

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Psalm 90:2



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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!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 5 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 have the honor of having Gregg Gochnour sharing his life's journey and adventures with Christ. Please email grow@nationalpres.org for more information and RSVP by March 27.

Fellowship & Ideas

Come and share your perspectives

Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

The Strategic Planning Team would love to connect and hear your ideas and aspirations for the future of NPC in an informal gathering following the 11:00 am worship service.

Holy Week Hands-on Prayer Stations

Thursday, April 17 & Friday, April 18

3:00-7:00pm

Garden Rooms

Reflect on the events of Holy Week as you journey through a series of interactive prayer stations, designed to take 20-30 minutes in all. Each station offers something to hold or touch as you recount a moment from Holy Week and respond with a hands-on prayer. These prayer stations are for all ages and are designed especially with children and families in mind.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, March 30

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

Wednesday, April 2

- 7:00 pm: Young Professionals Bible Study

Saturday, April 5

- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 6

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:30 pm: Fellowship & Ideas
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 am

Garden Rooms

Want to dig deeper on discipleship with pastors and leaders? Or considering church membership as a next step on your journey of faith? Come to this one-day class on April 26. For more info or to register by April 19, visit our Events webpage or contact Kemet Rakiatu (krakiatu@nationalpres.org) at 202-537-7578.

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. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Pat Barrett

It all comes down to this, what you require of me.

Love my neighbor as myself and you above all things.

Act justly love mercy walk humbly with you God.

In all things in all ways walk humbly with you God.

It all comes down to this, to be your hands and feet.

Good news to all the world; the truth will set us free. *Chorus*

It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing,

it's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven. (2x)

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.

Faith just like a seed the only way it grows. *Chorus*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the gate and house of heaven.

Forgive and cleanse us unto that glorious day.

May we at last enter and dwell, where there shall be

no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;

no noise nor silence, but one equal music;

no fears nor hopes, but one equal inheritance;

no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity:

Forever in the presence of your glory and dominion,

forever in the embrace of your love.

from John Donne

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY Dr. Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 90:1-10 Joy Eckert
A Song of Moses
Pew Bible Pages 476-477

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Dr. Fox

*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* Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
God's Eternity and Human Frailty

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

- ▲ OFFERING SONG Wide As The Sky Matt Redman
*Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.
Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high! (2x)*
Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.
Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place. (2x)
Chorus
Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!
Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!
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▲ 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 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.

▲ CLOSING SONG

1,000 Tongues

Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin

We are a sea of voices, we are an ocean of your praise gathered under one name.

We are a tide that's rising and we cannot be contained, gathered under one name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy, God.

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain; gathered under one name.

Where ev'ry chain is broken and ev'ry sorrow swept away; gathered under one name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy, God.

With all heaven sing, and all earth below: One Holy King, one highest throne! (2x)

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

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You are worthy, you are worthy, God. Repeat

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio in B major

Herbert Nanney
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 210 *verses 1-4* Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 210, verse 5

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home. Isaac Watts

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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

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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.

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

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Deacon Jane Crumpler

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CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Lobt Gott in

Lord, you have been our dwelling place, a refuge where our feet have trod. *seinem Heiligtum*

Before you placed all things in space, from everlasting you are God.

O teach us how to count our days, that wisdom might fill all our time.

Return, O Lord, accept our praise, that through our praise your love may shine.

Establish, Lord, the work we do, and through it make your glory known,

That praise may ever come to you, and unto all your love be shown.

Fred R. Anderson

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

OFFERTORY

Steal Away

Brian Tate

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home.

Spiritual

I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me. He calls me by the thunder, the trumpets sounds within my soul.

I ain't got long to stay here.

Zion is callin', the stars soon be a-fallin', the trumpet sounds within my soul.

I ain't got long to stay here.

▲ 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.

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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 275 God of Our Life

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▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

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▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Larsen

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE Elegy G. T. Thalben-Ball

Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball
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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NOTES

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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***
Resumes 4/6
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

Serve Our City: Little Lights

Saturday, April 26 from 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 unstructured 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).

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).

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 (lsaum@nationalpres.org) at 202-537-7494.

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Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 5 pm

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This QR Code will also be available

for online giving during offering, or now for generous donations in advance.



For information please go to

www.nationalpres.org/brahms

Or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.



**Called
to Care**

Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with you to think through difficult situations. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

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:
lsaum@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.

Your Giving Makes 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.

To support the general ministry of National:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833-414-9444
- Scan the QR code below:



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 celebrate with:

Katie and Will Adams
on the birth of their daughter.

We pray for:

God's comfort and peace.

We pray for:

European Christian Mission,
International as they support churches
and church planters in Eastern and
Western Europe.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests
to the Care Office,

careoffice@nationalpres.org

202-537-7540.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
in memory of G. Joseph Sears
on the occasion of his April 3rd birthday
with love from his wife Margaret Smith Sears.



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