

April 20, 2025

Easter

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,
we are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead....
I Corinthians 15:19-20*

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Leslie Saum (Connections)



WELCOME TO NATIONAL



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Here, you'll find inspirational preaching, joyful music, Christian teaching for all ages, opportunities for service and community, and time to connect with one another. If you have questions, 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.
- Contact us at info@nationalpres.org.

Today, After Worship:

Coffee, Cookies, and Easter Garden Photos

Everyone is invited to come down after each worship service to Stone Fellowship Hall for coffee, cookies, and complimentary keepsake photos taken in the beautiful Easter Garden!

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 8:30 am & 10:00 am services, families are invited to an egg hunt. Meet in the fountain garden after the 8:30 am service, or at the National Presbyterian School playground after the 10:00 am service.

Come back next week!

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.

*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

8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE TODAY

Quietly in the dim light of dawn

CHIMES

CHORAL INTROIT

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."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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

▲ HYMN

Fanfare and Hymn for Easter Morning

Paul Sjölund

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!* 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. Lisa Larsen

▲ 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!*

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,
We 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.

▲ 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 Rev. Larsen
 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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 8:30 am: Elder Lynne Gochnour
 Pew Bible page 936 10:00 am: Elder Laurie Denham
 11:30 am: Dr. Robert Betz

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Rev. Larsen

*At the 8:30 am & 10:00 am services,
 children in kindergarten to 5th grade may exit for Children's Chapel,
 returning after the sermon. At 11:30 am service, children return to their pews.
 At all services, parents may take children age 4 & under to the nursery,
 and pick them up there after the service.*

SERMON The Resurrection Difference Dr. Hylton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE Death, I Do Not Fear Thee J. S. Bach
 Death, I do not fear thee, though thou standest near me,
 Grave, I calmly spurn thee, though to dust thou turn me!
 Strong in hope and faith, rising up, and singing, I shall, heavenward winging,
 Soar, and vanquish death, and with the blest shall forever rest!
 He that reigns will rend my chains.
 Earth may vanish, hea'vn may sever: God is God forever!
 From Motet, *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*, No. 5, BWV 227

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Quinn Fox

*At the 8:30 am & 10:00 am services, children in kindergarten to 5th grade
 return to join their families in the Sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY I Know that My Redeemer Liveth G. F. Handel
 I know that my Redeemer liveth,
 and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
 And tho' worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
 For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.
 8:30 am Joanna Zorack-Greene, 10:00 am Sheri Jackson, 11:30 am Tess Ottinger

- ▲ DOXOLOGY Ralph Vaughan Williams
 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore, *Old Hundredth*
 From us, and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.
- PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Fox
 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 122 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 grave clothes where thy body lay.
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. Hylton
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN Heinrich Schütz
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Fox
- ▲ POSTLUDE Toccata Charles-Marie Widor
Mr. Fickley, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

BRASS ENSEMBLE

William Gerlach, Principal Trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra
 Michael Harper, Assistant Principal Trumpet, National Symphony Orchestra
 Andrew Balio, Principal Trumpet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
 James Nickel, Associate Principal Horn, National Symphony Orchestra
 Lee Rogers, Principal Trombone, Washington National Opera Orchestra
 Seth Cook, Principal Tuba, Washington National Opera Orchestra

TIMPANI

Julie Angelis Boehler, Associate Principal Timpanist, Venice (FL) Symphony
 Principal Timpanist (Ret.), United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own"

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT NPC

Whether your passion is serving, singing, or Sunday School, there is a place for you! Here are a few examples of how you can get connected to the church community. Questions? We are available to chat at the Welcome Center or you may email us at info@nationalpres.org. You can also find details about these and more at nationalpres.org.



Community Volunteer Opportunities & Great Day of Service

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



Care and Support

We are here to celebrate and support you at times of joy and new beginnings. We also walk alongside you during life transitions and challenges.



Sunday School

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

Vacation Bible School

This summer's VBS is June 23-27, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Children age 4 to rising 5th grade will explore the depths of God's love through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and service projects.



Club 45

4th & 5th graders meet monthly for games and a devotional as they grow in faith and friendship.

Youth Group

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



Youth Summer Trips

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



Young Adults

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

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.

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Journey of Discipleship!

We are all on a journey of faith to grow closer to Christ—through worship, prayer, scripture, and service. NPC has many resources available to support you on your journey. Please visit nationalpres.org/discipleship or contact Connections Ministry (lsaum@nationalpres.org, 202-537-7494).

Want to dig deeper into discipleship with pastors and leaders? Or considering church membership as a next step on your journey of faith? Attend our one day Spring class!

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am

Come learn more about NPC and the Christian faith. Enjoy special teaching, meet new friends, and enjoy food and fellowship. For more info or to register by April 21, visit our [Events](#) page or contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7578.

Serve Our City: Little Lights

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am-12:30 pm

You are invited to partner with Little Lights for their Saturday Program to provide a safe, fun, and encouraging space for their students to spend their weekend hours. Whether it's playing games, making a craft, or helping with homework, this will be an excellent opportunity to encourage our city's youth and allow them to bless you as well. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC in Stone Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. This month we look forward to Rev. Craig Meek, an occasional liturgist at NPC who was ordained here in 2017, presenting "My Journey to the 'Broad' Place" focusing on Psalm 18 verses 1-19. Please email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Women's Ministry Lunch

Saturday, May 3, 12:00 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to the Women's Ministry Brunch. The gathering will build on our recent retreat and a year of deepening our roots in Christ. Fellowship, prayer, inspiration, and a bit of fun will provide "Food for Soul" as we experience the fruitfulness of life together. Please join us for delicious food and faith-filled conversation. Visit our [Events](#) page to register by April 28.

Great Day of Service

Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am-1:00 pm

You're invited to Great Day of Service, when friends and neighbors will join together to serve our city and those encountering food insecurity around the world. People of all ages are welcome to help pack meal kits, tutor kids in reading and math, collect food, clothing, and diapers, and build a Habitat house. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org) or visit our [Events](#) page.



VBS Campers & Volunteers:

Sign Up Today!

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, for children age 4 to rising 5th grade. Register your campers today for a week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, service, and more! Contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org) for further information.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY!

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.

We pray for:

International Justice Mission
as they fight for protection and restitution
for victims of human rights crimes
and for transformation of broken
justice systems throughout the world.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests
to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202-537-7540.

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given by Nicole Gibson,
in memory of a beloved mother and father,
Gloria Perez Gibson and Albert L. Gibson,
in celebration of their eternal rest
with their Lord.

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 would like to make a 2025
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 Director of Finance and
Administration Leah Skrine at
lskrine@nationalpres.org.

May we pray for you?



**Called
to Care**

If you would like to request prayer or feel called to join our prayer team,
contact careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*
Philippians 4:6



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