

February 12, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*...to tend the flock of God that is in your charge,
exercising the oversight,
not under compulsion but willingly,
as God would have you do it...*

1 Peter 5:2a

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Rev. Lisa Larsen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about these and many more events, please visit our Events page on our website at nationalpres.org. You may also stay up to date on weekly events by subscribing to our e-newsletters at the bottom of our website's home page.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today 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

Tonight, 6:30 pm - halftime

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

Children, Youth & Family

Sunday of Serving

Next 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

Next Sunday, February 19, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms B & C

Our speaker will be LCDR 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 [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage for the link.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

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

Sunday, February 19

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday of Serving (in place of children's and youth Sunday School and Parent Gathering)
- 9:55 am: Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Moldova Prayer Meeting
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting

Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG You Are My Vision Rend Collective

You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies—only you, Lord!

You are my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence my light!

You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with you and you with me, Lord!

You're my great Father and I'm your true son!

You dwell inside me together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight!

You're my soul's shelter and you're my high tower.

Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power!

I don't want riches or man's empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always!

You and you only, the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure you are!

High King of heaven, when victory's won,

may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God,

You freely pardon all who repent and turn to you.

Fulfill now in every contrite heart your promise of redeeming grace.

Forgive all our sins, and cleanse us from an evil conscience;

Through the perfect and complete sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Book of Common Worship, 1946

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

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

Melanie Lenhard
Associate Director for Children's Ministry

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 5:1-4 William Thornberry

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who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ²to tend the
flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under
compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but
eagerly. ³Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.
⁴And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never
fades away.

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

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 as you exit.

OFFERING SONG Oh The Deep, Deep Love Bob Kauflin and Samuel Trevor Francis

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me;
Underneath me, all around me is the current of your love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to your glorious rest above.

Chorus: *Oh, the deep, deep love; All I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.*

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own;
How for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. **Chorus (2x)**

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest;
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test;
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend;
You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end. **Chorus (2x)**

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▲ 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

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,

sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous,
matchless love.

Chorus: *How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.*

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent, marvelous,
matchless love. **Chorus**

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love?

Chorus (2x)

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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.

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is one and the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

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Leah Bailey

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SERMON

Rev. Poole

SOLO RESPONSE

O Waly, Waly

I love my Shepherd for he is kind, so gentle he and O so meek;

He labors long his own to find; lost, lonely lambs the Shepherd seeks.

I love my Shepherd for he is strong; with watchful eyes he is our stay.

All those he calls to him belong; his helpless lambs the Shepherd saves.

My Shepherd's love will e'er abide; in pastures green his flock he feeds.

His tender hand will be my guide; his little lambs the Shepherd leads. Sheri Jackson, soprano

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Rev. Donna Marsh

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OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me: Thy rod and staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy lovingkindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23, English Psalter

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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▲ HYMN

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

All Saints

Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names,

Reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, pow'rs, and claims;

Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast.

Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain,

Who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain;

Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his face.

Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end,

Pioneer of our salvation, our chief Shepherd, faithful friend:

Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised.

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand March

Felix Mendelssohn
Mr. Fickley, Organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sundays at National

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) page.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Adult Sunday School

Spring semester is **February 5-May 21**, with the exception of April 9, Easter. For more detailed class descriptions, please [click here](#) or visit our adult Classes webpage.

Class	Teacher(s)	Location
<i>Confessing and Believing: The Apostles' Creed as Challenge and Gift</i>	Dr. Quinn Fox	Chapel and online Zoom: click here or visit our Classes webpage
<i>Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come</i>	Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner, Holly Novak	Garden Room C
<i>Racial Reconciliation: Looking Back to Move Forward</i>	Peggy Lewis, Lewrene Glaser, Nancy Fox	Room #209
<i>Into the Sunrise of Eternity: Reflections on the Journey Home</i>	R.V. Seep	Garden Rooms A & B
<i>Parent Gathering</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building

Youth Sunday School

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Youth webpage](#) 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 [click here](#) or visit our [Children's webpage](#) 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).

LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

For a sneak peek at all of our Lenten and Easter events, please visit our [Easter page](#), accessible on the home page of our website. Invite your friends!

Ash Wednesday Worship Services February 22

7:30 am in the Chapel

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary & [online](#)

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. If you cannot attend in person, please join us on our [Watch webpage](#) at 7:00 pm.

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' *The Great Divorce*. The study will align with our *Dinner, Drama, Discussion* Wednesday evening events. Small groups will run February 22-March 31. Please [click here](#) 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, 6:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall & online

You won't want to miss this exciting and creative experience! On March 1, 8, 12, 22 and 29, deepen your faith and connection with others while exploring C.S. Lewis' classic *The Great Divorce*.

- 6:00 pm: Dinner - to pre-register, please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage.
- 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 [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage for the Zoom link.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER

For details about these opportunities, keep an eye on the [Events page](#) on our website.

Vacation Bible School, June 26-30

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, July 8-14

High School Trip: Fun in the Sun, July 9-14

Middle School Summer Camp, August 1-5

Summer of Serving Returns!

Get ready to make a positive impact in your community this summer! Summer of Serving 2023 is coming and we're ready to bring together a team of dedicated individuals to support our mission partners in the DMV area. Last summer's pilot program was a huge success and we can't wait to continue the momentum this year. Join the lead team and be a part of a meaningful and hands-on outreach initiative. To get involved, reach out to LSaum@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7494. Make this summer count by serving those in need and creating lasting change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 volunteer librarians. Questions about the library can be addressed to npclibrary@nationalpres.org.

Youth Group Dinners

Interested in supporting NPC's youth as they grow spiritually by feeding them physically? [Sign up here](#) or email kputnam@nationalpres.org to provide a simple dinner for a youth group night, and get a chance to meet the youth in a casual setting! Parents are also welcome to stay after dinner for a Youth Parent Discussion Group for conversations about faith and family.

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.

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.

Join Our Welcome Team!

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

Called to Care

Newly separated? Recently divorced?

DivorceCare is a national ministry that provides a 13-week video and small group Christian based program for those who are navigating the end of a marriage. The material focuses on practical tools for healing. Please visit www.divorcecare.org 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.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We pray for:

All those impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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 Jesus 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](#) or visit our Giving webpage.

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 Linda Botsford, in grateful memory of her parents, Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford, who now enjoy their eternal rest with their Savior and each other.



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