











### July 3, 2022 Communion Sunday

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.

Mark 12:17

As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

1 Peter 2:16-17

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)

#### NPC EVENTS

#### Communion

Today, July 3, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please click here to read the guidelines for preparation.

# **Summer of Serving - Garden Rooms Today at 9:45 am and Noon**

- Note Today: Holiday Fellowship Only! Come to the Garden Rooms for snacks and fellowship after each service and grab a shopping list for donations!
- Next Sunday, July 10: Martha's Table At 9:45 and noon we'll be making trail mix in the Garden Rooms for the hungry in Anacostia. Then at noon, we'll assemble sandwiches in Stone Hall for Martha's Table to deliver to the homeless in DC.

Each Week we invite you to serve together with us for a different service project focus each week! There will be snacks and a variety of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry. Please click here to read about our weekly activities and sign up to donate supplies.

If you'd like to donate supplies, you may bring them anytime and place them in the collection bins around the church.

#### Adult Summer Speaker Series Sundays at 9:45 am Stone Hall and Online

- Today, July 3: Dr. Ronald White, Abraham Lincoln's Wisdom for Today's Complex World
- Next Sunday, July 10: Dr. John Burgess, How Is God at Work in the War Against Ukraine?

Please see page 9 in this bulletin for a full list of our speakers and topics.

# 11:00 am Summer Choir Begins Today! We would love to have YOU join us! Note: Rehearsals at 10:00 am on Sundays only. For more information contact Dr. Michael Denham at 202.537.7490 or mdenham@nationalpres.org.

#### Men's Breakfast July 9, 8:00 am

Dr. Quinn Fox, our Associate Pastor for Discipleship will lead us in a conversation about what the New Testament says about living lives as disciples of Jesus. The topic will be *The Goal of the Christian Life*: What is the point of being a follower of Jesus Christ? Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of every month. Please email Kristi Teems at <a href="mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org">kteems@nationalpres.org</a> for more information.

# Nationals Game Night 7:00 pm, July 29

All youth, children, and parents are invited to join other NPC families for a night at Nats Park on July 29. RSVP <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> or on our events page by July 15 to join our group seating block!

#### 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 Kevin Rose, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

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A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

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Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Almighty God, your ancient prophets proclaimed that all nations

will one day acknowledge you and bow before you.

Yet we remain calloused to the truth and power of your word.

Forgive the hardness of our sinful hearts.

In mercy and grace, strengthen us to obey and follow you until that day when justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

#### 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. Younger children may remain with their parents (worship bags available) or parents may take them to the nursery.

#### Welcome and Announcements

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Contours of Faith:

Dr. Renwick

Serving as Citizens in Power and out of Power Jeremiah 29: 4-12; Micah 6:8; Romans 13:1-8

#### 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.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Meditation Freedom Brett Younker and Kristian Stanfill Step out of the shadows, step out of the grave. Break into the wild and don't be afraid.

#### Pre-Chorus

Run into wide open spaces; grace is waiting for you. Dance like the weight has been lifted; grace is waiting.

#### Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom, there is freedom. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom, there is freedom. Come out of the dark, just as you are, into the fullness of his love. For the Spirit is here; let there be freedom. Let there be freedom!

Bring all of your burdens; bring all of your scars.

Come back to communion, come back to the start. Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Chains will fall, prisons shake at the sound of Jesus' name.

Lives made whole, hearts awake at the sound of Jesus'name. Chorus

#### Prayer of Response and 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.

#### ▲ CLOSING SONG Min

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Battle Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;

His truth is marching on.

#### Refrain

Glory, glory. hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgment seat.

O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!

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#### ▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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#### ▲ Sending

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

Todd Fickley, organ, and Adam Green, timpani

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 262 verses 1-3 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 262, verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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Gloria Patri

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Seek the Peace

Seek the peace of the city; make this land your home.

I have set you here to prosper; make this land your home.

Seek the peace of the city; find me in this place.

I have brought you here to know me; find me in this place.

Based on Jeremiah 29:7

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O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

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#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

#### This Is My Song

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.

As he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,

While God is marching on. Refrain

#### ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

#### ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Finlandia

O hear our prayer, O God of all the nations, ourselves we give thee; let thy will be done.

#### ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

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The Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

# SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

#### Worship Schedule

Our worship services are both in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our <u>Watch</u> page.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

#### **Nursery & Toddler Rooms**

**8:45 am-noon:** Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years will be available throughout the morning.

#### Children, Youth, Families and Adults Summer Schedule

- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
- 9:45 am & noon: Summer of Serving (in place of Children & Youth Sunday School)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group, 6-12th grades

#### ADULT SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

#### Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am Stone Hall and Online

This summer, we are offering a different speaker each Sunday, 9:55-10:45 am in Stone Hall and online. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Adult Classes page for more information and the Zoom link. Here's our upcoming speaker schedule:

- Today, July 3: Dr. Ronald White, Abraham Lincoln's Wisdom for Today's Complex World
- **July 10:** Dr. John Burgess, How Is God at Work in the War Against Ukraine?
- **July 17:** Dr. Susan J. Dunlap, Shelter Theology: The Religious Lives of People Without Homes
- July 24: Dr. Daniel Carroll, The Bible and Immigration
- **July 31:** Dr. Tracy McKenzie, We the Fallen People: The Founders and the Future of American Democracy
- **August 7:** Dr. Tremper Longman, *Proverbs: Developing Wisdom to Live in a Complicated World*
- August 14: Dr. David Renwick, No Regrets: 45 Years a Pastor
- **August 21:** Dr. David Renwick, *Ask the Pastor*
- **August 28:** Kristin Franke, Summer of Mission, Service, Vacation Bible School and More!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Session Update, June 2022

At its June 27 meeting, Session:

- Received a report on the search for a Transitional Senior Pastor. [While the Pastor Nominating Committee's work is progressing well, it is clear that a transitional pastor – formerly known as an "interim" – will be needed following Dr. Renwick's retirement on September 11.]
- 2. The elders reviewed the contents of its June 3-5 retreat with church consultant Susan Beaumont, concluding that her instruction on transition or "liminality" was very helpful. Session recommends to the congregation Susan Beaumont's book *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season.*
- 3. Updated the Session Reference Manual (previously known as the Session Policies Manual). This document summarizes the responsibilities of Session required by the PCUSA Constitution, and includes present practices of Session with regard to the operation of councils and staff.
- 4. Agreed to devote time in its next meeting to issues of campus security and coordination with the National Presbyterian School.

#### **NPC Hearing Assistance Devices**

NPC has a great system for hearing assistance in any location in the sanctuary. Small packs are available when you arrive, and link directly to our sound system. They can be found in the racks just outside of the Sanctuary, along with instructions for use. But please check your jacket pockets as some of our packs may have found a home in a jacket pocket that hasn't been in use since Covid began! If you find one (looks like a small transistor radio) please call 202.537.0800 or return it to the church.

#### This Coming Week at a Glance

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

#### Today, July 3

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship with Communion
- 9:45 am: Summer of Serving Fellowship
- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
- 12:00 pm: Summer of Serving Fellowship

#### Monday, July 4

 NPC offices closed for Independence Day holiday

#### Tuesday, July 5

Youth Park Night

#### Saturday, July 9

• 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

#### Sunday, July 10

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer of Serving
- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series
- 12:00 pm: Summer of Serving -2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: College Bible Study
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

#### 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 and for them every step of the way. You can check their webpage by clicking here.

# KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### Vacation Bible School Supplies Needed

July 11-15, we'll welcome nearly a hundred children to NPC to learn how God loves them. Help supply the kids with all that is needed to run VBS! <u>Click here</u> to sign up!

#### Middle School Camp

NPC's 6th-8th graders will be at *On the Edge* from July 17-21, 2022. Please pray for the students attending to grow in fellowship and faith in Christ as they experience God's creation!

#### **Family Camp**

NPC Families are joining together for a weekend at Camp Ligonier July 20-24, 2022. Please pray for safe travels, fellowship, and growth in faith for those attending!

#### Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Wednesdays at 4:00 pm July 20-August 17

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Please join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact <a href="mailto:npkids@nationalpres.org">npkids@nationalpres.org</a> for more information.

#### Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- <u>Click here</u> 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.

# SERVING AT NATIONAL

#### **Job Opportunities**

- Worship & Music Administrative Specialist (Full time)
- 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Jobs page online.

#### Join Our Welcome Team!

We need many smiling faces to greet, usher and connect with folks on Sundays. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Serve at Church page and sign up today! You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at <u>LSaum@nationalpres.org</u>, 202.537.7494.

# 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:

- <u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook.
- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
  <u>Facebook</u> | <u>Instagram</u> | <u>YouTube</u>

#### **Prayers**

We mourn the death of: Charlie Lewis on June 29.

#### We pray for:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush in their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### How may we pray for you?

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

# 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. *You can...Support the general ministry of National* 

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- text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or
- scan the OR code below:



#### Support the Capital Campaign

- Click here to give a one-time gift.
- Click <u>here</u> like to setup a recurring gift through the end of the campaign (12/31/2023).

Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine at <a href="mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org">lskrine@nationalpres.org</a> or call 202.537.7484.

#### **Today's Flowers**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the July birthday of Senator Elizabeth Dole and the memory of Senator Bob Dole and their lives and legacies of public service.



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