

July 16, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,'
and do not do what I tell you?*

Luke 6:46

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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!

Summer Speaker Series

Today, July 16, 9:45 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

Cherie Harder, President of the Trinity Forum, will help us to understand the trends and challenges that Christians seeking to follow Jesus faithfully face in our post-pandemic situation with *Context, Crisis, and Hope: Faith in a Post-Quarantine World*.

Summer of Serving:

Central Union Mission

Today at 9:45 and noon, Garden Rooms

We will be making small care packages of needed toiletries for folks being served by Central Union Mission. Come on down!

Meet your Deacons!

Today, July 16, after 11:00 am Worship

Deacons are servant leaders who care for the congregation and mobilize them to care for each other. They listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you when you are ill, support you through difficult times, and help you connect with other church members. Would you like to meet your Deacons? Come to Stone Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies and meet the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Deacons.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Tonight 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, July 18, 7:00 pm

Calling all youth – are you ready for some fun and friends? Come and join us for Park Night at Turtle Park! For more information, please email Kyle at kputnam@nationalpres.org. See you there!

Adult Fellowship Summer Social

Wednesday, July 19, 2:00 pm

Garden Rooms

Join us for summer fellowship and sweet treats in the Garden Rooms. There is no charge for this event, but please let us know if you can attend. RSVP to Wray Muoio at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

50 Year Member Celebration

Sunday, July 23, 12:15 pm

Join us in the Parlor following the 11:00 am worship service to celebrate and honor those who have been members at National Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

Summer Sermon Series:

The Questions Jesus Asked

Sundays Through 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. 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.

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

In Christ Alone

Keith and Kristyn Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.
Even as we come this hour to praise you,
We confess it is all too easy for us to sacrifice
Convictions for the sake of convenience,
Your eternal standards for our fading status,
Your principles for our self-promotion,
Your absolutes for our own ambitions,
Our very souls for shallow success and earthly gain.
We are easily seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions.
From these we turn, unfulfilled, again to you.
Forgive our half-hearted devotion and double-minded spirit.
Restore us to right relationship and fellowship with you.

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. Marsh

*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, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

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what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸That one
is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a
flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been
well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the
ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great
was the ruin of that house."

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

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked
Why Do You Call Me Lord?

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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. Quinn Fox

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Wide as the Sky

Matt Redman

Chorus: *Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.*

Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high! (2x)

Let all the other names fade away.

Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.

Let all the other names fade away.

Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place. **(2x) Chorus**

Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!

Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high.

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▲ 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.

▲ CLOSING SONG

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote and William Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus: *On Christ the solid Rock I stand;*

All other ground is sinking sand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In ev'ry high and stormy gale,

My anchor holds within the veil. **Chorus**

His oath His covenant His blood,

Support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay. **Chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,

O may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Darwall's 148th

To Father and to Son, and Spirit now be giv'n

All glory, honor, thanks and praise of earth and heav'n:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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RESPONSE

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Choir: If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Congregation:

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Georg Neumark, 1657

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CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

OFFERTORY

Lord, Lord

Thomas More Scott

Save us, Lord! Save us, Lord! We are not worthy, but we long for your love.

Not everyone who cries, "Lord, Lord," is gonna walk into the kingdom of God;

But everybody that heeds his will, and keeps the commandments, too.

Listen to me like a sensible man; you can hold life in the palm of your hand.

Listen to me; eternal life can be yours, if you just follow me.

Not everyone who cries, "Lord, Lord," is gonna walk into the kingdom of God;

But everybody that heeds his will, and keeps the commandments.

From Matthew 7:21

with Victor Holmes, string bass

▲ DOXOLOGY

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▲ HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE Divertimento on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Aaron David Miller

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, and board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please click here or visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information or to submit recommendations.

Summer Choir

We'd love to welcome you and lift our voices together! Rehearsals are 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.

Follow Up on Speaker from Ukraine

Many of you have asked how to support the ministry of Dr. Ivan Rusyn, president of the Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS) in Kyiv, following his timely and powerful talk at NPC. You may give by going to <https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/online-giving>. At the bottom of the page, select UETS to designate your gift. The website also tells you how to give by check or other means.

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.

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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, July 16

- 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: Meet your Deacons!
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, July 18

- 7:00 pm: Youth at Turtle Park

Wednesday, July 19

- 2:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Summer Social

Thursday, July 20

- 6:30 pm: College Student Bible Study

Sunday, July 23

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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
- 12:15: 50 Year Member Celebration
- 12:15 pm: Youth Group *The Amazing Race*
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

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 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!

College Students' Bible Study on Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm

If you'd like to connect with other college-aged students this summer, come join us for Bible study! We'll 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. We'll also meet July 27 and August 3, 10 and 17.



**Called
to Care**

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care for those experiencing challenges. Your identity and conversations are held in confidence. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow. Isaiah 1:17*

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.

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, July 16: Cherie Harder**, President, The Trinity Forum, *Context, Crisis, and Hope: Faith in a Post-Quarantine World*
- **Next Sunday, 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, *Cultivating a Reconciling Community for the Kingdom of God*
- **August 6: Dr. Jennifer Wiseman**, Astrophysicist, *Discovery, Wonder, and Challenge: Science, Values, and Faith in 21st Century*

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, July 16

Central Union Mission

9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms:

We will be making small care packages of needed toiletries for folks being served by Central Union Mission.

Next Sunday, July 23

Solutions in Hometown Connections

9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms:

We will be making school care packages for refugee children.

Donation Shopping List for August 6: Young Lives

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

- Diapers – all sizes
- Pull-ups – all sizes
- Diaper rash cream
- Baby shampoo
- Baby body wash
- Pacifiers

Summer of Serving Report

Thank you to all who helped with Summer of Serving last Sunday. With your help and generosity, we provided more than 350 trail mix bags and 400 sandwiches to hungry folks through Martha's Table. You are making a difference!

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](#)

Prayers

We pray for:

European Christian Mission,
International as they support churches
and church planters in both
Eastern and Western Europe.

We celebrate with:

Emily and David Kingsland
on the birth of their baby boy.

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.

Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower arrangements at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God honoring the July birthdays of Senators Elizabeth and Bob Dole for their lives and legacies of public service.



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