

April 5, 2026

Easter

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*Jesus said to her,  
"Woman, why are you weeping?  
Whom are you looking for?"  
Supposing him to be the gardener,  
she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried  
him away, tell me where you have laid him,  
and I will take him away."  
John 20:15*

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Rev. Craig Meek  
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# 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](mailto:info@nationalpres.org).

### **Today, After Worship: Coffee, Cookies, and Easter Garden**

Everyone is invited to come down after each worship service to Stone Fellowship Hall for coffee, cookies, and a beautiful Easter Garden!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Following the 8:30 am & 10:00 am services, families are invited to an egg hunt, weather permitting. 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.

*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

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE TODAY

PRELUDE

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Todd Fickley, organ

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 Sjolund

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!*

CONFESSON 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 CONFESSON 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

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 20:11-18

8:30 am: Ellie Wu

*Pew Bible pages 882-883*

10:00 am: Grier Swann

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

11:30 am: Melissa Chaump

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 the 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

When Jesus Calls Your Name

Dr. Hylton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Paul Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Then the same day as they were assembled came Jesus and stood in their midst.

Then said Jesus unto them, "Peace be unto you."

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

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

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

▲ 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

Rev. Meek

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 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 Rev. Meek
- ▲ POSTLUDE Toccata Charles-Marie Widor  
Mr. Fickley, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

BRASS ENSEMBLE

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

TIMPANI

Adam Green, Director of Operations, Washington Concert Opera  
 Percussionist, United States Air Force Band (Ret.)

# 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](mailto:info@nationalpres.org). You can also find details about these and more at [nationalpres.org](http://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 22-26, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. At Rainforest Falls VBS, kids will explore the nature of God through scripture, music, crafts, games, and more.



## **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 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](http://nationalpres.org/discipleship) or contact the Connections Ministry ([chan@nationalpres.org](mailto:chan@nationalpres.org)).

*Want to dig deeper on 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 25, 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 20, visit our [Events](#) page or contact Kemet Rakiatu at [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org) or 202-537-7578.

## **Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 11, 8:00 am Stone Fellowship Hall**

Our speaker will be Jesse Anderson, site director for Central Union Mission - NOVA, one of NPC's mission partners. Come learn about all the great ministries offered at this relatively new location in Arlington, VA. Please email [grow@nationalpres.org](mailto:grow@nationalpres.org) for more information.

## **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](#).

## **Strategic Plan Presentation Sunday, April 19, 12:15 pm Sanctuary**

Easter is a season of new beginnings, and we have one to celebrate together. On April 19, following the 11:00 am service, we invite the entire congregation to an All-Church Meeting where the Strategic Planning Team will share NPC's newly Session-approved Strategic Plan. This plan was prayerfully developed with your input, building on the past decade of momentum God has bestowed upon us. Join us afterwards in Stone Hall to celebrate our shared calling to worship, discipleship, care, and service in the years ahead. We can't wait to celebrate what God has in store for NPC!

## **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 COMING TODAY!

## Prayers

On this Easter Sunday, we pray that the hope of Jesus' resurrection will live in our hearts every day.

### We pray for:

University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they develop Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

### How may we pray for you?

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

## 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.

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).



## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Carl Anderson, by his brother James Theodore Anderson.



**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](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) / 202-537-7537

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



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