











# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PALM SUNDAY

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Ouinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh

Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox

Music Dr. Michael Denham (Director), Todd Fickley (Interim Organist)
Joanna Jones (Interim Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (Library, Archives, & Older Adults)
Kristin Franke (Youth), Cate McCrory (Children)

Leslie Saum (Connections), John Marienau Turpin (Serve)

# TODAY AT NATIONAL

# **Campaign Progress Update**

Over \$8.2 million has already been pledged from our first 125 families towards our goal of \$14.3 million!

We intend to visit with everyone in our church community in the coming months to share more about the plans for National, and how we can each support the vision of glorifying God by building together for the next 50 years. **Are you ready for your visit?** Sign up today at the information table, in Stone Hall, or online at nationalpres.org/buildingtogether

Please keep in mind as you prayerfully consider your own support of the campaign, that support of our annual operating budget remains our first priority. The pledges above reflect commitments over and above annual church support.

# WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

# **Sunday School**

9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### Adults

- The Church in an Age of Enlightenment and Revival, Agencies Building Room 105
- Men's Bible Class, Church Room 5
- Answering God, Church Room 105
- The Book of Acts, Church Room 110/111
- Parent Gathering, <u>10–10:30 a.m.</u>, Elson Parlor
- Financial Peace, <u>9–10:30 a.m.,</u> Library
- Wrestlers, Agencies Lower Level
   <u>APRIL 8</u>: Dr. Matthew Taylor,
   "Crucial Contexts for Understanding
   Contemporary Islam"

#### Youth

- 6th grade: Multipurpose Room
- 7th grade: Youth House Basement
- 8th grade: Multipurpose Basement
- 9–10th grade: Youth House
- 11–12th grade: Youth House

#### Children

 Age 2–5th grade: Drop off/pick up at the National Presbyterian School building.

# Palm Sunday Concert 5 p.m., Sanctuary

The NPC Chancel Choir Soloists & Orchestra present "Promise of Glory," featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Requiem* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O Clap Your Hands*. No tickets are required; invite friends!

#### Palm Parade

10:30 a.m., meet at fountain garden Join this parade for all ages (with donkey!)

# One Great Hour of Sharing

Kids and adults can help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and empowerment to the poor and oppressed through the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing offering. *Envelopes are available in the pews for collection during the offertory.* 

# Nursery (Babies–Age 4) 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Infants and Crawlers: Church Room 16
- Walkers: Church Room 7

Children's Choirs (K-5th grade) Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m., School Bldg

"Across the Aisle" Young Professionals 12:15 p.m., Church Room 105
All young professionals are invited for weekly lunch and conversation.

# 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.

# 9 A.M. WORSHIP

Sanctuary

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning Overture

Raymond H. Haan G.F. Handel Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 89 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Children and choir process with palms Ellacombe

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Almighty God, as we worship you today, we remember that 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 too raise our palm branches, singing, "Hosanna," help us also 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 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.

▲ Affirmation of Faith see p. 6 Apostles' Creed

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

Offering of Tithes, Gifts, and One Great Hour of Sharing

Sanctus see p. 6 for text

Charles Gounod from Messe Solennelle

▲ Doxology see p. 6

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER see p. 6

Rev. Donna Marsh

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### A Time for Children

Children (grades K–5) may leave for Sunday School in the school building, where parents will pick them up at 10:30 a.m. Youth (grade 6-12) are also invited to leave for Sunday School, meeting in the multipurpose building for food and fellowship prior to their classes.

Scripture

Luke 19:35-48

Deacon Eric Young

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Calm Before the Storm

Dr. David Renwick

Mark 3:1-6

#### WE LEAVE TO SERVE IN GOD'S WORLD

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

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

▲ Postlude O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Op. 122, No. 9 Johannes Brahms

# 10:50 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Jones Hall (School Gym)

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

■ Welcome Songs

All Because of Jesus Reckless Love

Steve Fee Cory Ashbury

Joanna Jones, Worship Team Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Nancy Fox

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ Song of Response

Hosanna

Hillsong

#### Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin

Almighty God, as we worship you today, we remember that 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 too raise our palm branches, singing, "Hosanna," help us also 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.

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

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#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

A AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Nancy 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.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 offering received

Shout Hosanna

Kristin Stanfill

▲ CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

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Sanctuary

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CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

One Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Dr. Quinn Fox Zechariah 9:9

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, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

#### CHOIR PALM PROCESSIONAL Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

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!

#### ▲ Congregational Hymn please stand

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!

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A Time for Children of All Ages

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptismal Questions** 

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

**Baptism** 

Claire Lindsey Granville

Daughter of Dana Ann Granville and Kelsey Frederic Granville

Prayer of Response

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CHORAL RESPONSE

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.

#### ▲ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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Sanctus

Charles Gounod from Messe Solennelle

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth!

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis! Amen.

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

#### 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.

- ▲ Prayer of Dedication
- ▲ Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

▲ Benediction and 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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Op. 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

# Maundy Thursday March 29, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

# Good Friday

March 30, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

# Easter Sunday: Invite Friends! Sunday, April 1

Sanctuary Worship 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Identical services with special music including choir, organ, brass, and timpani. Dr. Renwick will preach: "On Trial for Life"

Family Celebration 10 a.m. in Jones Hall

Family-friendly Easter message and play, familiar and contemporary songs, and Easter egg hunt on the playground.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Support Our Easter Garden

Flower Ministry envelopes are available at the information table. You may make your donation by check, payable to "NPC Flower Fund" and write "Easter" on the memo line.

# 50 Hours of Service

Your many gifts can all glorify God! NPC member Ruth Smith is a faithful volunteer with Meals on Wheels, helping to address senior hunger and isolation. Where does God use you? Visit nationalpres. org/50 to tell your story of service.

### Pathway Membership Class Saturday, April 21 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith, discipleship, and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders. Contact Kemet Rakiatu by April 18 to register: krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.

# Women's Conference "Stories of Hope: Then & Now" One day: Saturday, April 28 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Stone Hall

Experience the stories of Ruth and Sarah brought to life with guest speaker Rebecca Mitchell. We'll hear and discuss stories of hope from the Bible and participate in a hands-on service project. Register online (\$20): nationalpres.org/womens-ministry Contact: Amy Thompson, athompson@nationalpres.org, or 202.537.7483.

# Dominican Republic Intergenerational Mission Trip *Trip: June 16–22, 2018*

There's still time to sign up for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic! Go to nationalpres.org/mission-trip or contact John Turpin at jturpin@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7505.

# **WELCOME TO NATIONAL!**

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 25 - April 1

#### 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 Lamentation 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

# We are so glad you are here today.

If you are with us for the first time, welcome! Our prayer is that you will find a spiritual home here – a home where the love and presence of Jesus Christ are experienced as we gather in community to worship God.

Connections Ambassadors, wearing blue badges, are here to welcome you and answer any questions. Come downstairs to Stone Hall after worship to meet others and enjoy coffee and cookies.

Welcome packets and information | Available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

**Young Worshipers** | Pick up a "Worshiper in Training" bag outside the Sanctuary for fun things to help children engage in worship. Please return the bags after the service.

**Prayers after worship** | A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you about your concerns and celebrations.

**Accessible worship** | Assisted listening receivers and large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

**Pick up a bud vase** | Flowers are available outside of Elson Parlor to take with you if you are visiting someone who is ill or home-bound.

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.

#### **PRAYERS**

We grieve the death of: Charlene Sussel on March 14, 2018.

We pray for our missionaries and servants including: University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, educating Christian leaders in theology, social work, business and education. Mission prayer calendars are available in the information racks.

How can we pray for you? nationalpres.org/prayer



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