

August 6, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

Do You Love Me?
John 21:16

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(Contemporary Music Leader)
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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
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, 9:45 am, Stone Fellowship Hall

Dr. Jennifer Wiseman, Astrophysicist, will discuss *Discovery, Wonder, and Challenge: Science, Values, and Faith in 21st Century*.

Summer of Serving

Today, 9:45 and noon, Garden Rooms

Young Lives

We will be organizing baby supplies and diapers for the folks being served by Young Lives and learning about their ministry working with teen moms in our city.

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, August 8, 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!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

August 13 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!

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 in Columbia Heights for men. Please [click here](#) or visit our Events webpage to RSVP.

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.

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 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry 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 thy redeeming love.
By your grace may I remember, hither by thy help I've come.
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Oh 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, Lord take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done.
We have done what we ought not to have done.
There is no health in us.
But you, merciful Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare us as we confess our sins to you.
Restore all who repent,
according to your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Book of Common Prayer, 1552

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

Kristin Franke
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

*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

Dr. Fox

SCRIPTURE

John 21:15-19

Deacon Robert Palmer

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked
Do You Love Me?

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Mercy

Amanda Cook

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

▲ OFFERING SONG Good, Good Father Anthony Brown
I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.
Chorus: *You're a good, good Father. It's who you are. (3x)*
And I'm loved by you it's who I am. (3x)
I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide.
Because you know just what we need before we say a word. **Chorus**
You are perfect in all of your ways. You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us! **(2x)**
Love so undeniable I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think.
As you call me deeper still **(3x)** into love, love, love! **Chorus**

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 This Is Amazing Grace Phil Wickham
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Chorus: *This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,*
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You would lay down your life, that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.
Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings. **Chorus**
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave **(3x)**
Worthy, worthy, worthy! **Chorus**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Marsh

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Soliloquy

David Conte

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 220

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Old Hundredth

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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

Amen, amen.

▲ 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;

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *Congregation as directed following choir introduction*

More Love to Thee

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayers we make on bended knee.

This is our earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee!

More love to thee, more love to thee!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

George Faulkner

Feed my sheep, feed my sheep. Thus said the Savior, feed my sheep.

Come, follow where I lead you; follow where I go; and you shall glorify my name.

Feed my sheep. If you love me, feed my sheep.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture as their Shepherd guards them well.

By still waters e'er he feeds them; to the fold he gently leads them,

Where securely they may dwell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing Assistance

NPC has a great system for hearing assistance in any location in the sanctuary. Small hearing assistance packs are available in the racks just outside of the Sanctuary, along with instructions for use.

If you're watching online, our Facebook broadcast has closed captioning. Please [click here](#) or search for National Presbyterian Church on Facebook to watch. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

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 webpage and sign up today! You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at LSaum@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7494.

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.

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, August 6 - 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
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Tuesday, August 8

- 7:00 pm: Youth at Turtle Park

Thursday, August 10

- 6:30 pm: College Students' Bible Study

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 Day
- 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 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!

College Students' Bible Study on Thursday, August 10, 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 through August 17 for food and fellowship! For more information, please email Grace deMaine at demainegn@wofford.edu.

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.



**Called
to Care**

May we pray for you?

If you would like prayer or feel called to pray for others and want to join our Prayer Team, contact the Care Office. Prayer requests will be kept confidential. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phillippians 4:6

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 6: Dr. Jennifer Wiseman**, Astrophysicist, *Discovery, Wonder, and Challenge: Science, Values, and Faith in 21st Century*
- **Next Sunday, August 13: Dale Hanson Bourke**, Foundation President and Author, *Strong Girls, Strong World*
- **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*

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, August 6

Young Lives

9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms: We will be organizing baby supplies and diapers for the folks being served by Young Lives and learning about their ministry working with teen moms in our city.

Next Sunday, 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.

Summer of Serving Report

Thank you to all who helped with Summer of Serving last Sunday. With your help and generosity, we made over 70 flower bud vases and cards, and you took them to neighbors or someone just needing a smile. 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:

Healthy, vibrant family relationships.

We pray for:

University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they educate Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Nirosha Beekhuysen and Walker Poole on August 5, 2023.



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