

May 7, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God.*

Ephesians 2:19

Transitional Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Parish Associates

Music

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Rev. Allan Poole
Rev. Donna Marsh
Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

JOYFULLY ANNOUNCING

Our New Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.

The National Presbyterian Church Session and Pastor Nominating Committee are overjoyed to announce that the Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr. has been selected and approved by congregational vote to be our next senior pastor. We will be welcoming Dr. Hylton and his wife Judith to the NPC family on **Sunday, June 11th**. Please join us in prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we embark together on this new stage of God's journey for us at NPC. Let's pray for Dr. Hylton and Judith as they make their transition and give thanks to God for the work and vision of the leadership that contributed to the search effort.

For more information about Dr. Ray and Judith Hylton, please [click here](#) or visit our Senior Pastor Search webpage.

TODAY AT NPC

State of NPC's Finances Today, May 7, Garden Rooms Immediately Following 11:00 am Service

Join the Finance Director and Finance Council for a firsthand review of the church's finances and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have on the subject.

2022 Annual Report Now Available!

Read all about how God has been working in and through National. Please [click here](#) to view it online or pick one up in the Welcome Center.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE - MAY 20



NPC's Great Day of Service is back and better than ever! We're inviting you to join us on Saturday, May 20th, 9:30 am-12:30 pm to make a real difference in the lives of thousands of people in DC and around the world.

We have an array of opportunities for all ages to serve, from packing meals to feed 17,000 people overseas to reading with underserved kids and collecting food for the hungry and families in need. Just imagine the impact you can make in a few hours!

Invite your friends and family to come along! We truly need your help to show the love of Christ to our city and the world.

If you have young children, we've got you covered - childcare will be provided for kids under the age of 4 for activities taking place on the NPC campus. Reservations are required so please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage to reserve a spot using the registration form. We can't wait to see you there!

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Allan Poole

▲ OPENING SONG The Peoples Praise You Getty and Townend

You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

Chorus: *May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!*

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Incarnate Word of God, in your flesh you reconciled us to God the Father. You continue to bring peace with God to all who, in heartfelt repentance, confess their sin. Forgive us, then, we pray, and cleanse us from the deep stain of sin. Mercifully direct our thoughts and words and deeds through the power of the Holy Spirit to the greater glory of the Father. Help us to look to you that we may persevere in your service and reconciling love.

Michael Buckley

Northern Ireland Peacemaker

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Poole

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

Deacon Kristy Chikes

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¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

SERMON

Rev. Lisa Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.

He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

Chorus: *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.*

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah! **Chorus**

All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you!

All the glory to you, God, the light of the world! **Chorus**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

OFFERING SONG

Lord, I Need You

Christy Nockels

Lord, I come. I confess. Bowing here I find my rest.

And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus: *Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Every hour I need you.*

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where you are.

And where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. **(2x) Chorus**

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you. Jesus, you're my hope and stay. **(2x)**

Chorus (2x)

My one Defense, my Righteousness, O God, how I need you!

Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts as you exit.

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

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,

when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.

In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,

I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,

when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.

Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.

I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.

Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.

This my ballast of assurance see his love forever proved.

All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,

when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.

We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.

And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.

We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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PRELUDE Sonata No. 3 in A Major, *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn
Jonathan Rajaseelan, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Allan Poole

▲ HYMN 442 verses 1-4 The Church’s One Foundation Aurelia

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 442, verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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Carolyn Vincent

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HYMN 515 verses 1 & 3

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation This Is God's House

Anton Bruckner

This is God's house, a temple he has made,
with Christ the Cornerstone and firm foundation,
Worthy of his glorious name.

Locus iste

This is God's house, a temple he has made, a temple God the Lord has made.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts as you exit.

OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup
Alleluia! Alleluia! So bind now our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

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.

▲ HYMN

O Praise God's Gracious Power

Marion

O praise God's gracious pow'r that tumbles walls of fear,
And gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:

Refrain: *We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!*

O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
A living temple built on Christ, our rock and cornerstone: **Refrain**

O praise the living Christ with faith's bright, tuneful voice!

Announce the gospel to the world, and with these words rejoice: **Refrain**

Thomas Troeger (alt.)

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE

Marche Religieuse

Alexandre Guilmant
Mr. Rajaseelan, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sundays at National

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) page.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Adult Sunday School

The spring semester is **February 5-May 21**. For more detailed class descriptions, please [click here](#) or visit our adult Classes webpage.

Class	Teacher(s)	Location
<i>Confessing and Believing: The Apostles' Creed as Challenge and Gift</i>	Dr. Quinn Fox	Chapel and online Zoom: click here or visit our Classes webpage
<i>Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come</i>	Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner, Holly Novak	Garden Room C
<i>Racial Reconciliation: Looking Back to Move Forward</i>	Peggy Lewis, Lewrene Glaser, Nancy Fox	Room #209
<i>Into the Sunrise of Eternity: Reflections on the Journey Home</i>	R.V. Seep	Garden Room A
<i>Parent Gathering</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building
<i>The Marriage Course by Alpha ministries</i>	Lisa Larsen, Ed & Lisa Stucky	Stone Fellowship Hall

Youth Sunday School

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Youth webpage](#) online for more information about Sunday School and other youth events. Youth grades 6-12, please come to the Multipurpose Building for Sunday School. We'll meet there briefly then split to smaller groups by age.

Children's Sunday School

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Children's webpage](#) to read about our Children's Ministry.

- The Nursery rooms are available for all infants to walkers, up to age 4, 8:30 am-noon, including during the Sunday School hour.
- Children ages 2-3 years have their Sunday school program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

For more information about all our events, please visit the Events page on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making May 14 After 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday, May 17 at 12:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us on our new day of the week for delicious food and fellowship! To make a reservation, please contact Wray Muoio at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Friday, May 19 at 7:00 pm

Calling all 4th & 5th graders! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun and games and exploring God's word.

For more information contact

jmeek@nationalpres.org.

Lunch & Learn

12:15 pm, Sunday, May 21 in the Parlor

You're invited to join us to hear from our missionary partners in the Middle East. They have a fascinating story about how God is at work in a strife-torn area and how they share God's love there in Word and deed. A light lunch will be served.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, May 7

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Finance Presentation in the Garden Rooms
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Sunday, May 14

- 8:45 am: Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Worship
- 12:00 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children!

If you love to work with kids and help them know Christ, consider volunteering with children's ministry on Sunday mornings. Join our Sunday School team as a teacher or assistant, or our Children's Chapel crew as a helper or music leader. To find out more, contact Jill Meek at npckids@nationalpres.org.

Guest Outreach Volunteers Needed

Would you like a behind-the-scenes, quiet but mighty way to serve at National? Why not sign up to collect guestbook sheets once a month after the 11:00 am service? It's a terrific way to support this important ministry of care and connection at NPC. Simply email LSaum@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7494.

Video Team Volunteers

Do you have an interest in video mixing, video cameras or live streaming? If so, we would love to hear from you! Join our volunteer team to help bring the good news of the gospel into hundreds of homes each week. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bill McNett at bmcnett@nationalpres.org.

Join Our Welcome Team!

We need many smiling faces to greet, usher and connect with folks on Sundays. Please [click here](#) or visit our Serve at Church page and sign up today! You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at LSaum@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7494.

Vacation Bible School

Sign up today!

Join us June 26-30 for *Stellar VBS: Shining Jesus' Light*. We'll have fun with friends and explore God's Word through games, crafts, music, and more! VBS is open to kids aged 4 years–rising 5th graders. We also need adult volunteers to lead crews of campers or activity stations. Campers and volunteers can [sign up online](#) or contact Jill Meek at jmeek@nationalpres.org.

Prayer Cards:

How can we pray for you?

We believe in lifting each other up in prayer in times of need. Our prayer cards are a way to share your prayer requests with us. You'll find these small cards in the guestbooks in the pews. You can drop cards in the offering plates or place them in the prayer box in the Welcome Center.

Did you know that NPC has a podcast?

To learn how to follow, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/podcast.



**Called
to Care**

Feeling anxious? Stressed or burdened?

Need to slow down? *Care Notes* are inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help you focus on God in everyday life challenges. Check them out in the Welcome Center.

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7b

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! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) or the button on our Watch page to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- [Click here](#) or visit our Children's page for kids up to 5th grade.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We pray for:

Our faithful witness to our community.

We pray for:

Friendship Place, as they provide care for people experiencing homelessness.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,

careoffice@nationalpres.org

202.537.7540.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference

Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time.

You can support the general ministry of National:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please click [here](#) or visit our Giving webpage.

For help or questions about giving, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of teachers and all those who work in schools.



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