

November 26, 2023
Christ the King

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*
Psalm 95:6



Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

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Music

Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
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)

EVENTS AT NATIONAL

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!

Adult Fellowship Service Project

Wednesday, November 29, 10:30 am

You're invited to come for warm fellowship, service, and a tasty lunch in Stone Fellowship Hall. Our project includes preparing treat bags and wrapping Christmas gifts for the 40 men at Friendship Place's La Casa, a permanent supportive home in Columbia Heights. Please invite a friend and come! You can visit our [Events page](#) to reserve your place at the lunch table.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 2, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Our speaker will be Jonathan Edwards, NPC's Serve Ministries Director as he talks about *God's Invitation in the Work of His Kingdom*. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information or to RSVP.

Information Meeting on

2024 Mission Trip to Romania

Sunday, December 3, 12:30pm

Join us in the Garden Rooms for lunch and information on an exciting intergenerational mission trip to Romania, August 9-18, 2024, with the Smiles Foundation. Smiles is an entrepreneurial Christian non-profit working with vulnerable groups and communities in Romania.

Advent Family Night

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 pm

Start the Advent season on a fun, family-friendly, and faith-centered note! Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall for this much-loved annual event. We'll begin with a short time of worship, then make crafts you can enjoy all season, and have dinner together. To give us a general headcount for ordering supplies and food, please RSVP on our [Events page](#).

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, November 26

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Adult Sunday School
- 9:55 am: Family potluck (No Children's or Youth Sunday School, no Parent Gathering, no Young Professionals, resumes December 3)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

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1st Sunday of Advent, Communion

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- 12:30 pm: 2024 Intergenerational Mission Trip informational meeting
- 5:00 pm: Advent Family Night

Thank You to All Who Contributed!

Thank you to all those who brought donations of food and helped collect and organize it on Thanksgiving. You are making a difference by helping to feed the hungry in our city!

Christmas is Coming!

See page 10 for more of the ways you are invited to celebrate with National Presbyterian Church.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG O How Good It Is Keith and Kristyn Getty

O how good it is when the family of God
dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruit of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out his word
til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

O how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging. *Chorus*

O how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *Chorus*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, we come into your house dependent upon on the multitude of your mercies. Recognizing your great majesty, we humbly bow before you now. Hear our cry as we lift up our hands to your mercy seat. Let your eyes be open and your ears be attentive to the confession which we offer you in this place, whereupon you have said you would put your name, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lancelot Andrewes, 1555-1626
Anglican Bishop and Translator of the King James Bible

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 Dr. 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE Psalm 95:1-7 Kathleen Cantrell

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Dr. Fox

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

SERMON The Call to Worship Rev. Lisa Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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

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RESPONSE

Winchester Old

Choir

O come and sing unto the Lord, to God our voices raise:
Let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Savior, praise.

Congregation

O come, and bowing down to God, our worship let us bring;
Yea, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker and our King.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: *Alleluia!*
Utter it even to the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people: *Alleluia!*

O be joyful in God, all ye lands; O sing praises to the honor of his name.
Make his praise to be glorious.

- ▲ 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. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Hylton

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 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service *Geneva*
Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
By our worship, grant us vision, till your love's redeeming light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless action, your abundant life to share.
Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.
Alfred F. Bayly, alt.

- ▲ BENEDICTION Rev. Larsen

- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE
Declare ye this, and let it be heard: *Alleluia!*

- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Hylton

- ▲ POSTLUDE Rigaudon André Campra
Todd Fickley, organ

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT NATIONAL

Christmas is just around the corner! For all the information about the many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior with NPC, please visit nationalpres.org/Christmas.

Advent Vespers (Evening Worship)

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm

Join us for a prayerful evening Advent worship service with Communion in-person in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#).

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Sundays, December 10 & 17

Shop online December 1-31

Mission Gifts for Christmas enables you to give meaningful gifts instead of giving another “thing,” by supporting God’s work locally and internationally. It takes many of us to host this special occasion. Sign up to serve at nationalpres.org/mission-gifts.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 10, 5:00 pm

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir and Orchestra presents *Prepare Him Room: Our Coming Savior* in Handel’s *Messiah* in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch page](#) at 5:00 pm, on Sunday, December 10. All are welcome, and no tickets are necessary!

DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

All services will be offered both in-person and online on our [Watch page](#). Childcare for ages up to 4 years will be provided for the 10:00 am, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm services.

10:00 am: Morning Service*

Worship with a special and spectacular musical celebration including Daniel Pinkham’s brilliant *Christmas Cantata* for choir, brass, and organ!

5:00 pm: Family Nativity Service*

Our children, youth and adults will bring the nativity story to life with song and scripture. This is a family-friendly service that your kids will love!

8:00 & 10:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Services

The message, prayers and beautiful music of these traditional Christmas Eve services will inspire you and fill you with hope.

* A complimentary photographer will be on hand in Stone Fellowship Hall to capture your family memories in front of our beautiful Christmas backdrop and decor before and after these services!



**Called
to Care**

Like to cook?

Deacons and volunteers provide meals to new parents, those recovering from illness, or those in grief. Sign up as your schedule allows through our online sign-up system. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

For I was hungry and you gave me food. Matthew 25:35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Helpers at NPC!

You can help make our church most welcoming for our multitude of guests this holiday season! Contact Leslie Saum at lsaum@nationalpres.org to sign up and join the fabulous Welcome Team to help greet, usher or hand out Christmas Ornaments on these dates:

- Messiah Concert: Sunday, December 10, 5:00 pm
- Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, choice of 4 services

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children

Help kids connect with Christ by joining our children's ministry team! Some of the ways to help include teaching Sunday School during the school year, assisting with games and devotionals at Club 45, helping plan an annual event, or leading music on a seasonal basis. If you're interested, please contact Jill Meek at jmeek@nationalpres.org.

Living & Giving Generously in God's World: The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving can help!

Are you thinking about philanthropic strategies for planned giving? The NPC Fund is here to help you design or implement a Donor-Advised Fund or Charitable Trust structure to meet your giving goals. Please email npcfund@nationalpres.org or contact Rick Hawthorne at 301.452.8269 or Jonathan Dickey at 443.722.4840 for more information. You may also [click here](#) to visit our Giving webpage.

JOIN OUR NPC TEAM!

Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor

National Presbyterian Church is searching for an Executive Assistant to provide administrative support to the church's Senior Pastor. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational skills, be a strong communicator and self-starter. Day-to-day responsibilities include managing the Pastor's schedule and correspondence, coordinating Church meetings, partnering with church committees and providing administrative support. The position will serve as the primary interface and receptionist for the Senior Pastor to the congregation, staff, and public. The position is full-time and includes comprehensive benefits. Occasional weekend work may be needed to support church functions. Qualified applicants should send a resume to lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Summer Interns at NPC:

Applications are now open for Children's and Youth Interns for Summer 2024. Spend your summer supporting our younger congregants in encountering Jesus' love for them at VBS, camps, and weekly programs. Application deadline is January 15, 2024. For more details, visit our [Jobs webpage](#).

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 other easy ways to connect with us:

- Sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch webpage](#).
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

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

- Visit our [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We mourn:

the passing of George Watson.

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
202.537.7540.

Community Health Note

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.

Your Giving Makes a Difference! Thank you!

Giving Report

As of November 12, 2023

| | Faith Giving |
|------------------|--------------|
| Annual Budget | \$ 3,075,000 |
| Received YTD | \$ 2,130,000 |
| Remaining Needed | \$ 765,000 |

Would you like to make a gift?

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



Monthly financial reports are available in the Narthex.

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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. Carl Joseph Gilbert Anderson by his son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.



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