

June 4, 2023

Communion



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives,  
and release from darkness for the prisoners...  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor...  
to bestow on those who grieve  
a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.*

Isaiah 61

Transitional Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastors

Rev. Allan Poole  
Rev. Donna Marsh  
Dr. Quinn Fox  
Rev. Lisa Larsen

Parish Associates

Dr. Nancy Fox  
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Music

Dr. Michael Denham (Director)  
Todd Fickley (Organist)  
Joanna Zorack-Greene  
(Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve)  
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)  
Jill Meek (Children)  
Leslie Saum (Connections)

## CELEBRATING REV. POOLE

Today, we invite you to join us in celebrating and thanking our Transitional Senior Pastor Rev. Allan Poole for his leadership and care during his time with us at NPC. There will be a reception on the Upper Terrace, weather permitting, following each worship service. In case of rain, we'll meet in Stone Fellowship Hall. Notes of appreciation are welcome and encouraged. Please send them to the attention of Liz Martin at the church office.



## WELCOMING DR. HYLTON

### Welcoming 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 called to be our next senior pastor. We will be welcoming Dr. Hylton and his wife Judith to the NPC family **next Sunday, June 11th** with receptions in Stone Fellowship Hall after each worship service. For more information about Dr. Ray and Judith Hylton, please [click here](#) or visit our Senior Pastor Search webpage.



# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Coronation*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is  
higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin.  
Help us, by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to repent and amend our way of life so that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Melanie Lenhard

Associate Director for Children's Ministry

*Children ages 5 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-50

Elder John Neely

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

<sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." <sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

<sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Poole

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

King of Kings

Brooke and Scott Ligertwood

Prayer of Thanksgiving



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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE      Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus", Op. 4      Maurice Duruflé  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP      Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 143 *verses 1-3*      All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name      *Diadem*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Hymn 143, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown—— him,  
Crown him, crown him, crown him,  
And crown him Lord of all!

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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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SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 503 *verses 1 & 4*

Come, Risen Lord

*Sursum corda*

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*from Four Motets on Gregorian Themes, Op. 10, No. 1*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,

Et ext corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God,

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

OFFERTORY

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,

Strength after weakness, crown after cross;

Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,

Home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, he is making all things new.*

*Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.*

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain,

Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;

Near after distant, gleam after gloom,

Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Frances Havergal based on Revelation 21:5-6

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 371

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

▲ CHORAL BLESSING

God Be with You

Peter Anglea

*In glory to God and in gratitude for Allan and Betsy Poole*

God be with you till we meet again;

By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you;

God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

▲ PASTORAL BLESSING

Rev. Poole

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost", BWV 651

J. S. Bach

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

STRING QUARTET

Heather Green, violin

Jeanne Su, violin

Ann Steck, viola

Christine Lightner, cello



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Children and Youth Sunday School, Parent Gathering, and the Marriage Course by Alpha resume. All other adult classes have concluded and will not meet.
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

## Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

- Today: Children and Youth Sunday School, Parent Gathering, and the Marriage Course by Alpha resume. All other adult classes have concluded and will not meet. There will be a special celebration of Rev. Allan Poole.
- June 11: There will be no Sunday School as we welcome Dr. Hylton to NPC.
- June 18: Kick-off of Summer of Serving (for all ages) and kick-off of Adult Summer Speaker Series. Please see page 10 for more details.

## Adult Classes

Please see above for the adult class schedule for the next few weeks. Our Adult Summer Speaker Series begins on June 18. You may [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes webpage for detailed information about speakers and topics.

## 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.
- Children ages 2-3 years have their Sunday School program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Classes for age 4 through 5th grade are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).



### Called to Care

#### Deacons

Did you know we have servant leaders who want to care for you? Our Deacons are ready to listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you when you are ill and support you through a difficult time. Contact the Care Office at [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7540 for more information.

*Love one another.* John 13:34

# THIS SUMMER AT NPC

## Summer of Serving Returns!

### Starting June 18

This summer, we invite you to bring your friends, bring your family and bring yourself as we have a great time serving together! This opportunity will be:

- Every Sunday after each worship service at 9:45 am and noon
- June 18-August 20

We will gather in the Garden Rooms for a different outreach focus each week. There will be coffee and snacks, friends both old and new, and terrific hands-on projects to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry. To read more and find out how you can help with donations, please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage. Here's a schedule of our Summer of Serving events below:

- June 18: Martha's Table
- June 25: Unique Learning Center
- July 2: Fellowship
- July 9: Martha's Table
- July 16: Central Union Mission
- July 23: Solutions in Hometown Collections
- July 30: Care Outreach (Flowers)
- August 6: Young Lives
- August 13: Martha's Table
- August 20: Walter Reed Hospital

## 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. Campers can [sign up online](#) or contact Jill Meek at [jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org).

## Adult Summer Speaker Series:

### Sundays, June 18-August 28

#### Stone Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45 am

Each Sunday this summer we'll engage an important theme of our life together—as Christian community and in the larger community. Please [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes page to read more about the speakers and their topics as well as for the Zoom link.

- June 18: Dr. Kara Powell, Chief of Leadership Formation and Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute, *Faith in an Anxious World: What You Need to Know about Young People's Mental Health*
- June 25: Dr. Ivan Rusyn, President, Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary, *Ministry on the Front Lines in Ukraine*
- July 2: TBA
- July 9: Dr. Tremper Longman, Professor of Old Testament Emeritus, Westmont College, *Ancient Wisdom for God's People in the 21st Century*
- July 16: Cherie Harder, President, The Trinity Forum, topic TBA
- July 23: Rev. Dr. Margaret Kibben, Chaplain, US House of Representatives, *The State of Faith and Politics*
- July 30: Rev. David Bailey, Founder and Executive Director, Arrabon, *The Future of Racial Reconciliation*
- August 6: Jennifer Wiseman, Astrophysicist, *Discovery, Wonder, and Challenge: Science, Values, and Faith in 21st Century*
- August 13: Dale Hansen Bourke, Foundation President and Author, *Strong Girls, Strong World*
- August 20: TBA
- August 27: Kristin Franke, Jonathan Edwards and others, *Summer Reports*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about all our events, please visit the Events page on our website at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## **This Coming Week at a Glance**

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

### **Sunday, June 4: Communion**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Celebration of Transitional Senior Pastor Rev. Allan Poole
- 9:55 am: Children and Youth Sunday School, Parent Gathering, and the Marriage Course by Alpha
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Celebration of Transitional Senior Pastor Rev. Allan Poole
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group Pool Party

### **Sunday, June 11**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Welcome Reception for New Senior Pastor Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
- 9:55 am: No Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Welcome Reception for New Senior Pastor Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## **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](mailto: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 webpage and sign up today! You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at [LSaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:LSaum@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7494.

## **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.

### **Club 45 (4th & 5th graders): Sunday, June 11 at 5:00 pm**

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact [jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org) or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates. This summer, each of our meetings will take place on a Sunday at 5:00 pm.

# 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](http://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:

We give thanks for Rev. Allan Poole and his ministry to NPC.

### We pray for:

Dustin and Sherri Ellington as they train pastors to proclaim the gospel in Lebanon.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,  
[careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org)  
202.537.7540.

## Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference! Thank you!

### April 2023 Giving Report

Faith Giving	\$ 892,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 301,000
Other Income	\$ 113,000
Total Income	\$ 1,306,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,457,000
Balance	\$ 151,000

Would you like to make a gift?

- Mail or place it in the offering plate
- Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving)
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Donate stock
- Disburse your Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA
- Scan the QR code below:



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](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Chui Sun Szeto by her daughter.



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