











April 16, 2023

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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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)		

EVENTS AT NATIONAL

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!

The Marriage Course, by Alpha ministries Beginning today, April 16 9:55 am in Stone Fellowship Hall

Do you want to learn practical tools and techniques to strengthen your marriage? If so, then this course is for you! Over the course of 7 weeks, the two of you will engage with video teachings that provide valuable insights and practical tips for building a healthy marriage in all ages and stages of life. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage to register for this series.

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!

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Next 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 <u>click here</u> for more information or contact Kemet Rakiatu by tomorrow, April 17, to register at 202.537.7578 or krakiatu@nationalpres.org.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Friday, April 28 at 7:00 pm

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact <u>imeek@nationalpres.org</u> or check our <u>Events page</u> for more information and meeting dates.

Women's Brunch Saturday, April 29, 11:00 am

All women are invited for a delicious brunch, faith-building conversation and fellowship! Childcare is provided. Please register for brunch and childcare by April 26 by <u>clicking here</u> or visiting our Events webpage online.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 30 After 11:00 am Worship

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for April 30, following 11:00 am worship, to vote on the Pastor Nominating Committee's recommendation for our new Senior Pastor and to receive and vote on a report from the Church Nominating Committee (CNC) on the CNC slate.

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. Donna Marsh
•	May richer, O light that followest a I yield my flickering My heart restores That in thy sur May brighte O joy that seekest me t I cannot close my he I trace the rainbo And feel the p That morn s O cross that liftest up r I dare not ask to fly I lay in dust, life's And from the	l in thee; he life I owe, bcean depths its flow fuller be. Ill my way, g torch to thee; s its borrowed ray, nshine's blaze its day er, fairer be. through pain, eart to thee; ow through the rain, romise is not vain, shall tearless be. my head, from thee;	Go Indelible Grace
•	Prayer of Adoration	ſ	
	Stand in our midst t Show us your han Speak peace to Forgive our many sins. Still our fears. Empower us as yo All this we ask to the g	en from the dead and alive fore today as in the upper room. nds and your side, o our hearts and minds. our witnesses in the world. lory of your holy name.	evermore. John R. W. Stott
	Believe the good news	ND ASSURANCE OF PARDON of the Gospel. 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 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

Director of Youth & Family 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, Announcements, and Pathway

Scripture

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Allan Poole

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Rev. Marsh

Elder Dennis Burgart

Kristin Franke

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts

 OFFERING SONG Because He Lives I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One. I believe I overcome by the power of his blood. Chorus: Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives! Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives! I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! Chorus Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone. I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. Chorus (2x) 	Matt Maher	
Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.		
DOXOLOGYLasstPraise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here bAlleluia! Alleluia!Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	uns erfreuen elow:	
Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts as y	ou exit.	
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 ou And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.	Rev. Larsen 1r debtors.	
 CLOSING SONG Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed Keith and Kristyn Getty How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice, to conquer every sting of death; Sing, sing hallelujah! For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes; Alive he stands their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen. Chorus: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed; But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah. Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace; And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. Chorus The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save; He frees our hearts to live his grace; Go tell of his goodness. Chorus (2x) 		
Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ	Rev. Poole	
Sending	NPC Band	

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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Prelude

Saraband for the Morning of Easter

Herbert Howells Todd Fickley, organ

Rev. Donna Marsh

John R. W. Stott

Gloria Patri

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn		Christ Is Alive!		Truro
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, the cross stands empty to the sky.			Brian Wren	
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.				never die.
Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant lands in Palestine,				
But savi	But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.			
Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,				
But dail	But daily, in the midst of life, Our Savior in the Godhead reigns.			
Christ is a	ive, and comes to b	oring good news to this	and every age,	
Till eart	Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.			
Prayer of A	Adoration			
CHORAL RE	SPONSE	Bless the Lord	Mikhail Ipp	olitov-Ivanov
Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul;				
	Lord, and forget not			
Bless the Lo	ord, O my soul; and a	ll that is within me, bless l	nis holy name.	
	Lord, O my soul.		·	Psalm 103
Confession	I OF SIN in unison			

Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead and alive forevermore.

Stand in our midst today as in the upper room.

Show us your hands and your side,

Speak peace to our hearts and minds.

Forgive our many sins.

Still our fears.

Empower us as your witnesses in the world.

All this we ask to the glory of your holy name.

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

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Sermon

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Great blessing ours for sharing from God's all-gracious hand, Our fellowship declaring in every age and land;

Renewed, sustained, and given by Spirit's sign, and word,

The pledge and seal of heaven, through love of Christ our Lord.

Wie lieblich ist der Maien from Timothy Dudley-Smith

Rev. Marsh

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts

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

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	Offertory	Trinitarian Blessings	K. Lee Scott	
	May the Blessing	One sing in you,		
	May the Seeking One walk with you,			
	May the Greeting One stand by you			
	In your gladness and in your grieving.			
	May the Giving O			
		One retrieve you,		
		ning One receive you		
	•	alling and your restoring.		
	May the Binding O The Beloved O			
		<i>r</i> ing One delight you,		
		-One, joy in life unending.	Brian Wren	
	ince in	one, joy in me unchang.	Dilaii Wien	
		Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.		
	Doxology		Lasst uns erfreuen	
	Praise God, fron	n whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatur	es here below:	
	Alleluia! Allelı	ıia!		
	Praise God abov	e, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy	Ghost.	
	Alleluia! Allelı	uia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
	Deemones Dream			
		r and The Lord's Prayer		
		art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.		
		come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven		
	•	our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we found	orgive our debtors.	
		ot into temptation, but deliver us from evil.		
	For thine is the l	kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. An	men.	
▲	Нумп 339	Be Thou My Vision	Slane	
	Benediction		Rev. Poole	
	CHORAL RESPON	SF		
	Bless the Lord, O			
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	Passing the Pea	ce of Christ	Rev. Larsen	
	Postlude	Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands, BWV 625	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

The spring semester is **February 5-May 21**. 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 (does not meet this week, resumes next week)	R.V. Seep	Garden Room A
Parent Gathering	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building
<i>The Marriage Course</i> <i>by Alpha ministries</i> (starting today, April 16)	Lisa Larsen, Ed & Lisa Stucky	Stone Fellowship Hall

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Cards: How can we pray for you?

Our new prayer cards are a way to share your prayer requests with us. You'll find these small cards in the guestbooks in the pews. You can drop cards in the offering plates or place them in the prayer box in the Welcome Center. We believe in lifting each other up in prayer times of need. Please know that your prayer request is kept confidential and will be treated with the utmost care and respect. Thank you for entrusting us with your prayers, and we look forward to supporting you on your spiritual journey.

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>.

Weekly Online Small Groups welcome newcomers!

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

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

In-person small groups meeting on the NPC campus include:

- Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Young Adults
- Thursdays, 12:00 pm Older adult Lunch Bunch
- Saturdays, 8:30 am: Bible Study To get connected, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Small Groups webpage.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, April 16

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages (Kick-off for *The Marriage Course by Alpha ministries*)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Saturday, April 22

• 9:00 am: Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Sunday, April 23

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

Job Opportunities

- AV Engineer (Part time)
- AV Intern (Part time)

For more information or to apply, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Jobs page online.

Gift Bibles for You!

We have Bibles in the narthex for you or anyone who does not have a Bible of their own. Please pick one up today as our gift to you!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you to the following donors whose generous gifts provided for the glorious floral displays throughout the church on Easter Sunday. All of the perennial plants and bulbs used in the Stone Fellowship Hall Easter Garden will be planted in the NPC gardens so that they can be enjoyed for years to come!

- Gloria Borden, in memory of CDR Edward L. Borden, USN, by the Borden family
- Herman & Angela Bouma, to the glory of God and in thankfulness for Reverend Allan Poole's interim ministry among us
- Kay Diane Bowles, in memory of Katherine Clammer and John L. Bowles (mother and father)
- Janice Childress
- Katherine Childs-Breach, in memory of her mother Pollie James Childs and in honor of the members of NPC for their prayer support
- Robin Clement, in honor of Allan and Betsy Poole and family
- Gerri Hall and David Nickels, in gratitude for the Flower Ministry Team
- Ellie Heginbotham, in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Edward L.R. Elson (parents) and Erland Heginbotham
- Jessie Devlin, in honor of the Saturday Morning Ladies Bible Study
- Duane Hills, for Gawler's Sons, in memory of their company founder, Robert Waltrip
- Katherine Hughes, in memory of Jeanne Mahoney, her dear friend

- Margaret Keriakos, in memory of her husband Van A. Keriakos
- Karen Kerlin
- Joanna Lam, in loving memory of Carrissa Lam
- Norlie Lin, in honor of Peter and Linda Lin
- Martina Lydon
- In memory of Elder Mary Kate Raynor (mother of Lydia Kay Griggsby)
- Janice Sessing, remembering loved ones
- Joyce and Richard Smith
- Linda Smith, in memory of her father Douglas H. Smith
- Susan Snare
- John and Robyn Soldner
- Karin Strydom, in memory of Tiny, Hilda, Harry and Virgie (parents and parents-in-law)
- Ann Sun and Mark Angehr, in memory of Donna M. Angehr
- Nora Szeto
- Margie Sweet Wright, in memory of her husband Dr. Chuck Wright
- Joyce Yoder, in loving memory of Nathan Yoder
- Sally Milam in memory of my husband James Alan Milam



1 Thessalonians 5:11

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 grieve: The passing of Joann Gephart.

We pray for:

Young Lives, as they present the gospel to teen parents and help them grow in their faith.

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!

April 2023 Giving Report

Faith Giving	\$ 622,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 268,000
Other Income	\$ 104,000
Total Income	\$ 994,000
Total Expenses	\$ 999,000
Balance	\$ (4,000)

Would you like to make a gift?

- Mail or place it in the offering plate
- Go to <u>nationalpres.org/giving</u>
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Donate stock
- Disburse your RMD directly to NPC
- Scan the QR code below:



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 in loving memory of the life of Vivian Christy Sansoni, celebrating her 22nd birthday on April 16th, from her father, Brian Sansoni, and her family and friends, who love her and miss her dearly.



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