

March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change, though the
mountains shake in the heart of the sea.*

Psalm 46:1-2



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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!

Third Grade Milestone: The Bible

Today during 11:00 am worship, our third graders will lead a responsive scripture reading and receive their Bibles as part of their Milestone in Worship. During Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a "Milestone in Worship," an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith. Please join us in praying for our children as they receive the gift of God's Word.

Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

Zoom

Have you or someone you love lost your job? Are you facing potential termination? The Care Office is here to offer support and encouragement in these uncertain times. We will host a gathering on Zoom for prayer and fellowship. Please email the Care Office for the link.

careoffice@nationalpres.org.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see the [Events page](#) on our website.

Sunday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 19

- 7:00 pm: Young Professionals Bible Study
- 7:00 pm: Prayer Gathering

Sunday, March 23

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

Adult Service Project and Luncheon

Thursday, March 20, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall

The Lenten season is upon us! Come and enjoy a time of fellowship as we engage in a variety of projects to help prepare for Easter and serve one of our local Mission Partners, Friendship Place. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

For more information about all of our Lenten and Easter events, please visit our [Easter page](#), accessible on the home page of our website.

Palm Sunday, April 13

- Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am
- Concert: Brahms *Requiem*, 5:00 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- Hands-on Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm
- Worship with Communion: 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18

- Hands-on Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm
- Meditations & Music on the Seven Last Words of Christ: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

- Worship: 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 am
- Easter Egg Hunt:
after 8:30 & 10:00 am worship

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ OPENING SONG

You Are My Vision

Rend Collective

You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies—only you, Lord!

You are my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence my light!

You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with you and you with me, Lord!

You're my great Father and I'm your true son!

You dwell inside me together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight!

You're my soul's shelter and you're my high tower.

Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power!

I don't want riches or vain empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always!

You and you only, the first in my heart.

High King of heaven, my treasure you are!

High King of heaven, when victory's won, may I reach heaven's joy,

O bright heaven's Son! Heart of my own heart,

Whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

In confidence of your great goodness and mercy, O Lord,

I draw near to you,

As a sick person to the Healer,

As one hungry and thirsty to the Fountain of life,

A creature to the Creator,

A needy soul to my own tender Comforter.

Behold, in you is everything that I can or ought to desire.

Forgive my sins, O Lord. You alone are my salvation and refuge,

My Helper and my strength.

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
 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

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46
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Deacon Kristy Chikes

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
 Director of Children's Ministry

*Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
 Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Prescriptions for Wounded Souls
 A Refuge in the Storm

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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. Fox

*You may bring your gift forward during the offering song,
 or place it in an offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.*

- ▲ OFFERING SONG Living Hope Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham
 How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!
 In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night!
 Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
 Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. (2x)*

▲ 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!

Dr. Fox

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.

Sovereign

Chris Tomlin

Sovereign in the mountain air, sovereign on the ocean floor,

with me in the calm, with me in the storm!

Sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry,

with me in the dark, with me at the dawn!

In your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life, from beginning to the end, I can trust you.

In your never-failing love, you work everything for good.

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you! God,

whatever comes my way, I will trust you!

All my hopes, all I need, held in your hands!

All my life, all of me, held in your hands!

All my fears, all my dreams, held in your hands! *Chorus*

Dr. Hylton

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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NOTES

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chaconne in F minor

Johann Pachelbel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ HYMN 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

God Reigns Over the Nations

Kent Newbury

God reigns over the nations! God sits on his holy throne! Clap your hands, all ye peoples!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Fox

In confidence of your great goodness and mercy, O Lord,

I draw near to you,

As a sick person to the Healer,

As one hungry and thirsty to the Fountain of life,

A creature to the Creator,

A needy soul to my own tender Comforter.

Behold, in you is everything that I can or ought to desire.

Forgive my sins, O Lord. You alone are my salvation and refuge,

My Helper and my strength.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THIRD GRADE MILESTONE RESPONSIVE READING

Third Grade Sunday School

Please respond with bold text.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow:

it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

I find my delight in your commandments, because I love them. (Psalm 119:47)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. (Psalm 19:7a)

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7b)

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold. (Psalm 19:10a)

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:10b)

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

Presentation of Bibles

Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.

Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

Elder Jennifer Richwine

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

SERMON

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RESPONSE

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

Choir

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide—in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: Your best, your heav'nly friend through stormy ways leads to a joyful end.

Congregation

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past;

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake—all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

OFFERTORY

Be Still, and Know that I Am God

David Lantz III

Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth;

I am your refuge in your time of fear, and you will know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God, the God who like a shepherd leads the sheep,

The God whose thunder stirs the mighty deep. Be still, and know that I am God.

Though waters may roar and mountains may shake, and danger fills your heart with deep despair,

In quiet confidence, you'll find me through your prayers, and know I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God. In times of pain, in times of war;
 In me find solitude and perfect peace. Keep faith; my wonders never cease.
 Be still, and know that I am God, the God of strength, the God of truth;
 With love, I speak the tender words you hear, so you will know that I am near.
 Trust in me, for I am here. Be still, and know that I am God. Be still...be still.

- ▲ 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 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 It Is Well with My Soul Ville du Havre
 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul!"

Refrain

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul!"

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
 That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought—my sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall return: "Even so—it is well with my soul!"

Refrain

- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE David Lantz III
 Be still, and know that I am God, be still...be still.

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Fox

- ▲ POSTLUDE Passacaglia in D minor Dieterich Buxtehude
Mr. Fickley, organ

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Everyone is invited downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall, after worship,
 for Coffee, Cookies, and Community.*

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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

Childcare

Childcare is available 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. The Nursery (Room 207), the Early Walker Room (Room 231), and the Toddler Room (Room 230) are located on the second floor of the main church building. Infants - crawling should go to the Nursery, walkers under 2 (as of September 30) should go to the Early Walker Room, and those ages 2-pre-K should utilize the Toddler Room.

Children's Sunday School

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to learn 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).

Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for information about Sunday School, youth group, and other special events.

- Youth Sunday School, for grades 6-12, meets in the Multipurpose Building for fellowship, worship, and small group Bible studies.

Adult Sunday School

Visit our [Adult Classes webpage](#) for class descriptions and more information.

- ***The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed after 1700 years***
Quinn Fox
Chapel and Online
We are exploring the historical and theological significance of the Nicene Creed, examining its key statements about the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit).
- ***The Dangerous Act of Loving God and Neighbor***
Nancy Fox, Ginny Beeson
Room 209
We are looking at the inseparable connection of Christian worship and Jesus' call into his work of justice.
- ***Parent Gathering***
Jones Hall, Education Building
All parents of youth and children are invited to stop by Jones Hall in the Education building for coffee, fellowship, and small group Bible studies that correspond with the children's and youth classes.

- ***Ephesians and Philippians***
R. V. Seep
Garden Room A
In Philippians the apostle Paul finds joy while in prison, taunted by his critics, wanting necessities, and separated from those he loved. Amid dire circumstances, Paul pens a letter radiating joy.
- ***The Gospel According to Mark***
Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss
Garden Room C
Mark's gospel describes the life of Jesus with a pathos and urgency that underline its momentous implications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Journey of Discipleship Together!

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 at lsaum@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7494.

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! We also need adult volunteers to serve as crew leaders and station leaders. Come point kids to Jesus, their “True North” as we explore what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

AARP Smart Driver™ Course March 26th, 2025, 9 am - 3 pm NPC Multipurpose Building

Course participants will learn defensive driving skills, safety strategies, DC driving laws, current driving technologies and how to manage common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Participants may be eligible for a multi-year insurance discount after taking the course, there are no tests. The course is open to drivers of all ages for a fee of \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Participants can register by going to: <https://www.aarpdriversafety.org/>

Join Our Easter Welcome Team

Easter is just around the corner and we are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as a warm and welcoming presence on this joyful day! As we welcome hundreds of regulars and newcomers to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we want to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and valued. Whether you are greeting attendees at the door, directing them to seating, or assisting with other needs, your service is crucial to making our Easter celebration a success. To join our Easter Welcome Team, please visit our Serve at Church page or [click here](#). You can also contact Leslie Saum (lsaum@nationalpres.org) directly at 202.537.7494 for more information.



**Called
to Care**

Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC partners with the non-profit IONA Senior Services, which has a geriatric social worker available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free. 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

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!

Newcomers and long-timers:

Let us know you are here!

Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online - we want to know you and care for you:

- Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

Ways to Connect:

- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.
- Contact our Connections Ministry to get a conversation started:
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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.

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Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time.

To support the general ministry of National:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
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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.

Prayers

We pray for:

peace that surpasses
human understanding.

We pray for:

Bethlehem Bible College,
as they prepare Christian leaders
to serve churches and communities
in the Middle East.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests
to the Care Office,
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The flowers in the Sanctuary
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by Joyce Yoder
in loving memory of her son,
Nathan Yoder.

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