




March 26, 2023  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**




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



*Humble yourselves therefore  
under the mighty hand of God,  
so that he may exalt you in due time.  
Cast all your anxiety on him,  
because he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7



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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT NATIONAL

For information about all of our Lenten and Easter events, please visit our [Easter page](#), accessible on the home page of our website.

## **Dinner, Drama, Discussion Wednesday Night, 6:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall & online**

Join us on March 29 for the final chapter of our Lenten engagement with 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' theater, in which our readers will bring the text to life! This will be followed by 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. If you missed a session, you can visit our [Resources webpage](#) to see videos from previous weeks.

## **Palm Sunday, April 2 \*\* Worship at 8:45 & 11:00 am**

Join us for worship to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem with a children's palm procession! If you can't make it in person, please join us online on our [Watch webpage](#).

**Palm Sunday Prayer Gathering \*\*  
Sunday, April 2, 12:15 pm, Chapel**  
As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, we invite you to a special prayer gathering in the Chapel. Together, we will focus on *Setting our Faces toward Jerusalem*, preparing our hearts and minds for the most important week of the Christian calendar. For prayer resources and to read more, please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage.

\*\* Please see page 10 for a traffic alert.

## **Maundy Thursday Worship Service April 6, 7:00 pm**

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, commemorating the day when Jesus celebrated his Last Supper, washed the feet of his disciples and commanded them to do the same for each other. If you can't make it in person, please join us online on our [Watch webpage](#).

## **Good Friday Worship Service April 7, 7:00 pm**

On Good Friday we will share in reflections in word and music on the seven last words of Christ. If you can't make it in person, please join us online on our [Watch webpage](#).

## **Easter Worship Services April 9, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am**

Rejoice with us in the resurrection of our Lord! Celebrate the Lord's triumphant resurrection with us on Easter Sunday at worship in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch webpage](#). *He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.* Matthew 28:6. Come and discover that this is the best news of all!

## **Easter Egg Hunt April 9 after 10:00 am Worship Service**

Kids pre-K through 5th grade are invited for a fun Easter egg hunt! Join us after the 10:00 am Easter worship service at the Education Building (National Presbyterian School) playground.

## **After Worship Services, Easter Sunday: Coffee, Cookies and Easter Garden**

Meet new friends and old for some delicious refreshments in Stone Fellowship Hall. The Easter garden will be a wonderful opportunity to take some family photos and spread the good news of Easter!

# 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 Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us.

By the cross you came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

**Chorus:** *Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!*

*Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)*

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive! **Chorus**

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! **(3x) Chorus**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We confess that, in our disobedience and sin,

we often worship only who we wish you to be.

We often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive our self-centeredness and pride.

Set and keep us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Shape us into what you want us to be.

Show us more of who you really are in the face of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSON AND KYRIE *sung first by band, then congregation*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:4-14

Elder James Bridgeman

<sup>5</sup>You who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must  
clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for  
'God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.'

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in  
due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves;  
keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone  
to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters  
throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have  
suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power  
for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter  
to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup>Your  
sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my  
son Mark. <sup>14</sup>Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Marsh

#### OFFERING SONG

If We're Honest

Francesca Battistelli

Truth is harder than a lie. The dark seems safer than the light.

And everyone has a heart that loves to hide.

I'm a mess and so are you. We've built walls nobody can get through.

Yeah, it may be hard but the best thing we could ever do, ever do...

**Chorus:** *Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine.*

*'Cause love can heal what hurt divides.*

*And mercy's waiting on the other side,*

*if we're honest, if we're honest.*

Don't pretend to be something that you're not, living life afraid of getting caught.

There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross.

**Chorus**

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

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

#### ▲ 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 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

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in, Oh his love for me. O his love for me!

**Chorus 1:** *Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!*

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me!

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2:** *In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! (2x)

**Chorus 1, Chorus 2 (2x)**

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

Rev. Poole

#### ▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Air from Orchestral Suite no. 3                      J. S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN                      As Morning Dawns                      *Tallis' Canon*  
As morning dawns, Lord, hear our cry. O sov'reign God, now hear our sigh.      Psalm 5  
As first light brings the sun's warm rays, accept our sacrifice of praise.  
Before you, Lord, the wicked fall, and none shall dwell within your hall.  
The proud shall never gain a place, nor evil live to see your face.  
Your steadfast love shall welcome all who seek your house and on you call.  
O lead us, Lord, in righteousness, as through this day your name we bless.  
Let all who seek you then rejoice, and sing to you with joyful voice.  
For you shall bless the righteous, Lord. Forever be your name adored.  
Fred R. Anderson

## ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE      Cast Your Cares Upon the Lord                      Felix Mendelssohn  
Cast your cares upon the Lord, and he shall sustain you.  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; he is at your right hand.  
Your mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heav'ns.  
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon you.                      Psalms 55:22 and 25:3

## CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
We confess that, in our disobedience and sin,  
we often worship only who we wish you to be.  
We often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless.  
Forgive our self-centeredness and pride.  
Set and keep us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.  
Shape us into what you want us to be.  
Show us more of who you really are in the face of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

## SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by choir, then congregation*

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

▲ 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

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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 Questions

Baptism                                      Isla Elizabeth Strychacz

*Daughter of Borislava Petrova Marcheva and Nicholas Graham Strychacz*

Prayer of Response

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SCRIPTURE

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Deacon Nilanthi Beekhuysen

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Llangloffan*

O God of earth and altar, bow down and hear our cry;  
 Our earthly leaders falter, our people drift and die;  
 The walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide;  
 Take not your thunder from us, but take away our pride.

G. K. Chesterton, 1906

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Marsh

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

OFFERTORY

Search Me, O God

Heather Sorenson

Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there be any wickedness in me.  
 Is there strife? Is there pride? A transgression that is hidden from my eyes?  
 Lead me in the path eternal, into life that’s everlasting, eternal.  
 Search me, O God and know my heart.  
 Try me. Know me. Search my heart.

Based on Psalm 139:23-24  
 with Christine Lightner, Cello

▲ 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 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.

▲ HYMN 418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

*Ich halte treulich still*

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C minor, BWV 562

J. S. Bach  
 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: <a href="#">click here</a> 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 Room A
<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).

### The Marriage Course, by Alpha

#### Beginning Sunday, April 16 at 9:55 am in Stone Fellowship Hall

Do you want to learn practical tools and techniques to strengthen your connection with your partner? If so, then this course is for you! Over the course of 7 weeks, you and your partner will engage with video teachings that provide valuable insights and practical tips for building a healthy and happy marriage in all ages and stages of life. Please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage to register.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about all our events, please visit the Events page on our website at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## **Adult Fellowship Service Project Wednesday, March 29**

Join us for an Adult Fellowship Service Project 10:30 am-1:30 pm in Stone Fellowship Hall. Help us prepare 1,000 gift bags for Easter Sunday. You'll enjoy fellowship and lunch as we work together to welcome worshipers on Easter! Please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage to reserve your spot.

## **Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 1, 8:00 am**

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. For April, Jerry Eisley, former Director and Founder of the Washington Arts Group will be speaking on *Is There Need for Beauty?* Please email Kristi Teems at [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org) for more information.

## **Traffic Alert: Bridge Closure Palm Sunday, April 2**

On April 2, 7:30-10:20 am, the Memorial Bridge between Virginia and DC will be closed for a race, so please plan your drive accordingly. For more information and to view the race map please [click here](#) or visit [nationalpres.org/traffic-alert](http://nationalpres.org/traffic-alert).

## **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, April 22, In-person**

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the one-day in-person Pathway of Christian Discipleship class on Saturday, April 22. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by April 12th at 202.537.7578 or [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org).

## **This Coming Week at a Glance**

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

### **Sunday, March 26**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### **Wednesday, March 29**

- 10:30 am: Adult Fellowship Service Project
- 6:00 pm: Dinner, Drama, Discussion

### **Saturday, April 1**

- 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

### **Palm Sunday, April 2, Communion**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Prayer Gathering in the Chapel
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## **Weekly Online Small Groups**

### **We welcome newcomers!**

Are you looking for a place to grow spiritually in community? Weekly online groups include:

- Mondays, 8:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
- Thursdays, 7:00 pm

To get connected, please [click here](#) or visit our Small Groups webpage.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief

Thank you to all who donated to the special collection for World Renew. Because of your continued generosity, NPC raised \$35,000, which will make an immediate difference in the lives devastated by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

## Easter Dedication Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one by supporting NPC's Easter flower displays? You will find Flower Ministry envelopes on the tables outside the sanctuary. You may make your donation to NPC by check or online, noting "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

## Volunteer Opportunity

### Half an Hour, One Sunday a Month

Would you like a behind-the-scenes, quiet but mighty way to serve at National? Why not sign up to collect Guest Book sheets once a month after the 11:00 am service? It's a terrific way to support this important ministry of care and connection at NPC. Simply email [LSaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7494.

## Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower arrangements 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.

## Join Our Easter Welcome Team

Easter is just around the corner and we are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as a warm and welcoming presence on this joyful day! As our church community gathers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we want to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and valued. Whether you are greeting attendees at the door, directing them to seating, or assisting with other needs, your service is crucial to making our Easter celebration a success. To join our Easter Welcome Team, please visit our Serve at Church page or [click here](#). You can also contact Leslie Saum directly at [LSaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7494 for more information.

## Vacation Bible School

### Sign up today!

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](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org).

## Visit Our Library

If you're looking for more C.S. Lewis books or Lent resources, please visit our library on the 2nd level. If you have questions, our friendly librarians would be happy to help! There's also a wide selection of children's books available.



### Called to Care

## Deacons

Did you know we have servant leaders who want to care for you? Our Deacons are ready to listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you when you are ill and support you through a difficult time. Contact the Care Office at [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7540 for more information.

*Love one another.* John 13:34

# THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

## New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being here 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](#) or the button on our Watch page to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) or visit our home page at [nationalpres.org](http://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 grieve the death of:

Dorothy Smith.

### We pray for:

Ted and Joy Carr as they provide Christian leaders in Southern Africa with the spiritual and material resources needed to care for communities affected by poverty, HIV/AIDS, and a lack of trustworthy leaders.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,

[careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@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](http://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](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

The flowers outside the Sanctuary doors are given to the glory of God and in recognition of John Witherspoon on his 90th birthday today by his wife, Loris, and son, John, Jr.



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