

March 27, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

EASTER SUNDAY

*Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here. He has risen!*

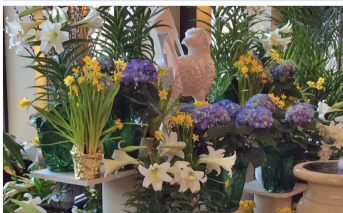
Luke 24:5

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Donald Wilson

Dr. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*

William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*

Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults), Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections), McLane Stone (Youth), John Turpin (Serve)





*Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
so we too might walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4

Today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Each week at National we seek to live out together this good news of Christ's living presence.

Our prayer is that everyone who worships at National will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced whenever we gather. On Sundays we gather in community to worship God through music, prayer, and preaching. Classes and groups are offered for adults, teens, and children, and childcare is available all morning.

Just as preaching and teaching equip us to serve as Christ's light in the world, we are also called to engage the world by showing God's love to one another. We serve and care for one another through prayer, networks of support, and service projects locally and internationally.

Whether you attend weekly, whether you have been away for awhile, or whether this is your first time at National, I trust that this morning you will sense the presence of the Risen Christ and feel drawn to connect more closely with Him through his church in the days ahead.



David Renwick

Dr. David Renwick

Senior Pastor

After Worship This Morning

Enjoy coffee, cookies, and Easter treats outside on the terrace (*weather permitting; alternate location in Elson Parlor*), and downstairs in Stone Hall.

Follow up on today's sermon: Dr. Renwick refers to a book entitled Surprised By Hope, by N.T. Wright.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:1-9

Dr. David Renwick

CHORAL AND BRASS RESPONSE

Andrea Gabrieli

Maria Magdalena, with her the other Mary, early went to see the garden tomb.

"Jesus, the one you seek, is not here, but is risen just as he spoke to you.

He goes to Galilee before you. There you will see him, as he said." Alleluia!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dr. Renwick

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

▲ HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffered to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION *please be seated*

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

10:00 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

We give thanks to you because of your great glory.

J. S. Bach
from *Mass in B Minor*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus Christ from the grave,

you shattered the power of sin and death,

and brought us hope of everlasting life.

We confess that we do not always believe in this hope,

and remain captive to doubt, fear, and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new.

Hear our grateful praise, O Risen Lord,

as we celebrate your wondrous love and eternal glory.

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

Lasst uns erfreuen

O friends, in gladness let us sing supernal anthems echoing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-31

8:30 a.m. Donna and Serge Duss

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible pp. 860-861

10:00 a.m. Nancy and David Low

Thanks be to God.

11:30 a.m. Lora Tredway and John Gregg

SERMON

Rock Solid Hope

Dr. David Renwick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

John Rutter

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

10:00 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Donna Marsh

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven

from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Op. 85

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

G.F. Handel

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where the body lay.

Refrain

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.

Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth. Death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!

Life is nought without thee. Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah!

G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
And he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

POSTLUDE

Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor
William Neil, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Please Note: Please use entrances and exits at both the back of the Sanctuary and near the pulpit and Scripture lectern at the front of the Sanctuary.

We welcome to worship our brass quintet and timpanist:

Steven Hendrickson, trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra

Jeffrey Strong, trumpet, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

James Nickel, horn, National Symphony Orchestra

Aaron Levere, trombone, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Seth Cook, tuba, Kennedy Center Opera Orchestra

Adam Green, percussionist, United States Air Force Band

The Easter Garden on the terrace outside of the Court of Flags and the flowers placed throughout the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and his victory over sin and death. Hallelujah!

Need assistance hearing during the service? Assisted listening receivers are available at the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. These can be used in any location in the sanctuary. *Please remember to return the receivers after the service.*

PRAYERS

Please pray for:

Members and friends of National Presbyterian Church.

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

FAMILY CELEBRATION

10 a.m. in Jones Hall (School Gym)

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

CHILDREN'S PRELUDE

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP AND RESPONSE Luke 24:1-9

Dr. Quinn Fox

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▲ OPENING SONG Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG Let It Rise

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Hilda Gore
Contemporary Music Leader

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

EASTER DRAMA SCENE 1

Hosanna!

SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Grace Notes Choir

EASTER DRAMA SCENE 2

Not the End...

▲ SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

EASTER DRAMA SCENE 3

Happy Day!

▲ SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

RESURRECTION REFLECTION

McLane Stone

Who Are You Looking For?

Youth Ministries Director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

▲ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him, above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ CLOSING SONGS

Christ Is Risen

My Redeemer Lives

INVITATION TO FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BENEDICTION

▲ POSTLUDE

Soul on Fire

Many thanks to all participants and volunteers!

2016 AT NATIONAL

Helping Refugees: From Crisis to Response

Panel Discussion: Saturday, April 16, 9:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Stone Hall
Displaced individuals and experts from the State Department, NGOs, and Christian ministries will help us to understand what we hear in the news about the global refugee crisis, and channel our dismay into positive responses. *Contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*



Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Apr. 11: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.*



Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 14

Choose from a variety of hands-on, family-friendly projects that make a difference, including feeding the homeless, packing dehydrated meals for disaster zones, collecting clothes for the needy, and packing backpacks for refugee kids. *Contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*



Summer at NPC Youth

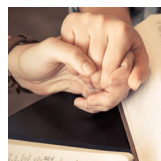
High School: Join us June 19-25 on “Encounter” as we explore God’s creation and our relationship with Christ while backpacking the Pennsylvanian backcountry. **Middle School Mission Trip:** Serve alongside your friends from July 18-22 in Harrisonburg, VA as we seek to share the love of Christ with others. *Contact McLane Stone: MStone@NationalPres.org.*



Griefshare

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Admin. Building Room 108

GriefShare provides a community of support for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. Explore ways to recover during weekly meetings with small group discussion and Bible study. *Contact Barb Dear: BDear@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7540.*



Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

June 25–July 1, Dominican Republic; some spaces still available!

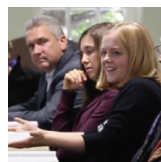
Work alongside Foundation for Peace and a local congregation to build community infrastructure, help a medical clinic, and provide educational opportunities for Dominican youth. *Contact John Turpin: JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.*



Small Groups

New small groups begin April 17; sign up online today!

Are you looking for Christian community in the midst of a busy life? Small groups meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study. *Information: groups@nationalpres.org or visit www.nationalpres.org/small-groups*



Vacation Bible School: “Egypt: Joseph’s Journey”

July 11-15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School (for children age 4–rising 5th grade) is a week packed full of faith and fun, with service projects, games, crafts, music, and stories from the Bible. *Contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7535.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

March 27–April 3

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
Luke 24:13-35

Monday

Psalms 97; 115
Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday

Psalms 98; 116
Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday

Psalms 98; 118
Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:29-41
Matthew 28:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 47; 113
Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday

Psalms 96; 138
Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 24:1-12

Saturday

Psalms 92; 114
Exodus 13:17-14:4
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
Mark 12:18-27

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 14:5-22
1 John 1:1-7
John 14:1-7

These are just a sampling of the ways that we connect with each other and our community. Please visit our website, www.nationalpres.org, or call 202.537.0800 to learn more.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit** on the theme "Go From Your Country." Dr. Greenslit is the Director of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP) *Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

Saturday, April 2, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Stone Hall

All women are invited for lunch, a special speaker, and time with one another. Presentation will begin at 12:50 p.m. *Contact Jo Schoolfield, to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.*

Classes Resume Next Week

Sunday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of classes for all ages and stages take place each week. Sunday school classes for adults, youth, and children resume next Sunday. *Learn more: www.nationalpres.org/grow, or contact Holly Novak, HNovak@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7527.*

The Circle Family Group

Sunday, April 3, 4:30–6:30 p.m., School Gym & Playground

Families are invited for our monthly gathering of a potluck meal, play time, and a separate discussion for parents with a corresponding activity for children.

Sandwich Making

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 & 12:15 p.m., Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make up to 800 sandwiches in 15 minutes!

Afternoon TEA Moms Group

Wednesday, April 13, 1:30–2:45 p.m. Elson Parlor

Women with school-aged children are invited to a monthly gathering for Biblical Teaching, Encouragement and Adoration of God using *Romans: The Gift of God*, a study by Timothy Keller. *Contact: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com for information or to sign up for our weekly email devotional.*



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