

March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.'  
And they called the blind man, saying to him,  
'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'*

Luke 10:49

Senior Pastor  
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Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.  
Rev. Lisa Larsen  
Rev. Craig Meek  
Rev. Kristin Franke  
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus  
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)  
Todd Fickley (Organist)  
Joanna Zorack-Greene  
(Contemporary Music Leader)

Parish Associate  
Music

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve)  
Jill Meek (Children)  
Carol Han (Connections)



# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about all our events, please visit the [Events page](#) on our website at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## College Student Luncheon Sunday, March 29, 12:15 pm Parlor

All college students are invited to bring a friend and enjoy lunch after 11:00 am worship. Come get to know NPC better, and help us get to know you better! No RSVP necessary. Please contact Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org)) with any questions.

MUSIC OF FELIX MENDELSSOHN  
AS THE HART PANTS, OP. 42, NO. 1  
SONGS WITHOUT WORDS, OP. 19, NO. 1  
HYMN OF PRAISE, OP. 52

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA  
**Palm Sunday, March 29 at 5 pm**

No tickets required - Freewill offering  
*Make Plans with Your Family and Friends!*

*This QR Code will also be available  
for online giving during the offering.*



For more information, [visit our website](#).

## Easter Dedication Flowers

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one by supporting NPC's Easter flower displays? You will find Flower Ministry envelopes on the tables outside the sanctuary. You may make your donation to NPC by check or online, noting "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, March 22

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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- 5:00 pm: Music of Felix Mendelssohn Concert

## Holy Week Interactive Prayer Stations

### Thursday, April 2 & Friday, April 3 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

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 an interactive prayer. These prayer stations are for all ages and are designed especially with children and families in mind. Questions, email Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)) for more information.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS

## Palm Sunday, March 29

- Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am
- Concert: 5:00 pm  
Music of Felix Mendelssohn

## Maundy Thursday, April 2

- Interactive Prayer Stations: 3:00-7:00 pm
- Worship with Communion: 7:00 pm

## Good Friday, April 3

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

## Easter Sunday, April 5

- 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

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG Give Me Jesus Jeremy Camp

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Spiritual

When I am alone, when I am alone,  
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.*

When I come to die, when I come to die,  
O when I come to die, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world.*

*You can have all this world. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus!*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Meek

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Forgive my sins, O Lord;  
the sins of my youth and the sins of my age,  
the sins of my soul and the sins of my body,  
my secret and whispering sins,  
my presumptuous and prideful sins,  
the sins I have done to please myself,  
and the sins I have done to please others.

Forgive those sins which I know, and those I know not:

Forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all out of thy great goodness.

Lancelot Andrewes

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

Rev. Meek

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52  
*Pew Bible Page 823*

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Meek

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

SERMON

*Encountering God More Deeply*  
The Blind Man Who Saw Jesus

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. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Take My Life

Chris Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as you choose.

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for thee.*

*Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for thee.*

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee. *Chorus*

▲ 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!*





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Elder Rick Hawthorne

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Open Thou Mine Eyes

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes, and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;

Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God, and beside thee let there be none else,

No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,

In truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Open thou mine eyes, and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;

Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

Lancelot Andrewes

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me. He heard my complaint.

*Hymn of Praise, Op. 52*

O blessed are they who hope and trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40

With Sheri Jackson and Joanna Zorack-Greene, sopranos

▲ 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
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## Childcare

Childcare is available on the second floor of the main church building from 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. To maintain a safe environment, we have new age guidelines for each room, using the child's age as of September 30, 2025. Babies-17 months are in Room 207. Early Toddlers (18 months-2 years old) are in Room 230. 3s and 4s are in the Toddler Room (Room 231).

## Library Hours: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Our NPC Library, located on the second floor, is open from 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Sundays. Stop in to say "hi!" We've got books for all ages and ministries to enrich your faith journey and further our mission of leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus together in God's world.

## 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 Rooms 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

- **Church in Late Antiquity**, R.V. Seep (*Chapel & Online*)
- **Discovering the Gospel of John**, Margaret Gardner (*Garden Room C*)
- **Financial Peace University**, Megan Schmoll & Leah Skrine (*Garden Room A*)
- **The Listening Life**, Ginny Beeson & Lewrene Glaser (*Room 209*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

Visit our [website](#) for descriptions and more information.



### Deacons

Our deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen, pray, visit, and encourage you. [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) / 202-537-7537

*Love one another.*

John 13:34

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## Great Day of Service

**Saturday, April 18, 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 participate in activities such as packing meal kits, welcoming and reading with refugee families, collecting food, clothing, and diapers, building a house with Habitat for Humanity, and serving at Central Union Mission's Men's Shelter. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)) or visit our Events page.

## Youth Group Dinners

On Sunday nights, our youth group meets for dinner and fellowship. We're always grateful for those who would be willing to provide a simple meal and spend time in fellowship eating with us! For more details, contact [NPCThought@nationalpres.org](mailto:NPCThought@nationalpres.org).

## My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "[My NPC](#)" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password-protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

## Call for Praise Band

Do you sing or play bass, drums, guitar, or another instrument? Our contemporary worship band is looking for volunteer musicians to join our rotating roster. Participation does not need to be weekly and is Sunday mornings only. You are welcome to "try it out" if interested. If you love music and are interested in serving through worship, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to our fabulous band leader, Joanna Zorack-Greene ([jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org](mailto:jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org)), for more information.

## Visit Our Library!

Come by the gorgeous library for books for all ages! Visit us on Level 2 of the Main Church, and chat with our new volunteer librarians. Questions about the library can be addressed to [npclibrary@nationalpres.org](mailto:npclibrary@nationalpres.org).

## Hearing Assistance

NPC has a great system for hearing assistance in any location in the sanctuary. Small hearing assistance packs are available in the racks just outside of the Sanctuary, along with instructions for use.

### Associate for Youth Ministries

NPC is hiring an Associate for Youth Ministries. The ideal candidate has a heart for reaching middle school and high school youth with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This position will be responsible for all aspects of weekly youth programs and special events, as well as maintaining the relational outreach and connection aspect of the Youth Ministry.

For more information and to apply, visit

[nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs).

# 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!

Scan this QR code to learn more about NPC & get connected:



## 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.

## 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.

## Get Connected Through Service!

Want to share in faith and fellowship through service?

No matter your age, skills, or ability, you can use your gifts to serve our church, our community, and our world. Scan the QR code to learn more about the opportunities below.



- View upcoming community service opportunities on our [Events](#) page or contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).
- Want to help on Sundays? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Carol Han ([chan@nationalpres.org](mailto:chan@nationalpres.org)).
- If you're interested in photography, we would love to utilize your skills to capture photos on Sundays. Contact [communications@nationalpres.org](mailto:communications@nationalpres.org).

## Your Giving Makes a Difference

Because of your generosity and faithfulness last year, our church was able to balance the budget and continue fulfilling the mission God entrusted to us. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for your partnership in God's work. We give thanks for you and for all that was accomplished together in 2025.

To give now scan the QR code or text "NPC" to 833-414-9444. For other ways to give go to [nationalpres.org/giving](https://nationalpres.org/giving), call our Finance Office at 202-537-7495, or email our Director of Finance and Administration at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).



## Prayers

### We pray for:

Forman Christian College, in Lahore, Pakistan as they provide Christian education and witness.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org)  
202-537-7537.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ruth Olive Rottstedt Anderson by her son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

*“Let the little children come to me...” – Matthew 19:14*

NPC loves children in worship! Kids learn how to worship God and what it means to be loved and accepted in God's family. As adults, we are blessed with the opportunity to honor our baptismal vows and support the spiritual growth of our youngest disciples as we worship alongside them. If you are worshipping with children nearby, please welcome and encourage them as they grow in their faith.



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