

June 18, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.*

Ephesians 4:1

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Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:45 am:** Summer Speaker Series (Adult Classes)
- **9:45 am:** Summer of Serving
(for all ages and in place of Children's and Youth Sunday School)
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:00 pm:** Summer of Serving

Summer Speaker Series Starts Today!

Our Summer Speaker Series begins today. You may [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes webpage for detailed information about speakers and topics. We will meet at 9:45-10:45 am in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Today's speaker is **Dr. Kara Powell**, Chief of Leadership Formation and Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute, discussing *Faith in an Anxious World: What You Need to Know about Young People's Mental Health*.

Summer of Serving Starts Today!

Starting today, all ages are invited to serve together with us every Sunday after each worship service at 9:45 am (in place of Children's and Youth Sunday School) and noon. We will gather in the Garden Rooms for a different outreach focus each week. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend. Please see page 9 or visit our website for more information about Summer of Serving. Today we'll have:

- **9:45 am:** Making trail mix for Martha's Table in the Garden Rooms
- **12:15 pm:** 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making for Martha's Table in Stone Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry

- Please [click here](#) or visit our Children's webpage to read about Children's Ministry.
- The Nursery and Toddler Rooms are available on Sundays, 8:30 am-noon for infants to walkers, up to age 4.
- This summer, we have lots of great activities for children, including Vacation Bible School, Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) and Summer of Serving. Please check our [Events webpage](#) and mark your calendars!

Youth Ministry

- Please [click here](#) or visit our Youth webpage for information about Youth Ministry.
- This summer, we have lots of great activities for youth, including Youth Group, nights at the park, high school and middle school trips and Summer of Serving. Please check our [Events webpage](#) and mark your calendars!

Congregational Meeting - Today After 11:00 am Worship

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for today, June 18, following 11:00 am worship to vote on the terms of the housing equity loan to Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr., which are in accordance with NPC's Pastor Housing Policy. If needed, the nursery and toddler rooms will remain open for children 4 years old and under whose parents wish to attend the Congregational Meeting. The Congregational Meeting will be in person and will not be live streamed.

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. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus: *How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.*

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood,

magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. **Chorus**

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from

magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal and merciful God,

you love us with a love beyond our understanding,

and set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we stray from your ways.

We sin against you in thought, word, and deed,

through what we do and what we leave undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace,

we give thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Therefore, grant us grace to die daily to sin,

and to rise daily to new life in Christ,

wherein we find hope and strength again, again, and yet again.

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

Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministry

*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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:17-24

Deacon Mercedes Condy

¹⁷Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

SERMON

The New Life
Ephesians 4:25-32

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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PRELUDE

Voluntary in A minor

John Stanley
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 263 *verses 1-3* Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 263, verse 4

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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you love us with a love beyond our understanding,
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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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RESPONSE

Dundee

Choir: O come and purify our lives, our hearts with love redeem.

Restore us to your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us clean.

Congregation: Rebuild your people with your love, renew us every day;

With spirit, heart, and mind renewed, our lives shall sing your praise.

Fred. R. Anderson (alt)

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

OFFERTORY Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Moses Hogan
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Spiritual
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus, I want to be more holy, I want to be a Christian...

▲ DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dr. Stoltzfus
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 May the Mind of Christ Our Savior *St. Leonards*
May the mind of Christ our Savior live in us from day to day,
By his love and power controlling all we do and say.
May Christ's beauty rest upon us, full of truth and rich in grace,
So that all may see the image of God's holy face.
May Christ-likeness be our story, confident each day to be
Faithful servants fully clothed in his identity.
May the light of Christ shine through us, never hidden, never dim;
To the glory of the Father visible in him.

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE
Lord, I want to be a Christian, I want to be more holy, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE A Double Voluntary John Blow
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Members are invited to stay after worship for a short Congregational Meeting.
Sandwich Making in Stone Fellowship Hall will follow.

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Sundays, June 18-August 27, 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.

Today, June 18, 9:45 am

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*

Next Sunday, June 25, 9:45 am

Dr. Ivan Rusyn, President, Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary, *Ministry on the Front Lines in Ukraine*

Next Sunday, June 25, 12:15 pm

**Ukraine Briefing Luncheon
Jones Hall (NPS Gymnasium)**

Please join us immediately following the 11:00 am worship service as we continue our conversation with Dr. Ivan Rusyn, our guest speaker at the Summer Speaker Series, about his theme, *Ministry on the Front Lines in Ukraine*. A light lunch will be served.

SUMMER OF SERVING

Summer of Serving for All Ages Returns! Starting Today, 9:45 am and 12:15 pm

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:

- Each Sunday after both worship services, June 18-August 20
- For all ages and takes the place of Children's and Youth Sunday School

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 our Events webpage. We have both online and in-person options for helping!

Summer of Serving Schedule

Today, June 18: Martha's Table

- 9:45 am: Making trail mix for Martha's Table in the Garden Rooms
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making for Martha's Table in Stone Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, June 25:

Unique Learning Center

- 9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms
- Collecting and assembling snack supplies for kids served by Unique Learning Center
- Please see suggested donation list to the right.

Donation Shopping List for

June 25: Unique Learning Center

You don't have to donate to participate! The donation bins can be found on all three levels of the church building. (Individually wrapped snack sized please.)

- Cheezits or popcorn
- Rice Krispy Treats
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish
- Nabisco variety pack
- Welches Fruit snacks
- Snacking nuts
- Chewy or crunchy granola bars (no chocolate)

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!

This Coming Week at a Glance

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- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:45 am: Summer of Serving (in place of Children & Youth Sunday School)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: Summer of Serving (2nd Sunday Sandwich Making)
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Monday, June 19

- NPC offices closed for Juneteenth holiday

Tuesday, June 20

- 7:00 pm: Youth at Turtle Park

Thursday, June 22

- 6:30 pm: College Bible Study

Saturday, June 24

- 9:30 am: Serve Our City - Central Union Mission

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Summer Choir Begins Today, June 18!

We'd love to welcome you and lift our voices together! Rehearsals on Sundays only at 10:00 am in the choir room.

Just come on in. Questions? Call Emmett Sauchuck in the Music Office 202.537.7553 or email to esauchuck@nationalpres.org.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Tonight, June 18 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 or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

Park Night for Youth

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 pm

Calling all youth – are you ready for some fun and friends? Come and join us for Park Night at Turtle Park! Depending on the mood, we'll play basketball, gaga, spikeball, Frisbee, or just hang out on the playground. For more information, please email Kyle at kputnam@nationalpres.org. See you there!

College Students Bible Study,

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 pm

If you would like to connect with other college-aged students this summer, come join us for Bible study! We will meet on Thursday nights at the Youth House throughout the summer for food and fellowship! For more information, please contact Grace deMaine at demainegn@wofford.edu. We'll also meet June 29, July 20 and 27 and August 10 and 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Last Sunday, June 11, officially marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our congregation. Please continue to join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome to our new senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr., and his wife Judith! For more information, please [click here](#) or visit our Senior Pastor Search webpage.

Summer Sermon Series: *The Questions Jesus Asked* Sundays, June 25th-September 3rd

In the four gospels, Jesus asked approximately 307 questions. His questions were often challenging and thought-provoking. They invited people to examine their hearts and consider their priorities, but they also revealed Jesus's own character and identity. On Sundays, June 25th- September 3rd, we will consider eleven poignant questions. These questions are still relevant today. They will encourage us to think Christianly, grow in faith, to understand ourselves better, and to make a difference in the world.

Serve Our City: Central Union Mission Saturday, June 24, 9:30 am

Are you ready to make a real impact on the lives of those who need it most? Join us as we participate in Central Union Mission's *Mission Accomplished* program, help with the upkeep of the shelter and pantry and serve a nutritious lunch to the guests at the Men's Shelter. Ages 12 and up are welcome to participate. A parent or guardian must accompany kids 12-17 years. Reach out to our Serve Director, Jonathan Edwards, at jedwards@nationalpres.org to learn more about this opportunity.

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@natpres.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.



Called to Care

Newly separated? Recently divorced?

DivorceCare is a national ministry that provides a 13-week video and small group Christian based program for those who are navigating the end of a marriage. The material focuses on practical tools for healing. Please visit www.divorcecare.org to find a location currently offering this ministry. Contact the Care Office at careoffice@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7540 if you have questions or need prayer.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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 grieve the death of:

Ahlam Shenouda.

We pray for:

John Wagner as he works through Young Life to spread the Gospel to teens in New York and in cities across the globe.

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.

A Reminder About Online Scams

As summer approaches, here's a reminder to be on the alert for online scams and phishing. These scams increase during the summer when pastors are on vacation. Your pastors will not contact you from a private email, and they will NEVER ask you to send them money directly, or buy gift cards and send them the numbers. If we are ever out of town and in a pinch, each of us has systems in place for an emergency. We won't contact you to ask for that kind of help.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Susan Pinckernell Denecke and family in loving memory of her beloved parents, Louise and Harry Pinckernell.



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