











February 5, 2023

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22b

Transitional Senior Pastor	Rev. Allan Poole	
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)	
	Jill Meek (Children)	
	Leslie Saum (Connections)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion

Today, February 5, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please <u>click here</u> to read the guidelines for preparation.

4th Grade Milestone: Communion

This Communion Sunday is also 4th Grade Milestone Sunday. As a part of Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a "Milestone in Worship," an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith. Our 4th graders have spent the past few Sundays learning about the Sacrament of Communion, and may come forward to receive Communion with their families in worship today.

Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Begins Today

Please read our full class descriptions on page 11.

Great Date Night Returns! Friday, February 10, 6:00 pm RSVP for Childcare by February 6

First, we'll meet in the Garden Rooms to hear a short talk from Gregg and Lynne Gochnour as they share some of their life lessons from nearly 45 years of marriage. Then, enjoy dinner out on the town! For more information and to RSVP, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events page online.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making February 12 after 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

Youth Football Watch Party Sunday, February 12, 6:30 pm - halftime

You know which game we're talking about! Bring your favorite football dish to share, and contact Kyle Putnam at <u>kputnam@nationalpres.org</u> for the location at an NPC family's home.

Children, Youth & Family Sunday of Serving Sunday, February 19, 9:55 am

Families, children and youth are invited to serve together! There will be no children's or youth Sunday School and no Parent Gathering. Instead, we'll meet in Stone Fellowship Hall to make trail mix bags for hungry folks at Martha's Table.

Military Ministry Meeting Sunday, February 19, 12:15 pm Garden Rooms B & C

Our speaker will be Lt. Taylor Burgart, a Navy pilot and son of Elder Dennis Burgart. He will join us by Zoom to speak about his military experience and share thoughts about current challenges in the military. Lunch will be included. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us by Zoom, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage for the link.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ Opening Son	G
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At the Cross

Chris Tomlin

Rev. Donna Marsh

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.

There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus:

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life! I'm in awe of you. I'm in awe of you! Where your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.

Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus

Here, my hope is found. Here, on holy ground.

Here, I bow down! Here, I bow down!

Here, arms open wide. Here, you saved my life! Here, I bow down! Here I bow! *Chorus*

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Almighty God, our Judge and Savior,

set before us a vision of your purity,

and let us see our sins in the light of your holiness.

Forgive our self-contentment, disobedience and pride, O Lord.

Let your love consume all that hinders us from pleasing and serving you.

As your holiness is our judgment, so are Christ's wounds our salvation.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

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

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. Nettleton

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A Time for Children of All Ages

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon		Rev. Lisa Larsen
Children re	eturn to join their parents in the sanctuary	у.
The Sacrament of Com	MUNION	Dr. Quinn Fox
Invitation to the Table		
Words of Institution and	Distribution	
Music Meditation	Ancient Words	Lynn DeShazo
Prayer of Thanksgiving		

Rev. Marsh

Joy Eckert

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

	Offering Song	Thy Word	Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith
	Chorus: Thy Word is a la	amp unto my feet, and a light ı	unto my path. (2x)
	When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me		
Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.			
		ne to the end. <i>Chorus</i>	
	I will not forget, your lo	ve for me and yet, my heart fo	rever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side. I will love you to the end. <i>Chorus</i>			e e
	PASTORAL PRAYER AND	The Lord's Prayer	Dr. Fox
	Our Father, who art in h	neaven, hallowed be thy name.	
	Thy kingdom come, t	hy will be done, on earth as it	is in heaven.
	•	ly bread, and forgive us our de temptation, but deliver us from	bts, as we forgive our debtors. n evil.
		n and the power and the glory	
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•	CLOSING SONG	Freedom	Brett Younker and Kristian Stanfill
	Step out of the shadows,		
	Break into the wild an		
	1 1	ces; grace is waiting for you.	
	e	t has been lifted; grace is waiti	e
	-	t of the Lord is there is freedon	
		e Lord is there is freedom, ther	•
		rk, just as you are, into the full	
		here; let there be freedom. Let t	there be freedom!
		s; bring all of your scars.	
		union, come back to the start.	
		ces; grace is waiting for you.	
		t has been lifted; grace is waiti	
		shake at the sound of Jesus' na	
	Lives made whole, he	arts awake at the sound of Jes	us' name. <i>Chorus</i>
▲	Benediction and Passi	ING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	Rev. Larsen

▲ Sending

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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	Prelude	Pastorale, Op. 19	César Franck
			John Varcoe, Organ
	Chimes		
	Call to Worship		Rev. Donna Marsh
•	Hymn 263 verses 1-3	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	St. Denio
•	Prayer of Adoratio	ON	
	thine angels adore All praise we w	ESPONSE ry, thou rulest in light; e thee, all veiling their sight; yould render; O help us to see splendor of light hideth thee!	Hymn 263, verse 4
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Sermon

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Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;

To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;

We drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Bernard of Clairvaux

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

Rev. Marsh

Quebec

 THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
 Dr. Quinn Fox

 Invitation to the Table
 Words of Institution and Distribution

 Music Meditation
 Savior, Source of Every Blessing
 W. A. Mozart

 Savior, source of every blessing, sent from God and of the Virgin born,
 Truly thou hast suffered greatly, once broken on the cross for man.

 Thou the crucified, from whose piercèd side freely water and blood did flow.
 Savior, thou hast become the firstfruits of all who belong to God.

 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Ave verum corpus, K. 618

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OFFERTORY O Holy Father, I will be a ch For well I know thy hand	I Will Be a Child of Peace ild of peace and purity, will bless the seeker after righteous	Elaine Hagenberg Shaker Hymn ness.	
Thy kingdom come, th Give us this day our daily And lead us not into te	HE LORD'S PRAYER aven, hallowed be thy name. y will be done, on earth as it is in bread, and forgive us our debts, emptation, but deliver us from ev and the power and the glory, for	as we forgive our debtors. il.	
 HYMN Celebrate with Joy and Singing Hymn to Joy Celebrate with joy and singing, Alleluia be our song. Jesus Christ is risn'n to save us, praises e'er to him belong. Through great love has come the vict'ry; life, not death, can be our claim. Let us now declare Christ's greatness, spread good news, proclaim Christ's name. Honor, glory, praise, thanksgiving give we now to God above. With the cross and grave Christ bought us; let us now return that love. By our lives of dedication, as we teach and testify, Let us show Christ's love around us, may it grow and purify. Worship now with hearts of gladness: Jesus Christ, the Holy One, Since his day of resurrection, for the world new life has won. Let us bless and praise the Savior, trust his acts, believe God's Word. Our salvation has been purchased by our loving, reigning Lord. 			
Benediction		Rev. Larsen	
Choral Amen			
Passing the Peace of C	HRIST	Dr. Fox	
Postlude	Carillon	Herbert Murrill Todd Fickley, Organ	

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This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see the Events page on our website.

Sunday, February 5

- **Communion Sunday**
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School
- 9:55 am: Kick-off of Adult Sunday School spring semester
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Friday, February 10

6:00 pm: Great Date Night

Sunday, February 12

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School • for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday • Sandwich Making
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group football watch party

Weekly on-campus Small Groups welcome new members!

Are you looking for a place to grow spiritually in community? NPC's regular in-person Bible studies during the week include:

- Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Young adults
- Thursdays, 12:00 pm: Older adults Lunch Bunch

Saturdays, 8:30 am: Bible study If you are interested in visiting any of these, please click here or visit our Small Groups webpage to get connected.

Plan now to join a mission trip in July!

Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip? We will serve alongside our partner, Foundation for Peace in the Dominican Republic, July 8-14. For more information or questions, please email Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7505.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

GriefShare is a 13-week video and small group Christian based program for those who are grieving a loved one. The material focuses on practical tools for healing. Please visit www.griefshare.org for more information or to find a location currently offering this ministry. Contact the Care Office at careoffice@nationalpres. org or call 202.537.7540 if you have questions or need prayer. He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7b

Living & Giving Generously in God's World: The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving can help!

Are you thinking about philanthropic strategies for planned giving? The NPC Fund is here to help you design or implement a Donor-Advised Fund or Charitable Trust structure to meet your giving goals. Please email npcfund@nationalpres.org or contact Rick Hawthorne at 301.452.8269 or Jonathan Dickey at 443.722.4840 for more information. You may also <u>click here</u> to visit our Giving webpage.

VBS Registration is open!

Join us June 26-30 for Stellar VBS: Shining Jesus' Light. We'll have fun with friends and explore God's Word through games, crafts, music, and more! VBS is open to kids aged 4 years - rising 5th graders. We also need adult volunteers to lead crews of campers or activity stations. Campers and volunteers can sign up online or contact Jill Meek at jmeek@nationalpres.org.

LENTEN SEASON ACTIVITIES

Ash Wednesday Worship Services February 22 7:30 am in the Chapel

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary & <u>online</u>

Join us for this special Communion service, marking the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth leading up to Easter.

6-Week Lenten Small Groups Starting the Week of February 22

Interested in going deeper? Please join us for the six-week small group discussion of *Whose Way*?, NPC's Lenten study of C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*. The study will align with our *Dinner*, *Drama*, *Discussion* Wednesday evening events. Small groups will run February 22-March 31. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage to register by Friday, February 17, so you can be placed in a group.

Dinner, Drama, Discussion Wednesday Nights in March, 7:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall & online

You won't want to miss this exciting and creative experience! Deepen your faith and connection with others while exploring C.S. Lewis's classic *The Great Divorce*.

- 6:00 pm: Simple supper pre-registration for dinner coming soon.
- 6:30 pm: Readers theatre, in which our readers will bring the text to life!
- 7:00 pm: Large group conversation, sharing insights, and reflecting on the themes of the book and its relevance to our lives today.

Can't join us in person? Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage for the Zoom link.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sundays at National

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our Watch page.

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
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Youth Sunday School

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Youth page</u> online for more information about Sunday School and other youth events. Youth grades 6-12, please come to the Multipurpose Building for Sunday School. We'll meet there briefly then split to smaller groups by age.

Children's Sunday School

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Children's page</u> online to read about our Children's Ministry.

- The Nursery rooms are available for all infants to walkers, up to age 4, 8:30 am-noon, including during the Sunday School hour.
- Children ages 2-3 years have their Sunday school program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Classes for age 4 through 5th grade are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Spring semester is February 5-May 21, with the exception of April 9, Easter.

Confessing and Believing: The Apostles' Creed as Challenge and Gift for Faithful Daily Living Teacher: Dr. Quinn Fox Location: Chapel and online Zoom: click here or visit our Classes page We say the Apostle's Creed most every Sunday in Worship. We challenge our Second Grade Sunday School classes to memorize it as a "milestone in worship." But the creed has a far greater role to play in our lives than an occasional summary of our Christian belief (assuming we believe—or understand—all that is in it!). Join us as we delve into "what has been believed everywhere, always and by all" in a way that seeks to address the intellectual and cultural contexts of the 21st Century. so that our confessing and believing using the words of the Creed might take on new and renewed meaning.

Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come (continued) Teaching team: Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner, Holly Novak Location: Garden Room C

Following the N. T. Wright Bible Study series, *Matthew for Everyone*, this class will continue the conversation about gospel presentations of Jesus' life and teaching. Matthew's gospel portrays Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel, the king who will rule and save the entire world. Jesus's teachings build on and surpass those of Moses and his life fulfills Scripture's promise of salvation. Matthew's telling establishes the authority of Jesus as the Son of Man who sacrifices his life for all. His gospel also invites us to follow Christ's new way toward a transformed life.

Racial Reconciliation:

Looking Back to Move Forward Teaching team: Peggy Lewis, Lewrene Glaser, Nancy Fox Location: Room #209

Using primarily Dr. Jemar Tisby's book <u>The</u> <u>Color of Compromise: The Truth about the</u> <u>American Church's Complicity in Racism</u>, this class will examine history to understand our own situation and opportunities for creative action. We will supplement Tisby's book with Bible study, sections from <u>Faithful Anti-Racism</u>: <u>Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change</u> (optional), and resources from class members and the DMV community, in order to progress from talking to walking.

Into the Sunrise of Eternity: Reflections on the Journey Home Teacher: R.V. Seep

Location: Garden Rooms A & B

This class is about aging into a good death. It is important to establish Christian patterns of thought before death and bereavement strike. Christians have always believed that life was a preparation for death and the life beyond. It behooves believers to be ready to meet death. This class will be built around class notes relating to various aspects of our journey home with ample opportunity for discussion.

Parent Gathering

Facilitators: Kristin Franke and others Location: Jones Hall, Education Building Join parents of similar ages and stages for fellowship and reflection on the Sunday School lesson your children are learning. Once a month we will be joined by one of our pastors for conversation. Jones Hall is located in the National Presbyterian School Building, across from the covered driveway entrance to the main sanctuary building.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

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 page for kids up to 5th grade.
- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We pray for: Wisdom for those facing difficult decisions.

We pray for:

Our Middle East Missionaries as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

> How may we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Wray Muoio in the Care Office, wmuoio@nationalpres.org 202.537.7540.

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 Iesus Christ at this critical time.

You can support the general ministry of National:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving •
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please click here.

For help or questions about giving, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dianne and John Tingley in loving memory of their parents, David and Audrey Rhea, and Ethel and Stuart Tingley.



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