

June 25, 2023



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*Now when Jesus came into the district of  
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"*  
Matthew 16:13

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Jill Meek (Children)  
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# FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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.

### Today, June 25

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 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
- 12:15 pm: Ukraine Briefing Luncheon
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### Monday-Friday, June 26-30

- Vacation Bible School

### Thursday, June 29

- 6:30 pm: College Student Bible Study

### Sunday, July 2 - Communion

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 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

### Today, 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, President of the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (our guest speaker at this morning's Summer Speaker Series). Since the first days of the full-scale war, Ivan and others from the seminary have provide regular worship and communion to Ukrainian troops close to the frontlines. The seminary has been very involved in ministry to service members through their training in trauma counseling. He is particularly eager to talk with us about his experience with his country's soldiers. A light lunch will be served.

#### 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.

### Please pray for Vacation Bible School this week!

Please pray that the children, youth, adult volunteers and staff would receive and grow in God's love and each would be kept safe throughout the week.

## 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG Speak, O Lord Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises;

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built

and the earth is filled with your glory.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,  
you know the very thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,  
and done evil in your sight.

Wash us, we pray, from the stains of our sins,  
and give us grace to put away hurtful things,

Deliver us from the bondage of sin

that we may bring forth fruits of repentance,  
and at last enter into your promised joy;

Through the mercy and merits of your blessed Son,  
our only Savior and Lord.

Alcuin of York

#### 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

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.

Nettleton





## OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
 Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.  
 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.  
 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;  
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.  
 Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, praise and adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen.

## ▲ 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. Fox

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
 He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for a blest abode.  
 On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
 With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 Built upon the one foundation: "True Messiah, Son of God,"  
 Will Christ's church, through declaration, flourish by his certain word.  
 'Gainst all forces that would hinder comes the new Jerusalem;  
 Open high, thy gates, in wonder! Welcome, all who enter them!  
 Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
 Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name;  
 Fading are all earthly pleasures, ev'ry boasted pomp and show;  
 Kingdom joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Based on John Newton

## ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

## ▲ CHORAL AMEN

Derek Hakes

## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

## ▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young  
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Choir

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](mailto:esauchuck@nationalpres.org).

## Park Night for Youth

Thursday, July 6, 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](mailto:kputnam@nationalpres.org). See you there!

## College Students' Bible Study,

Thursday, June 29, 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 email Grace deMaine at [demainegn@wofford.edu](mailto:demainegn@wofford.edu). We'll also meet June 29, July 13, 20 and 27 and August 3, 10 and 17.

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 8, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Dr. Quinn Fox will be our speaker for July. Please email Kristi Teems at [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org) for more information.

## 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

July 9 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!

## Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, July 9 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.

## 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.

# 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 (for all ages)

## 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!



### Called to Care

#### Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?

GriefShare is a 13-week video and small group Christian based program for those who are grieving a loved one. The material focuses on practical tools for healing. Please visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) for more information or to find a location currently offering this ministry. Contact the Care Office at [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7540 if you have questions or need prayer.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3*

# SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

**Sundays through 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 25

- **9:45 am, Stone Fellowship Hall**  
**Dr. Ivan Rusyn**, President, Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary, *Ministry on the Front Lines in Ukraine*
- **12:15 pm, Jones Hall (NPS Gym)**  
We'll continue our conversation with Dr. Ivan Rusyn over a light lunch.

## Next Sunday, July 2

**Dr. Quinn Fox**, Associate Pastor for Discipleship, National Presbyterian Church, *Animated Virtue: The Gospel According to Pixar*

# SUMMER OF SERVING

**Sundays at 9:45 am and 12:00 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, through 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 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

**Next Sunday, July 2 - holiday weekend**

- 9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms
- Join us for food and fellowship!

## Donation Shopping List for July 16: Central Union Mission

You don't have to donate to participate! The donation bins can be found on all three levels of the church building.

- Travel-size of: tissue packs, disposable hand wipes, hand lotion, bar of soap, antibacterial ointment, cotton swabs, shaving cream
- Disposable razors
- Adhesive bandages
- Small washcloths
- Pair of white athletic socks
- Small bottle of water or juice

# 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

## Prayers

### We celebrate with:

Susan and Joe Harvey  
on the birth of their son.

### We pray for:

Bethlehem Bible College, as they prepare Christian leaders to serve churches and communities in the Middle East.

### How may we pray for you?

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

## Community Safety

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.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former library volunteer, by J. Theodore Anderson.

The flowers in the narthex are given in celebration of the marriage of Meghan Harris and Jeffrey Pierson on June 23, 2023.



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