











NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

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Rev. Allan Poole Rev. Donna Marsh Dr. Quinn Fox

Parish Associates

Rev. Lisa Larsen
Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Music

Dr. Michael Denham (Director) Todd Fickley (Organist)

(Contemporary Music Leader)

Joanna Zorack-Greene

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve) Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Jill Meek (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections)

TODAY AT NPC

Today We Welcome to the Pulpit Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.

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. Today, 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 Today After 11:00 am Worship

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for today, 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

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 iedwards@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. Col. Eric Kelley (Ret) will speak on Ephesians 6:10-17, *Are You Relevant?* Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

State of NPC's Finances

Next Sunday, May 7, Garden Rooms Immediately Following 11:00 am Service

Join the Finance Director and Finance Council for a firsthand review of the church's finances and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have on the subject.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making May 14 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!

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,

for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

the flames shall not hurt thee, I only design

thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

▲ Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Be mindful of your mercy, Lord, and of your steadfast love,

For they are from of old.

Do not remember my sins or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake.

Pardon my guilt, O Lord, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;

Relieve the trouble of my heart, and bring me out of distress.

Consider my affliction and all my trouble, and forgive all my sin.

Psalm 25

Foundation

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.

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▲ 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

Dr. Quinn Fox

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-12 Ty Wormmeester

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Our Greatest Need Dr. Ray Hylton Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

OFFERING SONG At the Cross Chris Tomlin

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.

There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life! I'm in awe of you. I'm in awe of you! Where your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to you.

I owe all to you, Jesus!

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.

Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.

Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!

Chorus

Here, my hope is found. Here, on holy ground.

Here, I bow down! Here, I bow down!

Here, arms open wide. Here, you saved my life!

Here, I bow down! Here I bow! Chorus

I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

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!*

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

Oh How Good It Is

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Oh how good it is when the family of God dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity.

Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love are the fruit of his presence here among us.

Chorus:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out his word til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,

for he dwells in the presence of his people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.

For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,

when we offer the blessing of belonging. *Chorus*

Oh how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.

When we live as one we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *Chorus*

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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Prelude Allegro J. S. Bach

from Concerto in A minor after Vivaldi

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

▲ Prayer of Adoration

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE I Will Arise Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

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Psalm 25

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiv'n, Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.

Blest those to whom the Lord God does not impute their sin,

Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ 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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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

Hudson Vance Donaldson

Son of Kelsey Link Donaldson and Justin Vance Donaldson

John Charles Sandora

Son of Christy Connolly Sandora and Stephen Joseph Sandora Prayer of Response

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RESPONSE Erhalt uns. Herr

Choir:

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends.

Congregation:

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

Charles Wesley, 1739

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

OFFERTORY

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Eric Nelson

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf! His praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ!

Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap ye lame, for joy! O leap, ye lame, for joy!

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▲ Doxology

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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 361 verses 1, 2, and 5 How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Rev. Marsh

▲ Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German 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	R.V. Seep	Garden Room A
Parent Gathering	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building
The Marriage Course by Alpha ministries	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

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!

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday, May 17 at 12:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us on our new day of the week for delicious food and fellowship! To make a reservation, please contact Wray Muoio at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies

Interested in joining a small group or adult Bible study? Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Small Groups webpage.

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>.

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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, 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

Thursday, May 4

• 1:00 pm: Serve Our City: Martha's Table

Saturday, May 6

8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 7

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Finance Presentation in the Garden Rooms
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

OPPORTUNITES 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Events webpage.

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.

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!

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.

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.



Called to Care

The Care and Joy List

Please contact the Care Office if you would like to receive prayer or be on our Care and Joy list, which is distributed weekly by email. The Care and Joy list is for those who want our congregation to pray specifically for them. While it lists the names of those seeking prayer, the specific concerns remain confidential. If you feel called to pray for others and would like to receive the Care and Joy list each week, please contact the Care Office at careoffice@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1

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</u> | <u>Instagram</u> | <u>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 pray for:

We pray that our hearts would be full of gratitude for all God's blessings now and to come.

We pray for:

Evangelical Theological Seminary as they train pastors and lay people in biblical and theological studies in Croatia.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, careoffice@nationalpres.org

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 <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 lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Eleanor Keyser, who found joy in her love of the Lord, the beauty of spring, and the work of the NPC Flower Ministry, by her family, Laurie, Russ, Russell, and Matthew Brunner.



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