

August 13, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Which one of you,
having a hundred sheep and losing one of them,
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness
and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?*

Luke 15:4

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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!

Summer Speaker Series

9:45 am, Stone Fellowship Hall

Dale Hanson Bourke, award-winning writer, editor, business owner, foundation president and long-time member of NPC, will speak about her book, *Strong Girls, Strong World*.

Summer of Serving

Martha's Table

- 9:45 am in Garden Rooms: We will be making trail mix for hungry folks at Martha's Table in Anacostia.
- Noon in Stone Fellowship Hall: We'll gather to assemble sandwiches for Martha's Table.

Family Fun Night

for Children's Ministry

Sunday, August 13, 4:30 pm

Parents and kids of all ages, you're invited to come play together! Come enjoy popsicles and outdoor play and get to know your NPC friends better. We'll be outside the Youth House playing games like gaga ball, 9 square, and more. The NPCCC playground will be open for the little ones. Drop in anytime from 4:30-6:00 pm. Questions? Email Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministry at jmeek@nationalpres.org.

Adult Fellowship Service Project

Wednesday, August 16, 10:30 am

Come for warm fellowship, service projects, and a delicious lunch. Help prepare bag lunches for Friendship Place's La Casa, a permanent supportive home for men in Columbia Heights. Please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage to RSVP.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 27, 12:15 pm

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Donna Marsh based upon her call to a new position. 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.

**A Grateful Farewell to
Rev. Donna Marsh,
Executive Pastor
Receptions after each
Worship Service on
Sunday, August 27**

Please join us in celebrating Donna's more than 15 years of unwavering service to the NPC congregation. Her care, wisdom, and selfless dedication have been a true inspiration to us all. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for all she has done as we share in her in joyful anticipation of this new chapter of her work in God's kingdom. Please share your sentiments in writing by mailing or bringing cards and letters of thanks. You may also show your gratitude by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code below to contribute to a love gift for Donna.



8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ OPENING SONG Come People of the Risen King Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: *Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice!*

O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **Chorus**

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

In your loving kindness and great compassion,

cleans us from our sin; now unto the joy of eternity.

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

Samantha McNett
Children's Ministry Intern

*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. Lisa Larsen

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-10

Elder Lynne Gochnour

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked
What Do You Value?

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

Rev. Larsen

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

▲ OFFERING SONG Living Hope Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham
How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. (2x)*

▲ 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 Rev. Larsen
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 10,000 Reasons Matt Redman
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Chorus: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending;
ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus**
Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord I'll worship your holy name.

▲ 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

Cantabile in B Major

César Franck

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 223 *verses 1-5* O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 223, verse 6

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

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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;

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Deacon Serge Nya-Wandja

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RESPONSE

St. Columba

Choir: The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Congregation: Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulders gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

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Rev. Larsen

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

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly

René Clausen

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling; calling, O sinner, come home.

Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling; calling, O sinner, come home.

Lovingly, faithfully Jesus is searching, searching for you and for me.

Lovingly, faithfully Jesus is searching; searching, O sinner, for you.

Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home.

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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 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Amazing Grace*
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
 The Lord has promised good to me. God's word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will see me home.
 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. John Newton
- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton
- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE
- Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling; calling, O sinner, come home.
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Larsen
- ▲ POSTLUDE Final from Symphonie No. 1, Op. 14 Louis Vierne
John Varcoe, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite a friend to join you in worship in the Sanctuary or online!

- Did you know that one-third of people say that they are likely to come to a worship service when someone they know invites them? Personal contact is the best way to draw others into the church and towards Christ.
- Social media and the internet can provide you with tools to start the conversation. [Click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/invite to see a few of them. Give some a try and let us know your experience. We'd love to hear what works!

Video Team Volunteers

Do you have an interest in video mixing, video cameras or live streaming? If so, we would love to hear from you! Join our volunteer team to help bring the good news of the gospel into hundreds of homes each week. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bill McNett at bmcnett@nationalpres.org.

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.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, August 13

- 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: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 4:30 pm: Family Fun Night
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Wednesday, August 16

- 10:30 am: Adult Fellowship Service Project

Sunday, August 20

- 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
- 12:15 pm: Summer of Serving (Military Ministry)
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting, Room #109
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

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. These questions are still relevant today and will encourage us to think Christianly, grow in faith, to understand ourselves better, and to make a difference in the world.

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 Class)
- **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!



Deacons

Our Deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you, and encourage you in difficult times.

**Called
to Care**

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Love one another. John 13:34

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 of Serving Report

Thank you to all who helped with Summer of Serving last Sunday. With your help and generosity, we provided about 2,000 diapers and 29 baby supply gift bags to teenage moms that are served by Young Lives. You are making a difference!

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, August 13: Dale Hanson Bourke**, award-winning writer, editor, business owner, foundation president and long-time member of National Presbyterian Church, will speak about her book, *Strong Girls, Strong World*.
- **Next Sunday, August 20: R.V. Seep**, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives and long-time member of National Presbyterian Church, *Destined for Glory*
- **August 27: Kristin Franke, Jonathan Edwards and others**, *Summer Reports*, in the Garden Rooms

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

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, August 13: Martha's Table

- 9:45 am in Garden Rooms: We will be making trail mix for hungry folks at Martha's Table in Anacostia.
- Noon in Stone Fellowship Hall: We'll gather to assemble sandwiches for Martha's Table. Martha's Table, through McKenna's Wagon, delivers meals to the hungry and homeless in DC every day of the year.

Next Sunday, August 20

Walter Reed Hospital

9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms: We will be making hygiene bags for incoming patients at Walter Reed Military Hospital. All materials supplied—just come!

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

- 10:00 am combined worship service followed by *Lemonade on the Lawn*

Sunday, September 10 (Return to 8:45 & 11:00 am worship)

- Fall kick-off of Sunday School for all ages
- New sermon series begins: *Lessons from Nehemiah*
- Family Fall Picnic

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 celebrate with:

Joy Eckert and Pat Zhou
on the birth of their daughter.

We pray for:

The Persecuted Church, which consists of millions of Christians across the world who are denied their rights, imprisoned, tortured or martyred for their faith.

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.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.



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