











September 24, 2023

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace. Nehemiah 2:17

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EVENTS AT NATIONAL

For more information about all our events, please visit the <u>Events page</u> on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at <u>info@nationalpres.org</u>!

Today at 2:00 pm Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr. Senior Pastor

National Presbyterian Church The National Capital Presbytery is delighted to invite you to the Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr. as Senior Pastor of National Presbyterian Church. This will be a joyful ceremony honoring this historic occasion in Dr. Hylton's life and the life of National Presbyterian Church. The message will be given by former Transitional Senior Pastor, Rev. Allan Poole and a Choral Response led by Dr. Hylton's wife, Judith Hylton. Following the service, there will be a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall. If you cannot attend in person, you may join us online on our Watch webpage.

Food and Clothing Drive

Thank you to all who helped and donated to our Food and Clothing Drive yesterday! You have greatly blessed those served by Central Union Mission and the UDC Food Pantry! Dinner, Drama, Discussion Returns! Starting This Wednesday, September 27 You are invited to join us in Stone Fellowship Hall for six Wednesdays this fall, September 27 to November 1, for a fun and imaginative dive into Nehemiah using movie clips as our springboard for discussion. Please visit our <u>Events</u> webpage to sign up for meals and small groups.

- 6:30 pm: Light supper and fellowship.
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Film clips and interactive teaching on Nehemiah's lessons for Christian life, tied to our fall sermon series.
- 8:00-8:30 pm: Small group table conversation to explore scripture themes more deeply.

We offer both online or in-person small groups. Online groups will have the opportunity to view the Wednesday night program either live streamed or recorded for discussion in their small group study.

Mission Gifts for Christmas Nominations Due Today

This is the perfect opportunity to support God's work throughout the world. You're invited to nominate a missionary or organization for this year's Mission Gifts for Christmas using the online form by today. Not sure what Mission Gifts is? Please visit our <u>Events webpage</u> or <u>nationalpres.org/missiongifts</u> to read more or make a nomination!

Lessons from Nehemiah Sermon Series

Journey through Nehemiah with us Sundays through October 29! With its 13 chapters, the book of Nehemiah is one of the liveliest pieces of writing in the Hebrew Bible. Together with the book of Ezra, Nehemiah chronicles the arduous journey of God's people emerging from Babylonian exile to reclaim their spiritual heritage in Jerusalem-Palestine.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

	Gathering	Improvisations	Kevin Rose, piano			
	Call to Worship		Dr. Michael Denham			
Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,When the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.Deeper still, then goes the anchor; it shall never be removed.						
	When temptation Deeper still, then	claims the battle and it seems the night l goes the anchor, though I justly stand ac	has won.			
	Hopeless, someho This my ballast of	steady anchor through the floods of unb ow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calva assurance see his love forever proved. the anchor; it shall never be removed.				
	Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death, When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured. And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.					
		our salvation, ever faithful, ever true. the anchor; it shall never be removed.				
PRAYER OF ADORATION						
	CONFESSION OF SIN <i>in unison</i> Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our only Savior and Lord.					
	Believe the good ne	AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON wws of the Gospel. are forgiven. Thanks be to God.				
•	Ever Three and e	e Father, glory also to the Son, glory to th	, 1			

Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

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▲ 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

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

Nehemiah 2:9-20

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¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool; but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. ¹⁵So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest that were to do the work. ¹⁷Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burnt. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.'

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Then they said, 'Let us start building!' So they committed themselves to the common good. ¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they mocked and ridiculed us, saying, 'What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?²⁰Then I replied to them, 'The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building; but you have no share or claim or historic right in Jerusalem?

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lessons from Nehemiah Facing Reality

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

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

- ▲ OFFERING SONG All the Way My Savior Leads Me Chris Tomlin All the way my Savior leads me. Who have I to ask beside? How could I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? All the way my Savior leads me and cheers each winding path I tread. And gives me grace for ev'ry trial; feeds me with the living Bread. You lead me and keep me from falling, you carry me close to your heart. And surely your goodness and mercy will follow me. All the way my Savior leads me. O the fullness of his love! O the sureness of his promise in the triumph of his blood. When my spirit clothed immortal wings its flight to realms of day. This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way! Jesus led me all the way! Chorus ...Will follow me...All the way my Savior leads me. ▲ 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 All Because of Jesus Steve Fee Giver of every breath I breathe, Author of all eternity, Giver of every perfect thing, to you be the glory. Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend your worth. King over all the universe, to you be the glory. And I'm alive because I'm alive in you. It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ that covers me and raised this dead one's life. It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. Repeat verse and chorus Every sunrise sings your grace, the universe cries out your praise. I'm singing freedom all my days now that I'm alive. *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

Pavane

Robert Elmore Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

Call to Worship

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ HYMN 477 verses 1-3 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

- ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION
- ▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 477, verse 4

Hanover

Then let us adore, and give God his right, all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might, All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love. Charles Wesley

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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

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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CHORAL RESPONSE

God, grant us strength to do, with ready heart and willing,Whatever you command, our calling here fulfilling,And do it when we ought, with zeal and joyfulness.O bless the work we've wrought, for you must give success.

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O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johann Heermann, 1630

Rev. Larsen

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	OFFERTORY My God is a rock in a wea Shelter in a time of sto		Alice Parker & Robert Shaw Spiritual
•		n all blessings flow; praise God, e heavenly host; praise Father, So	
	Thy kingdom come, Give us this day our dat And lead us not into	THE LORD'S PRAYER heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy will be done, on earth as it is ily bread, and forgive us our del temptation, but deliver us from m and the power and the glory,	bts, as we forgive our debtors. n evil.
•	What more can be s	How Firm a Foundation , ye saints of the Lord, in God's excellent Word! said than to you God hath said, uge to Jesus have fled?	Foundation
	I'll strengthen thee,	ee, O be not dismayed, and will still give thee aid; , help thee, and cause thee to sta teous, omnipotent hand."	and,
	The rivers of sorrov For I will be with th	ep waters I call thee to go, w shall not overflow. hee, thy troubles to bless, ee thy deepest distress."	
	I will not, I will not	ll hell should endeavor to shake	2, ,
	Benediction		Dr. Hylton
▲	Choral Amen		
	Passing the Peace of	Christ	Rev. Larsen
	Postlude	Voluntary No. 5 in G	Maurice Greene Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

MORE EVENTS

Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 4, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. At this month's meeting, several men will be sharing their heartfelt testimonials of faith and the close-knit community of friendship they've found in Christ, all while navigating the unique challenges and joys of being young fathers. Please email Kristi Teems at <u>kteems@nationalpres.org</u> for more information or to RSVP.

Sunday of Serving October 8, 9:55 am

Families, children and youth are invited to serve together! We'll meet in Stone Fellowship Hall after the 8:45 am worship service. We'll be making sandwiches for Martha's Table to distribute to the hungry and homeless of the DC area. This is in place of children's and youth Sunday School and Parent Gathering, which will resume the following week, on Sunday, October 15.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making October 8 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!

Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see the <u>Events webpage</u> on our website.

Sunday, September 24

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 2:00 pm: Installation Service for Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr., Senior Pastor
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Wednesday, September 27

• 6:30 pm: Dinner, Drama Discussion

Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm: Youth group



The Care and Joy List

Would you like to be on or receive our Care and Joy list, for those who want our congregation to pray for them? <u>careoffice@nationalpres.org</u> / 202.537.7540

Called to Care

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. 1 Timothy 2:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My NPC

Looking for our online church directory? Click "<u>My NPC</u>" 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!

Bridge Closures for October 8

Sunday, October 8, the Army 10-Miler will take place all morning. The Memorial and Key Bridges will be closed between Virginia and Washington, DC during this time so please plan your drive to church accordingly.

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.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference! Thank you!

Would you like to make a gift?

- Mail or place it in the offering plate
- Go to <u>nationalpres.org/giving</u> Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444 •
- •
- Donate stock .
- Disburse your Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA
- Scan the QR code to the right:

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 <u>lskrine@nationalpres.org</u>.



	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Shortfall
Faith Giving	\$1,770,000	\$1,771,000	\$ 1,000
Facility Income	\$ 610,000	\$ 706,000	\$ 96,000
Other Income	\$ 79,000	\$ 208,000	\$129,000
Total Income	\$2,459,000	\$2,686,000	\$227,000
Total Expenses	\$3,248,000	\$3,487,000	
Net Income/ (Deficit)	\$ (789,000)	\$ (801,000)	

Financial Report Through August 31, 2023

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our Watch webpage.

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Adult Classes

For complete class descriptions as well as the Zoom link for R.V. Seep's class, please visit our <u>Adult Classes webpage</u>.

- **Tim Keller's** *Generous Justice:* Peggy Lewis and Lewrene Glaser, Room #109
- Walking with God in Mission for Our Changing World: Nancy Fox, Room #209
- The Story Behind "The Story:" God's Plan of Redemption Through History: Dr. Quinn Fox, Garden Room A
- *The Gospel of Luke:* Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss, & others, Garden Room C
- Romans: R.V. Seep, Chapel and online
- **Parent Gathering:** Kristin Franke and Parent facilitators, Jones Hall in the Education Building
- Young Professionals Gathering: Young Adult and Staff facilitators, NPC Parlor

Youth Sunday School

Visit our <u>Youth webpage</u> for information about Sunday School and other youth events. Youth grades 6-12, please come to the Multipurpose Building for Sunday School. We'll meet there briefly then split to smaller groups by age.

Children's Sunday School

Visit our <u>Children's webpage</u> to read about our Children's Ministry.

- Children ages 2-3 years have Sunday School in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Children age 4 through 5th grade meet for Sunday School in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).

Childcare

The Nursery rooms are available 8:30 amnoon for infants to walkers, up to age 4.

NOTES

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 the Guestbook button our <u>Watch webpage</u> to sign our online guestbook.
- Visit the <u>bottom of our home webpage</u> at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
 <u>Facebook | Instagram | YouTube</u>

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- Visit our <u>Children's webpage</u> for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our <u>Youth webpage</u> for kids in middle and high school.

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.

Prayers

We pray:

Prayers of joy and thanksgiving for National Presbyterian Church and Dr. Hylton as we embark together on this new stage of God's mission for us in reaching others for Christ in DC and the world.

We pray for:

Ted and Joy Carr as they provide Christian leaders in Southern Africa with the spiritual and material resources needed to care for communities affected by poverty, HIV/AIDS, and a lack of trustworthy leaders.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, <u>careoffice@nationalpres.org</u> 202.537.7540.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kristine Heine in loving memory of her husband, Albert Yamada.



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