



March 20, 2016

Welcome to the NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

PALM SUNDAY

*Look! Your King comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey.*

Zechariah 9:9

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Dr. Nancy Fox and Dr. Donald Wilson
Dr. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*
Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults), Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections), McLane Stone (Youth), John Turpin (Serve)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Palm Parade *weather permitting*
10:30 a.m., Meet outside the Court of Flags
Join this parade for all ages (with donkey!) preceding 10:50 and 11 a.m. worship.

One Great Hour of Sharing
This morning, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Through this traditional annual offering, NPC contributes to PC(USA) efforts to help people in emergencies in the U.S. and around the world. *Envelopes are available in the pews for collection during the offertory.*

Hear about Christian Mission Work in Croatia and Armenia
12:30 p.m., Elson Parlor
One of the regional teams supporting NPC's international missions, the Eurasia Mission Team, will share an update. Members of the Team who visited Croatia and Armenia last year will give examples of Christian mission work taking place there. We'll also discuss the direction of Eurasia ministries in 2016. *Light refreshments provided.*

Palm Sunday Concert: Mozart Requiem

5 p.m., Sanctuary
The National Presbyterian Festival Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra present Mozart's masterpiece. **Invite a friend!** No tickets required; a voluntary offering will be received. *Complimentary childcare is available for children 4 and under with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Third Grade Milestone

Congratulations to the following third grade Sunday school students who are receiving personalized Bibles today as part of their Milestone in Worship Education:

Evan Archison, Abigail Boerstling, Storey Burton, Alexa Buss, Aurora Davis, June Dempsey, Nicolas Durick, Alexander Henderson, Margaret Hetletvedt, Riley Johnson, Graciana Kabwe, Caroline Kaleda, Gavin Kely, William Kierig, Kennedy Kranenburg, James LeFaivre, Virginia Landers, Shannon Landers, Jamie Levinson, Alexandra May, Eleanora Metelski, Gregory Moeller, Clarence Norment, Eric Schlumberger, Eleanor Schmitt, Neila Smiley, Charlotte Sumner, Lindsay Taylor, Harrison Toner, Anthony Wells, Rhian Williams, Adaline Wingate, John Young, Lucas Zandemela

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Adults

Class listings and locations are available in the brochures at the church entrances.

Youth

- 6th & 7th grade: *Multipurpose Bldg. Rm 101*
- 8th grade: *Agencies Bldg. Room 102*
- 9th–12th grade: *Youth House*

Children

Drop off and pick up children age 2–5th grade in the school building.

GriefShare Resumes April 3

There will be no Griefshare today or Easter. Weekly meetings will resume April 3 at 12:30 p.m. in Admin. Building Room 108.

Youth Group: S'mores at the Stones'

6:30 p.m., "Yellow House"

Join us tonight at the Yellow House for S'mores at the Stones': campfire, chocolate, crackers, marshmallows. Don't miss it!

March Food Donations: Unsweetened Cereal

Please bring donations for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can also help by packing and delivering donations to Martha's Table; contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

9:15 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

Kindly turn off all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Matthew Daley, guest organist

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

One Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Isaiah 9:6

All Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One Lo, your king comes to you;

All Triumphant and victorious is he; humble and riding on a donkey.

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Chancel Choir and children in palm procession:

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let the praises ring!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna, let them ring!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!

Hosanna to the King of Kings! Hosanna to the King!

▲ ***Congregation waving palms and singing as directed:***

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang.

Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,

Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,

For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,

And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Almighty God, your Son our Savior entered Jerusalem in triumph,
and was proclaimed Messiah and king.

Many spread garments and branches along his way,
but did not know that way would lead to Calvary.

As we also raise branches of palms and voices singing, “Hosanna,”
help us remember that the One who came in the name of the Lord,
came for our redemption and restoration.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us.

Show us ever more clearly our life in Christ Jesus,
as we follow him all the way to the cross.

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

The King's Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky

Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. David Renwick

Responsive Reading

Third Grade Milestone in Worship Education
from 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 119, 19, and 9 and Isaiah 40

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.

**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.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I find delight in your commandments, because I love them.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

9:15 a.m. *Children in K-5th grade meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags to join their
peers in Sunday School in the school building.*

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders 11 a.m. Third Grade Milestone in Worship Education

11 a.m. *Children in K-2nd grade meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags to go to the
children's church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-40

The Word of the Lord.

9:15 a.m. Elder Paul Martin

Thanks be to God.

11 a.m. Joe Green

SERMON

The Power of a King

Dr. David Renwick

Zechariah 9:9-10

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Bryn Calfaria

Christ, you rule with royal bearing, clothed in glory, love, and light:
you have robed yourself majestic, our great King of power and might.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ now reigns in depth and height!

John Keble, alt.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Donna Marsh

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
who alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his human life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to eternal life. from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Ride On, King Jesus John Carter
Ride on, King Jesus! (No man can a-binder me.)
 He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords. Jesus Christ, first and last, no man works like him.
 King Jesus rides a milk-white horse; no man works like him.
 The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him.
Ride on, King Jesus! (No man can a-binder me.) Danielle Talamantes, soprano and Matthew Daley, pianist

▲ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor *Valet will ich dir geben*

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Winchester New*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:
 O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE Fugue in G minor, BWV 578 J.S. Bach

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

Support this year's Easter Garden! Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table to the right outside of the sanctuary. You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.

Bring flowers to brighten someone's day. If you are planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound, pick up a vase with fresh flowers on the table outside of Elson Parlor to take with you!

Chapel prayers after worship. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be at the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

PRAYERS

Please pray for:
 Betty Bennett
 Adele Jackson

We mourn the death of:
 Virginia Gehrett on March 10

Prayer requests: nationalpres.org/prayer

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Chapel

-
- PRELUDE Dottie Seep, piano
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▲ HYMN 89 Hosanna Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SCRIPTURE Luke 19:29-40; Zechariah 9:9-10
- SERMON The Power of a King Dr. David Renwick
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- ▲ DOXOLOGY *Old Hundredth*
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- An offering will be received at the center aisle.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God; your Son our Savior entered Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed Messiah and king. Many spread garments and branches along his way, but did not know that way would lead to Calvary. As we also raise branches of palms and voices singing, "Hosanna," help us remember that the One who came in the name of the Lord, came for our redemption and restoration. Forgive our sins and cleanse us. Show us ever more clearly our life in Christ Jesus, as we follow him all the way to the cross.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, who alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his human life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

10:50 A.M. WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

-
- ▲ WELCOME SONGS Shout Hosanna (to the King of Glory and Light) Kristian Stanfill
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- CALL TO WORSHIP Hilda Gore
- ▲ SONG OF RESPONSE Hosanna Brooke Fraser
- PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*
- SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE Break Every Chain Will Reagan
- SCRIPTURE Luke 19:29-40
- SERMON The Power of a King Dr. David Renwick
Zechariah 9:9-10
- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Evangeline Taylor
- PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
- CLOSING SONG *offering received* This Is Amazing Grace Jeremy Riddle
- ▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Songs used by permission: CCLI #100655 and #17315

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate the first Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to love one another.

Good Friday

Friday, March 25

7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Reflections in word and song on the seven last words of Christ.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27

Celebrate the hope of Jesus' resurrection!

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

Dr. David Renwick will preach on "Rock Solid Hope," and special music will include the choir, organ, brass, and timpani.

FAMILY CELEBRATION: 10 A.M., Jones Hall (School Gym)

Families celebrate with hymns and praise songs, children's choirs, a message from Youth Director McLane Stone, and an Easter play, followed by an egg hunt on the playground.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

*Tomorrow, Monday, March 21, Noon
Stone Hall*

Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President of Wesley Theological Seminary, will share how he came to Washington and Wesley in his presentation, "*The Seminary in the 21st Century and My Role as President.*" Sign up today in Stone Hall. (*Pay at the door; \$12 with advanced registration; \$15 if not registered in advance.*)

Women's Retreat: Saturday Day Option Available

*April 8-10, Turf Valley Resort
Ellicott City, MD*

Registration is now open to join the women's retreat on Saturday during the day for lunch, dinner, and the sessions with speaker **Leigh McLeroy** – *perfect for those who couldn't make the whole weekend!*

Day rate (\$95) includes meals, sessions, music, and prayer, as we think biblically about our Christian identity and living as "Fully Alive" heirs of God. **Register online:** nationalpres.org/womens-retreat or contact **Holly Novak** at 202.537.7527.

Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, April 2
8 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Stone Hall*

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and a presentation by **Rev. Dr. Larry Greenslit** on the theme "Go From Your Country." Reserve your place: Men@NationalPres.org or call 202.537.7527.

Business & Professional Women's Guild Luncheon

*Saturday, April 2, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m.
Stone Hall*

All women are invited for lunch, a special speaker, and time with one another. Presentation will begin at 12:50 p.m. Contact **Jo Schoolfield**, to join the noon luncheon (\$15): 301.598.6284.

Helping Refugees: From Crisis to Response

*Panel Discussion: Saturday, April 16
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Stone Hall*

You may have wondered, "What can I do?" Learn from experts in the fields of refugee relief, resettlement, and ministry, both abroad and at home. Contact: **John Turpin**, JTurpin@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7505.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Year 2

March 20 -27

Sunday

Psalms 84; 32
Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9

Monday

Psalms 119:73-80; 6
Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday

Psalms 34; 91
Lamentations 1:17-22
2 Corinthians 1:8-22
Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday

Psalms 5; 51
Lamentations 2:1-9
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11

Thursday

Psalms 27; 102
Lamentations 2:10-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-17;
11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25

Friday

Psalms 22; 130
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33
1 Peter 1:10-20
John 13:36-38

Saturday

Psalms 43; 143
Lamentations 3:37-58
Hebrews 4:1-16
Romans 8:1-11

Sunday

Psalms 93; 117
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
Luke 24:13-35

Easter

Celebrate the *hope* of Jesus' resurrection!

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

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

Dr. David Renwick will preach on "Rock Solid Hope," and special music will include the choir, organ, brass, and timpani.

FAMILY CELEBRATION

10 A.M. in Jones Hall (School Gym)

Families celebrate with hymns and praise songs, children's choirs, a message from Youth Director McLane Stone, and an Easter play, followed by an egg hunt on the playground.

Childcare for children age 4 and under is available all morning.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary and at the entrances to the church building.
- **Childcare** is available from 8 a.m.–12:15 p.m. for infants through age four. Nursery rooms are located in the main church building ground floor, rooms 16 and 7.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** are available upon request; *call: 202.537.7529.*

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. If you do not wish to appear on camera, seating is available in the balcony and back six pews of the sanctuary.



NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
www.nationalpres.org