

February 11, 2024



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*

Colossians 3:12

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Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

EVENTS AT NATIONAL

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!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Come to [Stone Fellowship Hall](#) today after the 11am worship service to make sandwiches for [Martha's Table](#). McKenna's Wagon, by Martha's Table, delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

Alpha Marriage Class

Today, February 11

Garden Room A

Do you want to learn practical tools and techniques to strengthen your connection with your partner? If so, then this course is for you! This 14-week Sunday School class uses engaging Alpha Marriage videos and partner-to-partner conversations to provide valuable insights and practical tips for building a healthy and happy marriage. Whether you're newlyweds or have been together for decades, this course is designed to help couples of all ages and stages of life. For more information contact Margaret Gardner at mgardner@nationalpres.org.

5-week Lenten Small Groups

Starts Feb. 19 - Sign up now!

Interested in deepening your walk with God? Join a short-term small group discussion of our Lenten sermon series on God's Persistent Love. In-person and online groups will explore Old Testament revelations of God's faithfulness and how our response can transform us. Please visit our [Small Groups webpage](#) to register for a group by Feb. 14.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 11

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Ash Wednesday, February 14

- 7:00 pm: Traditional Worship with Communion and imposition of ashes

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19

- Church and Offices closed

Sticky Faith Parenting Seminar

Saturday, February 24, 5:00 pm

Come discover the most pressing questions our young people are asking and how you can help them discover Jesus-centered answers to those questions. We'll hear from Andy Jung, the Senior Director of Church Engagement at the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI), and have dinner with other parents who are also seeking to raise faithful kids. Childcare will be provided (with advance RSVP). Suggested donation for dinner is \$15. Contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org) or visit the events page for more information.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG O Love That Will Not Let Me Go *Indelible Grace*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Indelible Grace*

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,
we confess that often we fail to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will.
We have broken your law.
We have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors.
We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Dr. 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PATHWAY

Glenn Schmitt

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-17 Elder Dennis Burgart

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Kristin Franke
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

*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.*

SERMON

*Essential Practices
of Christian Discipleship*
Care: Compassion and Love for One Another

Rev. Lisa Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

You may bring your gift forward during the offering song.

▲ OFFERING SONG

Mighty to Save

Hillsong Worship

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations!

Savior, he can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. Yes, I surrender!

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King!

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Chorus

My Savior, you can move the mountains. You are mighty to save!

You are mighty to save! Forever, Author of Salvation,

You rose and conquered the grave. Yes, you conquered the grave!

You are mighty to save!

▲ 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!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Hylton

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

O How Good It Is

Keith and Kristyn Getty

O 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.

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.

O 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**

O 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

Rev. Larsen

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Come Down O Love Divine" Herbert Sumsion
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *Geneva*

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who, upon the cross forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's redeeming light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE F. W. Hawkins

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us in this hour.
Let the presence of the Holy Spirit now abide with us in pow'r,
Our Father, hear now our pray'r: O hear us! Hear now our pray'r.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Love One Another

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that you love one another.

with Tess Ottinger and Joanna Zorack-Greene, sopranos

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

OFFERTORY Be Filled with the Spirit Craig Courtney
Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord.
Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks to God, giving thanks in all things,
Giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
with Edna Huang, clarinet

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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▲ HYMN 335 Though I May Speak *O Waly Waly*

▲ BENEDICTION Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Geneva*
Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.
Albert F. Bayly

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Hylton

▲ POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major, BWV 547 J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

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

Spring 2024 Adult Sunday School

On February 11, the winter Adult Sunday School class semester will begin. For class descriptions and more information please visit our [Adult Classes webpage](#).

- **Alpha Marriage Course:**
Couple Facilitators, Garden Room A
- **The Border and Beyond: Migration and Immigration in the Mission of God:** Nancy Fox and Jonathan Edwards, Room 209
- **Paul's Epistle to the Romans:**
R.V. Seep, Chapel and online
- **God's Plan of Redemption Through History:** Dr. Quinn Fox, Parlor
- **Exploring Luke's Gospel:** Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss and others, Garden Room C
- **Parent Gathering:** Kristin Franke and others, Jones Hall

Childcare

The Nursery rooms are available 8:30 am until noon for infants to walkers, up to age 4.

Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for 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

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to read about our Children's Ministry.

- Children ages 2-3 years have Sunday School in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Children age 4 through 5th grade meet for Sunday School in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).



**Called
to Care**

Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC is blessed to have a partnership with the non-profit organization IONA Senior Services and a geriatric social worker who is available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free of charge.

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*Let us work for the good of all
and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prepare for Marriage Workshop

Saturday, Mar 16, 2024 8:45 am to 3:00 pm

Learn the skills you'll need to thrive in your marriage during this one-day course. This annual program is open to anyone; it is required for those who plan to be married at NPC. Please contact Wray Muoio to register or for more information at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7540

Mission Trip to Romania

Information Session

Sunday, February 18, 12:30 pm

Room 109

Come and hear about the work God is doing in Romania! For over 30 years, The Smiles Foundation has cared for vulnerable communities in western Romania. Join us in Room 109 to hear from Kevin Hoy, the Founder and Executive Director of Smiles, and learn more about our intergenerational mission trip to Romania in August. Lunch will be served. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org.

Per Capita Assessment

The National Capital Presbytery has set the per capita rate at \$48.56 per person, this is the amount that NPC pays for each active member in our congregation. If you would like to share you can give this amount by check, cash, or by scanning the QR Code below.



Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, February 18, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

Our speaker will be our very own SSG Ethan Greene, accomplished singer, member of The US Army Chorus and the NPC Choir. Lunch will be served and all are invited!

Call for Singers

Mozart Requiem

The National Presbyterian Church

Festival Choir & Orchestra

A Church / Community Chorus

Performance: 5 pm March 24 Palm Sunday

Preliminary Rehearsals on Saturdays 10 am – 1 pm:

February 24, March 2, 9, 16

Final Rehearsals on:

Friday, March 22, 7 pm – 10 pm

Saturday, March 23, 10 am – 2 pm

Bärenreiter scores available for nominal fee

JOIN OUR NPC TEAM!

Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

National Presbyterian Church is searching for an Executive Assistant to provide administrative support to the church's Senior Pastor. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational skills, be a strong communicator and self-starter. Day-to-day responsibilities include managing the Pastor's schedule and correspondence, coordinating Church meetings, partnering with church committees and providing administrative support. The position will serve as the primary interface and receptionist for the Senior Pastor to the congregation, staff, and public. The position is full-time and includes comprehensive benefits. Occasional weekend work may be needed to support church functions. Qualified applicants should send a resume to npcfadirectsearch@gmail.com.

NOTES

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 other easy ways to connect with us:

- Sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch webpage](#).
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

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

- Visit our [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We mourn:

The passing of Gloria Gibson

We pray for:

Foundation For Peace, a Christian ministry dedicated to forging connections between the US and materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Kenya.

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:



If you haven't made your 2024 commitment, cards are available in the narthex or you can scan the QR code below to make your commitment online.



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 Linda Botsford in grateful memory of her parents, Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford who now enjoy their eternal rest with their Savior and each other.

Community Health Note

Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of 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.



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