

May 22, 2022
Eastertide



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*God proves his love for us in this –
that while we were still sinners
Christ died for us.*

Romans 6:8

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
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Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Lisa Larsen
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Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)
Ministry Directors Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

EVENTS

Fifth Grade Milestone

Today, 11:00 am Service

Today, during the 11:00 am service, we welcome the fifth graders who are celebrating their milestone in worship as they lead us in the *confession of sin*. The Milestones in Worship program teaches key parts of the liturgy in the reformed tradition to help children become lifelong worshippers of our risen Lord!

Mission Lunch & Learn

Today, 12:15 pm

Today's 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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, 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

Saturday, May 28

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer

Sunday, May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- No Sunday School classes (Children and youth Sunday School will resume June 5. Adult Summer Speaker Series starts June 5.)
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry meeting
- No high school small groups

Monday, May 30

- The NPC campus will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day

A GREAT DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful to everyone who showed up with enthusiasm, pitched in with our church community, and helped to serve others in our Great Day of Service. We packed 17,500 meal kits for international famine zones with Rise Against Hunger, and collected 100 boxes of non-perishable food for the hungry in our city. You made a difference!

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 May the Peoples Praise You Getty and Townend

You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

Chorus

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life. **Chorus(2x)**

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

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength,
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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 them to the nursery.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2

Jennifer White

⁴God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

SERMON

Contours of Faith

Dr. Renwick

Believing in God: Are You *FOR ME?*

Psalm 8

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

OFFERING SONG

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free!

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me!

And like a flood, his mercy reigns unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. **Chorus** (2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again, increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit, come invade us now! We are your church. We need your power in us.

We seek your kingdom first.

We hunger and we thirst, refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are your church.

We pray: revive this earth.

Chorus

Build your kingdom here! Let the darkness fear!

Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are your church. We are the hope on earth. *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE

Peace

Dan Locklair
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 416 *verses 1-3* Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 416, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Larsen

Led by our 5th Graders: Please join them in unison.

5th Grade Milestone in Worship

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength,
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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Larsen

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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

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he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

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Elder Nancy Pihon

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Psalm 8

CHORAL RESPONSE

This Is God's House

Anton Bruckner

This is God's house, a temple he has made.

Locus iste

This is God's house, a temple God the Lord has made,

With Christ the cornerstone and firm foundation, worthy of his glorious name.

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CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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OFFERTORY

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies, and see the work of your fingers—the moon and stars suspended in space—O what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given us a crown of glory and honor, and have made us a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man, O what is man, that you are mindful of him? O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

from Psalm 8

with Eric Sabatino, harp

- ▲ 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

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 367 *verses 1, 3 & 4* Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

- ▲ CHORAL ALLELUIA Tom Fettke

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ POSTLUDE Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams
Todd Fickley, organ

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Adult Sunday School

- Today, May 22, our spring adult Sunday School semester wraps up.
- Next Sunday, May 29 we take a break from Sunday School for Memorial Day weekend.

Adult Summer Speaker Series

Starts June 5, 9:45-10:45 am

Stone Hall and [Online](#)

This summer, we will be offering a different speaker each Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am in Stone Hall and online. Please [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes page for more information and the Zoom link.

- **June 5: Margaret and David Gardner**
First in our Adult Summer Speaker Series is *Faith and Business: How to Navigate the Marketplace as Disciples*: How do Christians approach business and investing? How can the church influence the marketplace for good? Pastor David Renwick will interview NPC members Margaret and David Gardner about the potential for the church to engage movements such as Conscious Capitalism that strive to create an ethics of mutuality to transform communities and create financial opportunity for all.
- **June 12: TBA**
- **June 19: Dr. Vince Bacote**
Dr. Bacote, Professor of Theology, Wheaton College presents *Political Discipleship*.

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

July 11-15, we'll welcome dozens of children into NPC to learn how God loves them. We need your help to make that possible, from snacks, crafts, games, and leading small groups! For more information, contact 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.

Summer of Serving is Coming - Starting June 19!

This summer, we invite you to serve together with us! This will be:

- June 19-August 28
- Every Sunday after each worship service at 9:45 am and noon

We will gather in the Garden rooms for a different service project focus each week. There will be snacks, friends both old and new, and plenty of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry. Please [click here](#) to read more about our weekly activities and sign up to help.

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

Our Adult Sunday School spring session concludes today. 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

Men's Breakfast

June 4, 8:00 am

Men are invited for breakfast, fellowship and to hear our speaker, Gregg Gochnour with *Ruts and Piles – What's Your Life Landscape Look Like?* This will be a humorous but practical look at what the Scriptures say about priorities and opportunities to streamline our often cluttered lives. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information and [click here](#) to submit recommendations.

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](#).

2021 Annual Report Available Online

Read all about how God has been working in and through National. Please [click here](#) to view it online or pick one up in the Welcome Center.

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.

Afghan Refugee Ministry

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 in loving memory of Cornelis Huijssoon by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25th birthday.

Prayers

We pray for:

Healing and recovery to our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods, California.

We pray for:

Foundation For Peace as they forge connections between the US and materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Kenya.

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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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 or scan the QR code below:



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