HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 8:15, 9:15, & 11 a.m.

"Is It Not Written?" Dr. David Renwick

Palm Procession

will be received.

Gather outside the Court of Flags at 10:30 a.m. for a festive outdoor procession with palms and music.

Palm Sunday Concert 5 p.m., Sanctuary "Written on His Hands" NPC Chancel Choir and Orchestra, featuring Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living." No

tickets required; a freewill offering

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate the first Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to love one another.
"Is It I, Lord?"
Rev. Donna Marsh

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Reflections in word and song on the seven last words of Christ. "What Evil Has He Done?" Dr. David Renwick

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5

SANCTUARY WORSHIP 8:30, 10, & 11:30 A.M.

IDENTICAL SERVICES

"Is What You See All You Get?"

Dr. David Renwick

Glorious music with the Chancel Choir, brass, organ, and timpani: Beethoven and Handel "Hallelujahs!" In past years, there have been over 1,000 people in attendance at the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary! You'll be less crowded if you come at 8:30 or 11:30 a.m. Bring the whole family; classes or groups will resume the Sunday after Easter.

FAMILY CELEBRATION 10 A.M.

IN JONES HALL (SCHOOL GYM)

Families, let's worship the risen Lord together! We will celebrate with:

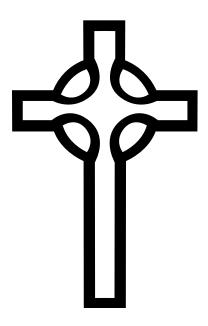
- Hymns and praise songs
- A message from Dr. Fox
- Children's choirs and Easter play
- And more!

An egg hunt on the playground follows the Celebration. Children age 4 and under must be accompanied by a parent at the Celebration. Childcare is available all morning in the main church building for children age 4 and under.

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2015 Lenten Vespers

Wednesday, March 25, 2015



For who is greater, the one at the table or the one who serves?

Luke 22:27a

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LENTEN WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

7 P.M.

Prelude

Air in D Major

J.S. Bach

William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

One O Lord, open my lips,

All And my mouth will declare your praise.

One You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

All You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

One The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Catherine

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name, and then receive us as your own, Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone. We strain to see your mercy seat, and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free, your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty, to turn from guilt and dull despair, And offer all that faith can do, while you are making all things new.

Brian Wren

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit.

from Psalm 51

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

Stuttgart

Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been; Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:24-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Who Is Greater?

McLane Stone

Congregational Response

St. Catherine

You take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.

Lowly you serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends

To work till all creation sings,

to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. David Renwick

Hendon

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Organ Meditation

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ Hymn Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,

let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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, it shall be thy royal throne.

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

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

ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal

Edward Elgar

▲ BENEDICTION

Postlude Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.