side;
Songs of praise, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Almighty God,
the death of your Son has destroyed sin and death,
and his resurrection has restored innocence and everlasting life.

Forgive our many sins, we pray.

Give us strength to trust your grace,
that we may be delivered from the dominion of the devil,
and that our mortal bodies may be raised immortal.

Grant that we may whole-heartedly believe this,
and, with your saints, share in the joyful resurrection of the just;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Martin Luther

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!

▲ 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.
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 or parents may take to nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE Mark 5:21-43 Elder Kim Jensen

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Scripture on page 7.

SERMON The Cross-Shaped Life Dr. Renwick

The Death of Death in the Cross of Christ
 Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

OFFERING SONG Living Hope Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us.
 How high the mountain I could not climb.
 In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.
 Then through the darkness your loving-kindness
 tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
 Who could imagine so great a mercy?
 What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory
 to wear my sin and bear my shame.
*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. (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.

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

In Christ Alone

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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 and 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.

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:

till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied-

for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:

till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our 11:00 am service, 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

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184

Dieterich Buxtehude
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 260 *verses 1 - 3* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 260 verse 4

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Marsh

Almighty God,
the death of your Son has destroyed sin and death,
and his resurrection has restored innocence and everlasting life.
Forgive our many sins, we pray.
Give us strength to trust your grace,
that we may be delivered from the dominion of the devil,
and that our mortal bodies may be raised immortal.
Grant that we may whole-heartedly believe this,
and, with your saints, share in the joyful resurrection of the just;
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Martin Luther

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

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A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW DEACONS

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions

Rev. Donna Marsh and Dr. Renwick

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

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or parents may take to nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:21-43

Elder Rick Hawthorne

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

SERMON

The Cross-Shaped Life
The Death of Death in the Cross of Christ
Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24

Dr. Renwick

CHORAL RESPONSE

Fortunatus New

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide;
Tell abroad the wondrous story of the cross, the Crucified;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, vanquished death the day he died.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love

Paul Christiansen
Southern Folk Hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That caused the Lord of bliss to bear death's dreadful curse!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul,
That Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul! with Sam Scarrow, tenor

▲ 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

Rev. Larsen

Text on page 5.

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Fellowship Broadcast

Monday, March 21 at 1:00 pm

Join us online with our special guest speaker Reverend Lisa A. Larsen, newly appointed Associate Pastor for Care here at National. Lisa will speak about *My Life and Ministry in Christian Service*. As the newest member of staff this event will allow us to get to know her life and work. To join us, please visit our [Watch](#) page.

Family Sunday School Social

March 27, 9:55-10:45 am

Volunteers, parents and children have the opportunity to gather together for food, fellowship, and fun in Jones Hall in the Education Building.

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 27 meeting.

Afghan Refugee Ministry

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

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 [YouTube](#) as well as in the speaker archives on our website.

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 on the tables outside the sanctuary. You may make your donation to NPC by check or online, noting "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Visit Our Library!

Come by the gorgeous library for books 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.

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

- 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

Spring Adult Sunday School Semester 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 [Adult Classes page](#) 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, Room #209
- *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

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 donkey parade!
- Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 pm

Easter Worship

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 nationalpres.org/Easter 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.

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 more information please contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org.

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.

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)
- Youth and Children's Summer Interns

For more information or to apply, please [click here](#) or visit our Jobs page online.

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 jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our [Serve at Church](#) 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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Prayers

We rejoice with:

Angela and Forrest Jones on the birth of their new baby daughter.

We pray for:

Erland Heginbotham

We pray for:

Evangelical Nazarene Marka Church, as they strive to create a community of Jordanian, Syrian and Iraqi refugees who know and serve Jesus Christ.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to
Liz Martin,

lmartin@nationalpres.org

202.537.7540.

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