

April 1, 2018

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

EASTER SUNDAY

*Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!*

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*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 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 worship God together 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

Beginning or Renewing Your Faith?

Dr. Renwick highly recommends three books: *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller, *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright, and *Surprised by Oxford* by Carolyn Weber.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

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

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel

Brass Quintet, Adam Green, timpani
and Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 16:1-8

Dr. David Renwick

One: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

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One: Christ is risen!

All: **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!* Suffer 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

8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

10:00 a.m. Dr. Nancy Fox

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:1-6a

8:30 a.m. Elder John Neely

The Word of the Lord.

10:00 a.m. Deacon Gerri Hall

Thanks be to God.

11:30 a.m. Elder Delores Ziegler

SERMON

On Trial for Life

Dr. David Renwick

Acts 21-23 (*selected verses*)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;

God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness.

Now rejoice, Jerusalem, and with true affection

welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

John of Damascus (675-749)

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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.

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 God, 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

Dr. David Renwick

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah!

G.F. Handel

congregation welcome to join in singing

from *Messiah*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is 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

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

10:00 a.m. Rev. Donna Marsh

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor

Todd Fickley, organ

You may exit from both the back and front of the Sanctuary.

▲ Congregation standing, as able

In worship this morning we welcome our brass quintet and timpanist:

Steven Hendrickson, trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra

James Nickel, horn, National Symphony Orchestra

Keith Jones, trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra

Aaron LaVere, trombone, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Seth Cook, tuba, Kennedy Center Opera Orchestra

Adam Green, percussionist, United States Air Force Band

The Easter Garden inside the Sanctuary and Jones Hall and arrangements placed throughout the church celebrate the resurrection, healing, and care of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and his victory over sin and death. Hallelujah!

Want to support our Easter Garden?

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table. *You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.*

2018 AT NATIONAL



These are just a sampling of the many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ.

Weekly Worship

9 & 11 a.m.: Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

10:50 a.m.: Contemporary worship in Jones Hall (school gym) with a live band, worship leader, full liturgy, and a video of the Sanctuary sermon.

Sunday Classes for Adults, Youth, and Children

Bible-based opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages and stages.

Great Day of Service (May 19)

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community.

"The Story"

A church-wide movement beginning this fall to better know and grow in God's Word.

Summer Mission Trip (June 16–22)

An intergenerational mission trip traveling to the Dominican Republic to serve alongside churches and orphanages.

Care and Support

Those going through a difficult time may receive a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support.

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

50 Hours of Service Challenge

A congregational challenge to celebrate what we learn from serving others by each serving 50 hours this year.

Youth

Middle and high school students gather regularly for fun games, meaningful conversation, and Bible study.

Concert Series

Performances featuring groups such as Washington Bach Consort and The City Choir of Washington, as well as our own Chancel and Festival choirs.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 7, 8–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by Dr. Jeff McCrory on the theme “The Lost Boys: What will happen to the next generation if men abdicate their responsibilities?” *Reserve your place: men@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7527.*

Sandwich Making

Sunday, April 8, 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!

Serve with Martha's Table

Friday, April 13, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Serve alongside NPC mission partner Martha's Table and provide free, fresh produce and groceries at their Ft. Stanton “pop-up” grocery store! Your meals and transportation are included in the day. *Reserve your space: contact Susan O'Banion at 202.537.7503 or sobanion@nationalpres.org.*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at National, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. *Contact Kemet Rakiatu by April 18 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.*

Dominican Republic Intergenerational Mission Trip

Trip: June 16–22, 2018

There's still time to sign up for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic! *Go to nationalpres.org/mission-trip or contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7505.*

Women's Conference “Stories of Hope: Then & Now”

One day: Saturday, April 28

9 a.m.–3 p.m., Stone Hall

Experience the stories of Ruth and Sarah brought to life with guest speaker Rebecca Mitchell. We'll hear and discuss stories of hope from the Bible and participate in a hands-on service project. Register online (\$20): www.nationalpres.org/womens-ministry *Contact: Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpres.org, or 202.537.7483.*

Vacation Bible School

July 9–13, 2018; Register now!

Vacation Bible School is a week packed full of faith and fun for children age 4 through 5th grade, including service projects, games, crafts, snacks, awesome music, and stories from the Bible. *Register online at nationalpres.org/children*

Capital Project: Building Together for the Next 50 Years

We have the opportunity to serve Christ by building up our church and community for generations to come through our Capital Campaign. Over \$8.2 million has already been pledged from our first 125 families towards our goal of \$14.3 million. With your help, we can make our goal!

Want to learn more about the plans and how to participate?

We intend to visit with everyone in our church community in the coming months to share more about the plans for National and to answer your questions. You will be given the opportunity to make a commitment that may be spread over five years. **Learn more about our plans!** *Sign up for a visit at the information table or in Stone Hall, or visit nationalpres.org/buildingtogether*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 1 – 8

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 99; 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

We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and refreshments.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

Accessible worship | Assisted listening receivers and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.

Pick up a bud vase | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting someone who is ill or home-bound.

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and back six pews of the Sanctuary.

PRAYERS

On this Easter Sunday, we pray that the grace of God, the hope of Jesus' resurrection, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit will live in our hearts every day.

*How can we pray for you?
Tell us at nationalpres.org/prayer
or call the care office: 202.537.7540*



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