

July 9, 2023



Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Jesus answered,
"You do not know what you are asking.
Are you able to drink the cup
that I am about to drink?"*
Matthew 20:22

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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!

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 last Sunday. 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.

Summer of Serving: Martha's Table Today at 9:45, Garden Rooms

- 9:45 am: Making trail mix for Martha's Table in the Garden Rooms
- 12:00 pm: Making sandwiches for Martha's Table in Stone Fellowship Hall

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.

Meet your Deacons!

Sunday, 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.

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! 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!

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.

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG

You Are My Vision

Rend Collective

You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies-only you, Lord!

You are my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence my light!

You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with you and you with me, Lord!

You're my great Father and I'm your true son!

You dwell inside me together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight!

You're my soul's shelter and you're my high tower.

Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power!

I don't want riches or man's empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always!

You and you only, the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure you are!

High King of heaven, when victory's won,

may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

One: O Jesus, alone and despised, have mercy upon us!

All: Let us not be ashamed to follow you.

O Jesus, hated and persecuted, have mercy upon us!

Strengthen us to stand with you.

O Jesus, blasphemed, accused, and wrongfully condemned, have mercy upon us!

Teach us also to endure.

O Jesus, clothed with reproach and shame, have mercy upon us!

Let us not seek our own glory.

O Jesus, insulted and mocked, have mercy upon us!

Let us also not faint in time of trial.

O Jesus, in derision crowned with thorns,

in humiliation stricken with beatings,

on the cross burdened with our sins, and bearing our common curse,

Have mercy upon us! In great mercy, Lord Jesus, forgive!

Adapted from John Wesley

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.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Fox

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:20-23

Paul Aines

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

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

Are You Able to Drink the Cup I Am Going to Drink?

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. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

Brooke Ligertwood

Savior, I come, I quiet my soul, remember
redemption's hill where your blood was spilled, for my ransom.
And everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

Chorus: *Lead me to the cross where your love poured out.*

Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.

Rid me of myself, I belong to you.

Oh, lead me...lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.

The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen.

And everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss. **Chorus**

Lead me to your heart. (3x) *Chorus*

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!

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.

Chris Tomlin

Sovereign in the mountain air, sovereign on the ocean floor,
with me in the calm, with me in the storm!

Sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry,
with me in the dark, with me at the dawn!

Chorus: *In your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life,
from beginning to the end, I can trust you.*

In your never-failing love, you work everything for good.

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!

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All my hopes, all I need, held in Your hands!

All my life, all of me, held in Your hands!

All my fears, all my dreams, held in Your hands! (2x) **Chorus**

Dr. Hylton

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphonie No. 3

Louis Vierne

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 457 *verses 1-4* I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 457, verse 5

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free.

Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Attributed to John Calvin, *French Psalter*, 1545

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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RESPONSE

Martyrdom

Choir: Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray,
And with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

Congregation: Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,
And praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord. Psalm 116, The Psalter, 1912

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 of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.

Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lipping praise God will never despise:
He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Johanna Anderson

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stoltzfus

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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

By Gracious Powers

Perfect Love

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning
and never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suff'ring hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "[My NPC](#)" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password-protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

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.

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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Please pray for these trips:

- **July 8-14:** Intergenerational Mission trip to the Dominican Republic
- **July 9-14:** High School Fun in the Son

Today, July 9

- 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 (2nd Sunday Sandwich Making)
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Thursday, July 13

- 6:30 pm: College Student Bible Study

Sunday, July 16

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- 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

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, June 29, 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 demaine@wofford.edu. We'll also meet June 29, July 13, 20 and 27 and August 3, 10 and 17.



**Called
to Care**

Feeling anxious? Stressed or burdened? Need to slow down?

Care Notes are inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help you focus on God in everyday life challenges. Check them out in the Welcome Center.

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7b

A Summer of Serving Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity and support so far during Summer of Serving! Your donations have exceeded our expectations, allowing us to double our anticipated contribution to the Unique Learning Center and even provide additional supplies. Witnessing the abundance of supplies pouring in, through financial contributions deliveries from our Amazon Wish List and walk-in donations, has been humbling and gratifying. Your kindness is making a tangible impact on the lives of those we serve!

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 9: Dr. Tremper Longman** Professor of Old Testament Emeritus, Westmont College, *Ancient Wisdom for God's People in the 21st Century*
- **Next Sunday, July 16 : Cherie Harder**, President, The Trinity Forum, *Context, Crisis, and Hope: Faith in a Post-Quarantine World*
- **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*

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 9

Martha's Table

- 9:45 am: Making trail mix for Martha's Table in the Garden Rooms
- 12:00 pm: Making sandwiches for Martha's Table in Stone Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, 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. Fellowship Hall

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 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:

Those on the High School summer trip and all those on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
May these experiences bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

We pray for:

Birzeit Social and Cultural Development Center as it supports senior citizens in Bethlehem.

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!

May 2023 Giving Report

Faith Giving	\$ 1,073,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 396,000
Other Income	\$ 115,000
Total Income	\$ 1,584,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,905,000
Balance	\$ (321,000)

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:



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 by Gloria Borden in memory of Commander Edward L. Borden, USN remembering his July 9th birthday.



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