

May 15, 2022
Eastertide



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

In the beginning -- God.

Genesis 1:1

The heavens declare the glory of God

Psalm 19:1

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

Psalm 14:1

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

EVENTS

Thank you to all who participated in our 2022 Great Day of Service yesterday!

Third Grade Milestone

Today, 8:45 am Service

We welcome the third graders who are celebrating their milestone in worship. They have completed a study of the Bible and will receive their own Bibles as a gift from the church. The Milestones in Worship program teaches key parts of the reformed tradition liturgy to help children become lifelong worshippers of our risen Lord!

Congregational Meeting Today, Noon

A Congregational Meeting has been called for today at noon to receive the Annual Report. The agenda has no motions, but will include brief reviews and reports of the following:

- 2021 Annual Report – ([Click here](#) to view it online.)
- National Presbyterian Church Corporation
- Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)
- Capital Project
- Capital Campaign

Car Wash Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip

Today, 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

Tomorrow, May 16, 1:00 pm

Our May program will feature Andi Adams, Historian, Tenley Town Historical Society speaking on *National Presbyterian Church, DC Landmark, National Register Historic District, and How They Happened*. 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 Cosper, 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.

Mission Lunch & Learn

Sunday, May 22 at 12:15 pm

Our next Lunch & Learn features Foundation for Peace. Join us at 12:15 pm in the Garden Rooms for a delicious lunch and presentation of FFP's work in health, education and community initiatives in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Kenya. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, May 29, 12:15 pm

All are invited! In coordination with Memorial Day, there will be a meeting of the Military Ministry after the 11:00 am service on May 29 in the Garden Rooms, in person and online. Our speaker will be Phyllis Wilson, CW5, USA (Ret), President of the Military Women's Memorial here in DC. Lunch will be served. [Click here](#) to join online.

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 Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG How Great Thou Art *O Store Gud*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee.

How great thou art. How great thou art! (repeat)

And when I think that God his Son not sparing
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin. **Chorus**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. **Chorus**
How great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

Help us, merciful Lord, to see ourselves as you see us,
then in repentance, to cast ourselves in trust upon your love.

Speak to us your word of forgiveness and pardon,
for our trust is not in any virtue or wisdom of our own,
but only in the mercy and love of God,
shown most clearly to us in the person and work of your Son,
our only Lord and Savior.

William Temple

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.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending;
ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus**

Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord I'll worship your holy name.

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

Rev. Marsh

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

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins,
they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.

His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. **Chorus** (2x)

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

▲ 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 All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 662 J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 455 *verses 1, 2 & 4* All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 455, verse 6

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.

O sing ye! *Alleluia!*

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ 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 Dr. 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

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

Psalm 10

Deacon Kathy Arveson

Please read responsively

Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor:
let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.**

For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart,
those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

**In the pride of their countenance the wicked say,
"God will not seek it out"; all their thoughts are, "There is no God."**

Their ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of their sight;
as for their foes, they scoff at them.

**They think in their heart, "We shall not be moved;
throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity."**

Their mouths are filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;
under their tongues are mischief and iniquity.

**They sit in ambush in the villages; in hiding places they murder the innocent.
Their eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;**

they lurk in secret like a lion in its covert;
they lurk that they may seize the poor;
they seize the poor and drag them off in their net.

They stoop, they crouch, and the helpless fall by their might.

**They think in their heart, "God has forgotten,
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."**

Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.

**Why do the wicked renounce God,
and say in their hearts, "You will not call us to account"?**

But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands;
**the helpless commit themselves to you;
you have been the helper of the orphan.**

Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers; seek out their wickedness until you find none.

The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations shall perish from his land.

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek.

**You will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear
to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.**

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

SERMON

Contours of Faith
Believing in God: Are You There?
Genesis 1; Psalm 19

Dr. Renwick

RESPONSE

Sursum corda

Choir

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too deep to understand.

Congregation

If I should take my flight onto the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.

Ian Pitt-Watson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

*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

Ludwig van Beethoven

The heav'ns declare the glory of God, resounding thus his praise forth tell.
The earth bears his praises, extol him the seas. Take heed, and hear their clarion call.
Who bears th' innumerable stars in the heavens?
Who leads the sun forth from its tent?
In radiant glory, majestic in splendor, God rules the heav'ns and firmament.
The earth is his, and all that is in it, the world and all that dwell therein;
For he has established its ancient foundations upon the oceans and the seas.
God reigns, eternally robed in praises, with righteousness and sure decree.
He sits in heaven, enthroned in splendor, the mighty King of glory he.

Based on Psalms 19 and 24

▲ 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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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 467 *verses 1, 3 & 4*

How Great Thou Art

O Store Gud

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

Members are encouraged to remain
in the sanctuary for the
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

▲ POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, Sunday, May 15

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:45 am-1:00 pm: Car wash fundraiser for youth mission trip
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 12:00 pm: Congregational meeting immediately following 11:00 am worship
- 1:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109
- 7:00 pm: High school small groups

Monday, May 16

- 1:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Broadcast

Tuesday, May 17

- 4:00 pm: The Fellowship Conference

Wednesday, May 18

- The Fellowship Conference

Thursday, May 19

- The Fellowship Conference

Friday, May 20

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

Saturday, May 21

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer

Sunday, May 22

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 pm: Mission Lunch & Learn
- 7:00 pm: High school small groups

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.

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](#).

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.

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.

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.

Help Welcome Our Guests!

Join the NPC Welcome Team! Greeters, Ushers and Connections hosts make our Sundays especially welcoming. Behind-the-scenes options are also available. Please [click here](#) or contact Leslie Saum at lsaum@nationalpres.org.

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.

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 guest-book.
- [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 loving memory of Edmund E. Pendleton, Jr. by his family.

Prayers

We grieve with:

The Atchison family on the passing of Ralph Atchison.

We celebrate with:

Joe and Megan Schmoll on the birth of their new baby girl.

We pray for:

Habitat DC, as they work to provide homes for those experiencing homelessness.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,
llarsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537.

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