

August 20, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?"*
John 8:10

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Jill Meek (Children)
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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 of Serving/Military Ministry Walter Reed Hospital Today, Garden Rooms

Today we wrap up our amazing Summer of Serving with a Military Ministry project. Summer of Serving is for all ages and in place of Children's and Youth Sunday School. All are welcome and all materials supplied—just come!

- 9:45 am: We will be making “Medevac Bags” for military personnel transferred to Walter Reed Military Hospital from around the world.
- 12:00 pm: We will be joined by The Honorable Mike Vickers, an NPC member with an extensive career in intelligence, national security policy and special forces. Lunch will be served.

Summer Speaker Series Sundays through August 27 9:45-10:45 am

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: R.V. Seep**, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives and long-time member of National Presbyterian Church, *Destined for Glory*, in Stone Fellowship Hall
- **Next Sunday, August 27: Kristin Franke, Jonathan Edwards and others**, *Summer Reports*, in the Garden Rooms

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

Kevin Rose, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ OPENING SONG

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Indelible Grace

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.
O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy One, you see us as we are, and yet you love us with a Father's patient heart. In the light of your mercy and grace, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. For your Son's sake, O Lord, forgive our sins. We need your guidance and your steadying hand, that lifts us when we fall, that sets us on a firm path. Draw us to yourself with kindness and enduring love, so we may learn better to trust your care and walk in your ways.

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hylton

SCRIPTURE

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

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked
Where Are Your Accusers?

Dr. Hylton

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.

- ▲ OFFERING SONG Jesus Paid It All Elvina Hall
 I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small.
 Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.
Chorus: *'Cause Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.
 Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
 Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. **Chorus**
 And when before the throne, I stand in him complete,
 Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat.
Chorus
 Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.
 He washed it white as snow! He washed it white as snow!
 Oh, praise the one who paid my debt
 and raised this life up from the dead. **(4x)**

- ▲ 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.

- ▲ CLOSING SONG Because He Lives Matt Maher
 I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
 I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.
Chorus: *Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives!*
Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!
 I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
 I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! **Chorus**
 Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone.
 I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. **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

Elegy

C. Hubert Parry

Jonathan Rajaseelan, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it: mount of God's unchanging love.
Spread the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show that love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heav'n above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love thee! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
In thy mercy look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.
All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears outflowing; Christ forgives, and so I sing.
Loving Lord, how much I need thee ev'ry moment, ev'ry hour;
Come to me, Lord, in thy mercy; raise me by thy saving pow'r.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nettleton

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart. O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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Gloria Patri

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

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RESPONSE

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

Choir: How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiv'n.
Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest those to whom our Lord God does not impute their sin,
Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

Congregation: So let the godly seek you, when troubling times are near;
No storm or flood shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In you, O Lord, I hide me, you save me from all ill,
And songs of your salvation my heart with rapture fill.

Fred R. Anderson

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OFFERTORY

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed art thou, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that is within me bless God's holy name.

He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with lovingkindness.

He will not e'er accuse, nor keep his wrath forever.

Psalm 103

▲ DOXOLOGY

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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▲ HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

Concerto in D Major, BWV 972

J. S. Bach

Mr. Rajaseelan, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer of Serving Report

Thank you to all who helped with Summer of Serving last Sunday. With your help and generosity, we provided over 600 trail mix bags and 400 sandwiches to hungry folks served by Martha's Table. You are making a difference!

NPC Small Groups welcome newcomers!

Are you looking for a place to grow spiritually in community? NPC has regular online small groups and in-person Bible studies on weekdays, evenings and Saturdays. If you are interested in visiting one, please [click here](#) or visit our Small Groups webpage to get connected.

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children

Help kids connect with Christ by joining our children's ministry team! Some of the ways to help include teaching Sunday School during the school year, assisting with games and devotionals at Club 45, helping plan an annual event, or leading music on a seasonal basis. If you're interested, please contact Jill Meek at jmeek@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.

We love babies in worship!

- You are more than welcome to keep your baby with you into the sanctuary.
- Childcare in the crib nursery and toddler room (2nd floor, main church) is available all morning every Sunday.
- The nursing room for nursing mothers is also available in Room #206 (2nd floor, main church building).

To learn more about opportunities for fellowship with other young families, please email Melanie Lenhard at mlenhard@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. Chancel Choir begins September 6!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) webpage. For information about all of these events, please see the [Events page](#) on our website.

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.

Youth Ministry

- Please [click here](#) or visit our Youth webpage for information about Youth Ministry.

Today, 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

Sunday, August 27 - Communion

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Trip Reports
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: Congregational Meeting
- 12:15 pm: Farewell Reception for Rev. Donna Marsh

LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

- 10:00 am combined worship service
- Lemonade on the Lawn: As you return from the season of summer, we are excited to invite you to a delightful event to mark the end of one season and the beginning of another. Invite your friends and join us for a refreshing and joy-filled "Lemonade on the Lawn" gathering on the Upper Plaza and Garden Terrace.

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*
- 5:00 pm: Family Fall Picnic

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, September 23, In-person

Right now is an exciting time to learn about what God is doing here at NPC! To inquire about church membership or just learn more about Christian faith, come to this one-day class on September 23. For more info or to register by September 21, [click here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu at 202.537.7578 or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

NOTES

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.



Called to Care

Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with you to think through difficult situations or relationships. She makes referrals to carefully screened resources. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

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 Al Duncker,
on August 14.

We pray for:

Keith Patman as he ministers in Chad and Cameroon through his work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by David and Roz Mack to the glory of God and in gratitude for His blessings.



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