

April 9, 2023  
Easter Sunday



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL!



*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*

## New to National? Welcome!

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 more easy ways to connect:

- Sign the guestbook in the pews or [online](#) on our Watch page.
- [Sign up for our e-newsletter](#) on our website home page.
- Contact us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org).

## Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our email updates, please:

[Click here](#) or visit our Children's Ministry page for kids up to 5th grade.

[Click here](#) or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.

## WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

At National, you'll find inspirational preaching, joyful music, Christian teaching for all ages, and time to connect with one another. Questions? Visit the Welcome Center or email [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org).

Come on back! Our Sunday schedule:

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Can't join us in person? Worship online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

## EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

### Great Day of Service

**Saturday, May 20, 9:00 am-1:00 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.



### Summer of Serving

**Sundays, June 18-August 20**

All ages are invited to join us this summer for a different serving opportunity each week. We'll make sandwiches for the homeless, create cards for hospitalized veterans, collect and assemble hygiene supplies for Central Union Mission and much more! Come to serve, stay for snacks and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

# 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 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

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 20:1-8

Rev. Allan Poole

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

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

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

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

▲ FANFARE AND HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Paul Sjolund

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*

*Easter Hymn*

Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*

Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*

Where, O death, is now your sting? *Alleluia!*

Died he to redeem and save, *Alleluia!*

Where your victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!*

Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, *Alleluia!*

Death in vain forbids him rise, *Alleluia!*

Christ has opened Paradise, *Alleluia!*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Easter Hymn

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!*

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Marsh

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 CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*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!*

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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. Fox

*At the 10:00 am service only, children age 5 to 5th grade will be dismissed for Children's Chapel.*

*At all other services, children age 5 and up remain with their families.*

*Worship bags are available at the Sanctuary doors.*

*Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup>He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Poole

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

*Please make your Easter offering today during the service or online (see online instructions on page 8).*

*At the 10:00 am service, children age 5 to 5th grade return to join their families in the Sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah!

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God’s almighty Son.

from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy!

Man, proclaim his grace and glory!

Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy!

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

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

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larsen

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.

▲ 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 grave clothes folded where thy 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

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah, Amen

G. F. Handel

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Charles-Marie Widor

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

NATIONAL SYMPHONIC BRASS ENSEMBLE

Andrew Balio, Principal Trumpet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

Michael Harper, Assistant Principal Trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra

Kevin Paul, Trumpet, The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own"

James Nickel, Associate Principal Horn, National Symphony Orchestra

Lee Rogers, Principal Trombone, Washington National Opera Orchestra

Seth Cook, Principal Tuba, Washington National Opera Orchestra

PERCUSSION

Adam Green, Timpani, United States Air Force Band

Bradley Robinson, Glockenspiel, Cymbals, United States Air Force Band

**Today's Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Dr. Elizabeth Wenger Stone, former Director of The Library and Archives,

by Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

*A complete listing of Easter floral donor dedications will be acknowledged next week.*

# FIND YOUR PLACE TO CONNECT



Whether your passion is serving, singing or Sunday School, we have something for you! Here are a few examples of how you can get connected to our church community. Questions? We are available to chat at the Welcome Center or you may email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org). You can also find details about these and more at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org).



## **Sunday School**

Grow in Christ through God's Word in weekly Sunday School for children, youth, and adults.

## **Club 45**

4th and 5th graders meet each month for a time of fun, faith and friends.



## **Youth**

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

## **Young Adults**

Young adults gather regularly for small group discussion and fun outings.



## **Youth Summer Trips**

This summer, high school students and middle school students will grow their faith and friendships on trips filled with fun, worship and adventure!



## **Sandwich Making, Food Drives and Great Day of Service**

Year-round opportunities to serve, including a special day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at National and in the surrounding community.



## **Care and Support**

Those going through a difficult time can find a listening ear, prayer, and sustained spiritual support in times of transition, illness or grief.

## **Small Groups**

Our welcoming small groups gather throughout the week in person and online for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and fellowship together.



## **Large Groups**

Our large groups include Men's Breakfast, Women's Brunch, Military Ministry, Senior Adults, Chancel Choir and Festival Choir.



## **Vacation Bible School**

A week-long half-day Bible camp in June for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

**Emmaus 2**  
by Malcolm Guite

*Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

Luke 24:25-26

We thought that everything was lost and gone,  
Disaster on disaster overtook us  
The night we left our Jesus all alone  
And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us.  
But oh that foul Friday proved far worse,  
For we had hoped that he had been the one,  
Till crucifixion proved he was a curse,  
And on the cross our hopes were all undone.  
  
Oh foolish foolish heart why do you grieve?  
Here is good news and comfort to your soul:  
Open your mind to scripture and believe  
He bore the curse for you to make you whole  
The living God was numbered with the dead  
That He might bring you Life in broken bread.

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## 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 may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests  
to the Care Office,  
[careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org)  
or 202.537.7540.


Prayer requests can also be submitted  
via prayer cards in the pew guestbooks  
and at the Welcome Center.


## 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. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](https://nationalpres.org/giving), text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



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