











March 5, 2023 Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 1 Peter 3:8

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

For more information about all our events, please visit the Events page on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Communion

Today, March 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.

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.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Relief

Join us in our efforts to support earthquake victims by donating as we partner with local organizations to bring hope and aid to those in need. All proceeds will be given to World Renew. We will also be sending \$10,000 from our NPC Disaster Relief budget to The Outreach Foundation. Please <u>click here</u> to give or scan the QR code below. You may visit our <u>webpage</u>, accessible through our home page, for more information. Thank

you for making a difference!



LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

For more information about all of our Lenten and Easter events, please visit our <u>Easter page</u>, accessible on the home page of our website.

Dinner, Drama, Discussion Wednesday Nights in March, 6:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall & online

It's not too late to join in this exciting and creative experience! On March 8, 15, 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 <u>click here</u> 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage for the Zoom link.

Holy Week & Easter

- Palm Sunday: April 2, 8:45 & 11:00 am
- Palm Sunday Prayer Gathering: April 2, 12:15-1:00 pm
- Maundy Thursday: April 6, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday: April 7, 7:00 pm
- Easter Worship: April 9, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 9 after the 10:00 am worship service

6-Week Lenten Small Groups It's not too late to join!

Have you enjoyed the Wednesday night *Dinner, Drama, Discussion* program and want to go deeper? You can still join one of the six-week small groups exploring C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, an imaginative journey of discipleship. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Small Groups webpage to register now so you can be placed in a group.

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

▲ Opening Song

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

Call to Worship

10,000	Reasons

Matt Redman

Dr. Quinn Fox

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;

ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near,

and my time has come;

still, my soul will sing your praise unending;

ten thousand years, and then forevermore! Chorus

Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord I'll worship your holy name.

▲ Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Even as we come this hour to praise you,

We confess it is all too easy for us to sacrifice

Convictions for the sake of convenience,

Your eternal standards for our fading status,

Your principles for our self-promotion,

Your absolutes for our ambitions,

Our very souls for shallow success and earthly gain.

We are easily seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions.

From these we turn, unfulfilled, to you again.

Forgive our sins, O Lord.

Forgive our half-hearted devotion and double-minded spirit.

Restore us to right relationship to you, and fellowship with you and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION 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

Dr. Fox

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.

▲ 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

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 3:13-22

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Allan Poole

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

Dr. Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Rev. Donna Marsh

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Invitation to the Table Words of Institution and Distribution Music Meditation Behold the Lamb Prayer of Thanksgiving

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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.

	In desperation I tur Then through the tore through th The work is Who could imagine so What heart could fa The God of ages s <i>The cross has s</i>	Living Hope hat lay between us. How high th ned to heaven and spoke your na e darkness your loving-kindness he shadows of my soul. finished, the end is written. Jesu great a mercy? thom such boundless grace? stepped down from glory to wea boken: I am forgiven. The King op wior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Chr	ame into the night. us Christ, my living hope. ur my sin and bear my shame. <i>f kings calls me his own</i> .
	Thy kingdom come, Give us this day our da And lead us not into	THE LORD'S PRAYER heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy will be done, on earth as it i ily bread, and forgive us our del temptation, but deliver us from m and the power and the glory,	ots, as we forgive our debtors. 1 evil.
•	Your hidden glory in Chorus 1: What a beau the Name of Jesus Ch What a beautiful What a beautiful What a beautiful You didn't want heaven My sin was great, you Chorus 2: What a evon the Name of Jesus Ch What a wonderful What a powerful What a powerful What a powerful What a powerful What a powerful	Name it is, nothing compares to a ful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. In without us, so Jesus, you broug our love was greater; What could derful Name it is, what a wonder irist, my King. I Name it is, nothing compares to rful Name it is, the Name of Jesu. erful Name it is, what a powerful	our Christ. l Name it is, this. ght heaven down. I separate us now? rful Name it is, o this. s. l Name it is, ainst.
	Benediction and Pass	sing the Peace of Christ	Rev. Poole

▲ Sending

Rev. Poole NPC Band

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]	Prelude	Pavane	Maurice Ravel John Varcoe, Piano
(Chimes		
(Call to Worship		Dr. Quinn Fox
▲]	HYMN 491 verses 1-4	Stand Up and Bless the Lord	Carlisle
▲]	Prayer of Adoration		
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Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Hymn 503

Come, Risen Lord

Choir sings verse 1; Congregation sings verse 4

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

Rev. Allan Poole

Sursum corda

Dr. Fox

Elder Delores Ziegler

THE SACRAMENT OF		Rev. Donna Marsh
Music Meditation Behold the goodn a company of (Like precious oil u	n and Distribution Behold the Goodness of the Lord ess of the Lord, how blest it is to be God's beloved in holy unity. upon the head, a healing for our strife, hout our common bond, refreshing all of life.	Crimond
Call for Offering	g of Tithes and Gifts	
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Our Father, who ar Thy kingdom co Give us this day ou And lead us not	AND THE LORD'S PRAYER et in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ome, thy will be done, on earth as it is in he ar daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as into temptation, but deliver us from evil. gdom and the power and the glory, foreve	we forgive our debtors.
A royal diadem The joy of all wh To whom he ma To us the cross, wit Our name an ev We suffer with o	The Head That Once Was Crowned was crowned with thorns is crowned with adorns the mighty victor's brow. to dwell above, the joy of all below, inifests his love, and grants his name to kn th all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n; erlasting name, our joy the joy of heav'n. our Lord below, we reign with him above; our joy to know the wonder of his love.	
▲ Benediction		Rev. Poole
▲ Choral Amen		
▲ Passing the Peace	of Christ	Rev. Marsh
▲ Postlude	Prelude and Fugue in A minor	Johannes Brahms Todd 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our adult Classes webpage.

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

Youth Sunday School

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>Youth webpage</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 webpage</u> 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm

Calling all 4th & 5th graders! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun and games and exploring God's word. For more information contact <u>jmeek@nationalpres.org.</u>

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making March 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!

Adult Fellowship Luncheon March 13 at 12:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall

This month, our focus is on you, our valued older adults, and your input on how we can continue to grow and strengthen our ministry. To make a reservation, please contact Wray Muoio at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

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 <u>sign up online</u> or contact Jill Meek at <u>imeek@nationalpres.org</u>.

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, one of our friendly librarians would be happy to help!

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, March 5

- 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 8

• 6:00 pm: Dinner, Drama, Discussion

Friday, March 10

• 7:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, March 12

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

My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "<u>My NPC</u>" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, passwordprotected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

SERVE WITH NATIONAL

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 or 202.537.7494 for more information.

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 build on 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.

Serve Our City: Unique Learning Center Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am

Do you have a passion for investing in a child's education? Join us Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am -12:30 pm as we partner with Unique Learning Center to provide students with one-on-one help to improve their reading skills. Unique Learning Center will provide all lessons and materials. If you would like to help, please contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org.

Sign up 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. Email Jonathan at jedwards@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7505 for more information or questions. Please register by March 8.

Youth Group Dinners

Interested in supporting NPC's youth as they grow spiritually by feeding them physically? <u>Sign up here</u> or email <u>kputnam@nationalpres.org</u> to provide a simple dinner for a youth group night, and get a chance to meet the youth in a casual setting!



Called to Care

Feeling anxious? Stressed or burdened?

Need to slow down? Care Notes are inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help you focus on God in everyday life challenges. Check them out in the Welcome Center located just outside the Sanctuary.

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7b

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:

- <u>Click here</u> or the button on our Watch page 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 | Instagram | YouTube</u>

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 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 celebrate with: Derek & Tamara Hoffmann in the birth of their son.

We pray for:

McGilvary College as they develop leaders for ministry in churches, schools, and hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

How may we pray for you?

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

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 <u>nationalpres.org/giving</u>
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please click <u>here</u> 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 <u>lskrine@nationalpres.org</u>.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Edward Blanton in honor of his father Edward's 101st birthday on March 8th.



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