

February 23, 2025

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*When she and her household were baptized,
she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be
faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.'
And she prevailed upon us.*

Acts 16:15



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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!

Our Journey of Discipleship together!

We are all on a journey of faith to grow closer to Christ - through worship, prayer, scripture, and service. NPC has many resources available to support you on your journey. Please visit our [Discipleship Resource page](#) or, for further conversation, contact the Connections Ministry at lsaum@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7494.

Lenten Small Groups

Spiritual Medicine from the Psalms

March 5-April 16 - Sign up now!

In times of uncertainty, God's people have looked to the Psalms for healing and hope. This Lent join a six-week, in-person or online small group to explore how God responds to our spiritual needs today through the Psalms. Please visit [NPC's Event page](#) to [register](#) for a group by February 26.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 1 at 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC in Stone Fellowship Hall on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. This month we have the honor of having Doug Holladay sharing "Vital Elements in a Life Rich with Meaning" based on scripture passages: John 10:10 and Romans 12:12. Please email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Adult Sunday School Plenary Session:

Global Security and Christian Theology

Stone Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 2 at 9:45 am

We live in the wealthiest and most heavily defended time in history, so why do we feel so insecure? In a secular world, what does Christian theology have to say about this problem? Join us for a Plenary Adult Class with Dr. John Heathershaw, Professor of International Relations, University of Exeter, England, as we explore these and other questions.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 26

- 7:00 pm: Young Professionals Bible Study

Sunday, March 2

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Adult Sunday School Plenary Session
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:30 pm: Meet your Deacons!
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Meet your Deacons!

Sunday, March 2 at 12:30 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

Deacons are servant leaders who listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit when you are ill, support you through difficult times, and help you connect with other church members. Come to Stone Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies and meet the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Deacons.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 5 at 7:00 pm, Sanctuary & [online](#)

Join us for aspecial Communion service, marking the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth leading up to Easter. If you cannot attend in person, please join us on our [Watch webpage](#).

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

- ▲ OPENING SONG What A Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood
You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (3x)

- ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Nancy Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in faith; strengthen me.

I am cold in love; warm and make me fervent,

that my love may go out to my neighbor.

My faith is neither strong nor firm;

at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

Martin Luther

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 Dr. Nancy Fox
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:11-15
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Elder Dennis Burgart

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministry

*Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Lydia: A Business Woman Meets Jesus

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

*You may bring your gift forward during the offering song,
or place it in an offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.*

▲ OFFERING SONG

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.

He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah! *Chorus*

All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you!

All the glory to you, God, the light of the world! *Chorus*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is one and the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions

Ordination and Installation of Elder and Deacon

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

▲ 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

Shout Hosanna

Kristian Stanfill

To the King of glory and light, all praises; to the only giver of life, our Maker.

The gates are open wide; we worship you.

Come see what love has done, amazing. He bought us with his blood, our Savior.

The cross has overcome; we worship you.

Shout hosanna, Jesus, he saves!

Shout hosanna, he rose from the grave!

Come and lift him up, hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven. Death could not hold him down; he's risen.

So let the saints cry out, we worship you. We worship you! *Chorus*

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today,

King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name. (2x) *Chorus* (2x)

Come and lift him up hosanna! (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

Air (from Suite No. 3)

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

George Lynn

My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean,

And follow Jesus where he leads down pathways still unseen.

In pilgrim journey undeterred, believing God will undergird,

I'll yet proclaim till all have heard how gracious God has been.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Inward Light

Save me from the soothing sin of the empty, faithless deed

And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but unliv'd creed.

Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess. Thomas H. Troeger, alt

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

OFFERTORY

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Howard Helvey

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let there be pardon;

Where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is anguish, let there be hope;

Where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Based on Francis of Assisi

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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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

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Geneva

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's redeeming light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless effort, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

Albert F. Bayly

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Howard Helvey

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

J. S. Bach

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Everyone is invited downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall for Coffee, Cookies, and Community after worship.

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NOTES

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All 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

Childcare

Childcare is available 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. The Nursery (Room 207), the Early Walker Room (Room 231), and the Toddler Room (Room 230) are located on the second floor of the main church building. Infants - crawling should go to the Nursery, walkers under 2 (as of September 30) should go to the Early Walker Room, and those ages 2-pre-K should utilize the Toddler Room.

Children's Sunday School

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to learn 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).

Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for information about Sunday School, youth group, and other special events.

- Youth Sunday School, for grades 6-12, meets in the Multipurpose Building for fellowship, worship, and small group Bible studies.

Adult Sunday School

Visit our [Adult Classes webpage](#) for class descriptions and more information.

- ***The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed after 1700 years***
Quinn Fox
Chapel and Online
We will explore the historical and theological significance of the Nicene Creed, examining its key statements about the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) as articulated in the creed that resulted from the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD (1700 years ago).
- ***The Dangerous Act of Loving God and Neighbor***
Nancy Fox, Ginny Beeson
Room 209
Using Dr. Mark Labberton's book *The Dangerous Act of Worship* and other resources, we will look at the inseparable connection of Christian worship and Jesus' call into his work of justice.
- ***Parent Gathering***
Jones Hall, Education Building

- ***Ephesians and Philippians***
R. V. Seep
Garden Room A
In Philippians the apostle Paul finds joy while in prison, taunted by his critics, wanting necessities, and separated from those he loved. Amid dire circumstances, Paul pens a letter radiating joy. Ephesians gives us a birds-eye view of key themes in Christian reflection and living—God, the world, Jesus, the church, salvation, Christian behavior, marriage and family, and spiritual warfare.
- ***The Gospel According to Mark***
Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss
Garden Room C
Mark's gospel describes the life of Jesus with a pathos and urgency that underline its momentous implications for all humanity. Mark challenges us to fully follow Jesus now and into eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, March 2 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 Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org) or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

VBS Campers & Volunteers:

Sign Up Today!

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm, for children age 4 to rising 5th grade. Register your campers today for a week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, service, and more! We also need adult volunteers to serve as crew leaders and station leaders. Come point kids to Jesus, their "True North" as we explore what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Contact: Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

Call for Singers!

A GERMAN REQUIEM

JOHANNES BRAHMS

English Translation by

Robert Shaw

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 5 pm

Reserve your place in the Festival Choir!

Call for 150 Singers / All Are Welcome / Experienced Singers Preferred
Beautiful New Scholarly Performance Edition Features both German and English
Nominal Cost of \$20

Rehearsals for this musical masterpiece begin 10 am on Saturday, March 1.

Rehearsal Schedule

Preliminary Saturday Rehearsals 10 am–2 pm

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, April 11 from 7 pm–10 pm

Saturday, April 12 from 10 am–2 pm

Go to www.nationalpres.org/brahms to immediately sign up.

Or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.



**Called
to Care**

Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC partners with the non-profit IONA senior services, which has a geriatric social worker available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:10

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!

Newcomers and long-timers:

Let us know you are here!

Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online - we want to know you and care for you:

- Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

Ways to Connect:

- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.
- Contact our Connections Ministry to get a conversation started:
lsaum@nationalpres.org.

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 [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Your Giving Makes 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.

To support the general ministry of National:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- 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.

Prayers

We celebrate with:

Emily and Aaron Stubblefield
on the birth of their daughter.

We mourn:

the passing of Edwina McLean.

We pray for:

Dustin and Sherri Ellington
as they train pastors to proclaim
the gospel throughout the Middle East.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests
to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202.537.7540.

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
by Jonathan & Christina Edwards
in celebration of their wedding
and in loving memory of their grandparents,
Albert Edwards, Violet & Bill Morse,
Beverly Sewell, Ko Shun-te,
Lin Yu-chuan, and Jeng Ching-liu.



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