

April 24, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Jesus said to them,
"Come and have breakfast."*

John 21:12a

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

Milestone in Worship

This morning at the 8:45 am service, we welcome our 1st and 2nd graders. They will be leading us in the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed as part of the Children's Ministry Milestones in Worship program. This program teaches children the key pieces of liturgy in the reformed tradition so they may become lifelong worshippers of our Risen Lord.

Prayers for Ukraine

Wednesday, April 27, 12:00 pm

Please join us to harness the power of corporate prayer for Ukraine! We will continue to pray every two weeks at noon. Come for the full 30 minutes or drop in as you can to pray aloud or silently. Please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/ukraine to read more about how NPC is helping and for the Zoom link.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, Sunday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 27

- 12:00 pm: Prayers for Ukraine

Saturday, April 30

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

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

Great Day of Service, May 14

NPC's Great Day of Service is back and in-person! Join us for a day we all come together to make a difference, locally and across the world. There are service opportunities for all ages on campus and several off-site projects in the city for teens and adults. Please [click here](#) to sign up change lives. Bring your friends and neighbors!

The Fellowship Community's Annual Conference comes to NPC! May 17-19

About 200 pastors and church leaders from across the country will gather at NPC for [The Fellowship Community's annual conference](#). You are invited to attend and volunteers are needed to welcome our guests! Our exciting speakers include Mike Cosper, producer of the hit podcast *The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill*; Thom Rainer, author of *The Post-Quarantine Church*; Cherie Harder of The Trinity Forum; Tod Bolsinger, author of *Canoeing the Mountains and Tempered Resilience*; and Priscilla Pope-Levison author of *Models of Evangelism*; and cutting edge worship leadership by the E. Daniels Band of Philadelphia.

All NPC members are invited and you have a choice for how to attend:

- Listen to speakers only: If you would like listen to our great speakers, no registration is required and this is free. Just pick any or all of the speaker sessions and attend.
- Attend the full conference, including all activities and meals: If you would like to attend the full conference, please read more and [register here](#).

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please contact Susan O'Banion at sobanion@nationalpres.org.

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 Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed Keith and Kristyn Getty

How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
to conquer every sting of death; Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes;
Alive he stands their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen.

Chorus

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed.

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed;
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah!

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace;
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. *Chorus*

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;
He frees our hearts to live his grace; Go tell of his goodness. *Chorus* (2x)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Lisa Larsen

Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead and alive forevermore.

Stand in our midst today as in the upper room.

Show us your hands and your side,
speak peace to our hearts and minds.

Forgive our many sins.

Still our fears.

Empower us as your witnesses in the world.

All this we ask to the glory of your holy name.

John R.W. Stott

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

Led by our 2nd Graders as their Milestone in Worship

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

Jag Gerard Gerken

Son of Aliscia De'Angelia Gerken and Brandon Gerard Gerken

Prayer of Response

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or parents may take them to the nursery.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-12a

Deacon Nyla Beth Gawel

Scripture on page 7.

SERMON

Running on Empty

Rev. Marsh

John 21:12b-19

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

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

Chorus

Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives! Amen, amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! **Chorus**

Because he lives I can face tomorrow!

Because he lives every fear is gone.

I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. *Chorus* (2x)

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

Dr. Fox

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by our 1st Graders as their Milestone in Worship

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

Shout Hosanna

Kristian Stanfill

To the King of glory and light, all praises. To the only Giver of life, our Maker.

The gates are open wide; we worship you. Come see what love has done, amazing.
He bought us with his blood, our Savior. The cross has overcome; we worship you.

Chorus

Shout hosanna, Jesus, he saves!

Shout hosanna, he rose from the grave!

Come and lift him up, hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven. Death could not hold him down; he's risen.

So let the saints cry out, we worship you. We worship you! *Chorus*

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today.

King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name. (2x)

Chorus (2x)

Come and lift him up hosanna!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE For God Alone My Soul Waits in Silence Raymond H. Haan
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 108 *verses 1-4* Christ Is Alive! *Truro*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 108, verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-12a

Deacon Kristy Chikes

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

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

SERMON

Running on Empty
John 21:12b-19

Rev. Marsh

CHORAL RESPONSE

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer we make on bended knee.
This is our earnest plea: More love, O Christ to thee!
More love to thee, more love to thee!

More Love to Thee

Elizabeth Prentiss

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture as their shepherd guards them well.

By still waters ere he feeds them, to the fold he gently leads them,
where securely they may dwell.

▲ 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

Dr. Fox

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;

Day by day his voice invites us, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As the first disciples heard it by the Galilean lake,

Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of grief or hours of ease,

Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian love me more than these."

Midst our fears or dark confusion, failures grim or trials deep,

Jesus girds us for his service, "If you love me, feed my sheep."

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, help us heed your call;

Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

G. F. Handel

Todd Fickley, organ

THANK YOU!

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the Easter flowers:

- Linda Smith, in memory of her father
- Elizabeth Bartholomew, in honor of her mother Barbara Bartholomew and her Aunt Barbara Reed
- Kristin Green
- Joyce Yoder and Michael Yoder, in loving memory of their son/brother
- Clyde Taylor
- Cynthia Glinstra, in loving memory of Mom and Dad
- Virginia Beeson, in honor of Mom and Dad
- Margaret Wright, in memory of her husband and family
- Janet St. Amand, in memory of her parents
- Elizabeth King, in memory of Robert W. King
- Larry Favreau, in honor of Dr. Alan and Lauren Kim
- Norlie Lin, in honor of Peter and Linda Lin
- Jane Crumpler, in memory of their fathers, J. Crumpler and C. Kiser
- Kay Diane Bowles, in memory of John L Bowles, husband, and Katherine F. Clammer, mother
- Joyce Adam-Smith, in memory of Louise and Lawson McKenzie and friends
- Martina Lydon
- Gloria Borden for the Borden Family, in memory of CDR Edward L. Borden, USN
- Sally Kaplan, in memory of Herb Kaplan and in honor of their NPC friends
- Judge Lydia Griggsby, in memory of Elder Mary Kate Raynor Griggsby, her mother
- Karen Kerlin
- Ally Milam, in memory of her husband James Milam
- Laurie Brunner, in loving memory of Eleanor and Adolph Keyser
- A gift of Easter lilies was given by Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home wishing their friends at NPC a blessed Easter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 am

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC at 8:00 am 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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 12:00 pm

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday May 15, 2022, at noon. More information to follow.

Car Wash Fundraiser

for Youth Mission Trip

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

Get your car washed at the circle driveway to support the June high school youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic!

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](#).

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.

Faith in a Time of Plague

Now on YouTube

Catch up or share with your friends! Dr. Quinn Fox's series *Faith in a Time of Plague* is now on [YouTube](#) as well as in the speaker archives on our website.

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 adult programs. Our Family Ministry will provide further direction on mask requirements for children's and youth 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.

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 are given to the glory of God by Derek Hoffmann and Tamara Shaya Hoffmann to celebrate the baptism of their daughter Eliana Zehra Hoffmann.

Prayers

We pray for:
DeVier Pierson

We mourn the death of:
Bette Schnitzel on April 13, 2022.

We pray for:
University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they educate Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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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