

April 23, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—
not the result of works, so that no one may boast.*
Ephesians 2:8-9

Transitional Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Rev. Allan Poole
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)

NEXT SUNDAY

We Welcome to the Pulpit Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr. Sunday, April 30

The Pastor Nominating Committee presented a unanimous nomination to the congregation to call the Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr. as the next senior pastor of National Presbyterian Church. Next Sunday, Dr. Hylton will preach at both NPC services, and he and his wife Judith will be here to meet you. There will be a Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 am service. Members are asked to attend to hear the formal report of the PNC, ask questions of the committee, and vote on the committee's nomination.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation 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,
- to receive and vote on a report from the Church Nominating Committee (CNC) on the CNC slate and
- to receive the 2022 Annual Report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 jmeek@nationalpres.org or check our [Events page](#) 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! Our speaker will be Addie Adekan, an NPC member, business leader, and founder of award-winning education programs in Nigeria. Addie will share about her growth in faith, spiritual practice, and service. Childcare is provided. Please register for brunch and childcare by April 26 by [clicking here](#) or visiting our Events webpage online.

Serve Our City: Martha's Table

Thursday, May 4, 1:00 pm

Are you ready to make a real difference in the lives of those in need? We invite you to participate in our upcoming event at Martha's Table where we will be setting up and operating the Grocery Market, and helping guests select nutritious food. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jonathan Edwards, at jedwards@nationalpres.org.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

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!

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 Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ OPENING SONG Jesus Paid It All Elvina Hall

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small.

Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.

Chorus 1: *'Cause Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone.

Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. **Chorus 1**

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete.

Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.

Chorus 2: *Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

He washed it white as snow! He washed it white as snow!

Oh, praise the one who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead! (4x)

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God,

Though our sins be seven,

Though our sins be seventy times seven,

Though our sins be more than the hairs of our head,

Yet give us grace in loving repentance

To cast ourselves down into the depths of your compassion.

Christina Rossetti

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

Kyle Putnam
Associate for Youth Ministries

*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

Dr. Quinn Fox

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Deacon Lisa Herndon

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

SERMON

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

OFFERING SONG

King of My Heart

John Mark McMillan

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from! Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song!

Chorus: *You are good, good! Oh! (4x)*

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days! Oh, he is my song! **Chorus**

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! **(4x) Chorus**

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

▲ 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!

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

Come People of the Risen King

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: *Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

One heart, one voice! O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **Chorus**

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! **Chorus (2x)**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PRELUDE

Suite on the "Gloria"

François Couperin
from *Mass for the Convents*
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 478 *verses 1-3* Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 478, verse 4

Angels, help us to adore him: Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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Christina Rossetti

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone prevaieth.

Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.

For none can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might

And live alone by mercy.

Martin Luther

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

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Elder Virginia Taylor

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Quebec

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, to those that find thee, all in all.

Bernard of Clairvaux

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

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

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Ken Medema

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,

Aberystwyth and Martyn

While the nearer waters roll, and the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life is past.

Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.

Let the healing streams abound; make me, keep me, pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.

Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity!

Charles Wesley

Dr. Michael Denham

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▲ HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

John Newton

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace!

Craig Phillips

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 [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 Room A
<i>Parent Gathering</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building
<i>The Marriage Course by Alpha ministries</i>	Lisa Larsen, Ed & Lisa Stucky	Stone Fellowship Hall

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Cards:

How can we pray for you?

We believe in lifting each other up in prayer in times of need. 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.

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.

Our small groups welcome newcomers!

Are you looking for a place to grow spiritually in community?

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: Women's Bible Study

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

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, 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

Friday, April 28

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

Saturday, April 29

- 11:00 am: Women's Brunch

Sunday, April 30 - Congregational Meeting

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Congregational Meeting
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "[My NPC](#)" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password-protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Great Day of Service is Coming!
Saturday, May 20, 9:30 am-12:30 pm
NPC's Great Day of Service is a day that the whole church serves together. We'll have lots of great opportunities for all ages to choose from, both on campus and in the community. For more information and to register to serve, please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage.

Half Hour, Once A Month

Would you like a behind-the-scenes, quiet but mighty way to serve at National? Why not sign up to collect guestbook 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 or call 202.537.7494.

Video Team Volunteers

Do you have an interest in video mixing, video cameras or live streaming? If so, we would love to hear from you! Join our volunteer team to help bring the good news of the gospel into hundreds of homes each week. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bill McNett at bmcnett@nationalpres.org.

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children!

If you love to work with kids and help them know Christ, consider volunteering with children's ministry on Sunday mornings. Join our Sunday School team as a teacher or assistant, or our Children's Chapel crew as a helper or music leader. To find out more, contact Jill Meek at npckids@nationalpres.org.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Join in the fun and help kids grow closer to Jesus at VBS, June 26-30, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. We need adult volunteers to lead crews of campers (elementary and preschool), lead worship, and assist at activity stations (snacks, games, mission, and more!) You can [sign up online](#) or contact Jill Meek at jmeek@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!



Called to Care

Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with congregants to help think through difficult situations or relationships. For those seeking professional counseling, Rev. Larsen makes referrals to carefully screened resources. Contact the Care Office at careoffice@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7540 to reach out or make an appointment.

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

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 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 deaths of:

Charlotte Neil and
John Breckenridge

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,
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
- 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 by Gloria and Nicole Gibson in memory of a beloved husband and father, Albert L. Gibson, in celebration of his eternal rest with his Lord.



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