

July 6, 2025

Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Though the fig tree does not blossom
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:17-18*



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Leslie Saum (Connections)

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Summer Schedule

Today during the Sunday School hour there are two wonderful ways to engage: Family Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Garden Rooms in place of Hands-On Summer, and our Summer Speaker Series, which will offer invaluable insights about living faithfully in challenging times. Today's speakers are Bill and Dana Wichterman, check out page 9 for more information. See you there!

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please click here or visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information and to submit recommendations.

Job Loss & Uncertainty

Prayer Gathering

Today, July 6 at 12:15 pm

Room 109

Our Deacons will host a gathering for those struggling with job loss or uncertainty. Come for prayer and support.

College Bible Study

Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm

Youth House

Anyone who is college-aged is invited to the Youth House for dinner and Bible Study on Tuesday nights to study the Sermon on the Mount while building community and fellowship. Questions? Contact Meghan Thompson (meghanmct123@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 12 at 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC on the first Saturday of every month for our Men's Breakfast. This month the speaker will be Serge Duss. For more information contact the Grow office (grow@nationalpres.org).

Week at a Glance

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Sunday, July 6

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Family Fellowship Coffee Hour (Garden Rooms)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies & Community
- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

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- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:30 pm: Mission Briefing
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 5:00 pm: All-Church Family Dinner
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

All-Church Small Group Family Dinner

Sunday, July 13 at 5:00 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship and small group study followed by a delightful family supper. Childcare is provided from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. When you register, please sign up to bring a dish and let us know if you are in an existing small group or would like to join a one-night sermon discussion. Visit our [Events page](#) to [register](#).

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG

Speak, O Lord

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority,

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,
truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Meek

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy One, you see us as we are,

yet you love us with a Father's patient heart.

In the light of your faithfulness and enduring mercy,
we see both our guilt and acquittal.

For your goodness' sake, O Lord, forgive our sins.

We need your guidance and your steadying hand,
that rescues us from ruin,
that lifts us when we fall,
that sets us on a firm path.

Draw us to yourself with kindness and love,

so we may learn 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 Nicene Creed Rev. Meek

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:17-19

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Hylton

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

SERMON

Resting in the Faithfulness of God

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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. Hylton

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

▲ OFFERING 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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Hylton

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Solo Meditation

He's Always Been Faithful

Sara Groves

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine.

Season by season I watch him amazed, in awe of the myst'ry of his perfect ways.

All I have need of his hand will provide; He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain he did not recycle to bring me gain.

I can't remember one single regret in serving God only and trusting his hand.

All I have need of his hand will provide; He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song, the theme of the stories I've heard for so long:

God has been faithful, he will be again, his loving compassion it knows no end.

All I have need of his hand will provide; He's always been faithful to me.

Joanna Zorack-Greene, soprano, with Ethan Zorack-Greene, baritone

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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

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.

You're a good, good Father. It's who you are. It's who you are. It's who you are.

And I'm loved by you; it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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, as you call me deeper still,

as you call me deeper still into love, love, love! *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 476
verses 1-4

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Lyons

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Meek

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 476, *verse 5*

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Elder Jim Anderson

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Du meiner Seelen

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful word?

None ever called on thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Henry Williams Baker

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Hylton

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

John Amner

Let us approach to his presence in procession, and with psalms let us make joy unto him. Alleluia!

Dr. Hylton

Instrumental Meditation

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Faithfulness

Rev. Larsen

John Amner

Dr. Hylton

David German
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
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- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:15 pm:** Coffee, Cookies, & Community

Childcare

Childcare is available 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. The Nursery (Room 207) and the Toddler Room (Room 230) are located on the second floor of the main church building. Infants - crawling should go to the Nursery and those who are walking - pre-K 4 should utilize the Toddler Room.

Library Hours: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Our NPC Library, located on the second floor, is open from 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Sundays. Stop in to say hi! We've got books for all ages to enrich your faith journey.

Family Fellowship Coffee Hour

Today, July 6 at 9:55 am in between worship services, there will be a Family Fellowship Coffee Hour in the Garden Rooms in place of Hands-On Summer. Come for coffee, cookies, fun, and fellowship!

Summer Speaker Series

Each Sunday this summer, we'll welcome a special guest speaker on a topic of contemporary concern or perennial meaning for faithful Christians to consider. We will meet in Stone Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am.

Today - Stewards, Not Owners: The Joy of Aligning Your Money with Your Faith

Summer Speaker Series: Living Faithfully in Challenging Times

Today: Bill & Dana Wichterman

Stewards, Not Owners: The Joy of Aligning Your Money with Your Faith

July 13: Matthew Duss

A Time for Peace... in Ukraine

July 20: James Duff

The Rule of Law in Times of Turmoil: An Historical Perspective

July 27: Margaret Kibben

Faith in Turbulent Times

August 3: Mae Elise Cannon

Peace and Justice in the Middle East: A Christian Perspective

August 10: Cherie Harder

Finding Calm Amidst Life's Storms

August 17: Nicole Bibbins Sedeca

Faith and Foreign Policy

August 24

Summer Ministry Reports



**Called
to Care**

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?

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.*

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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 nationalpres.org/discipleship or contact the Connections Ministry (202-537-7494 or lsaum@nationalpres.org).

Join Our Welcome Team!

Be part of the dynamic team that greets, serves, and connects with folks on Sundays. Please visit our [Serve at Church](#) page and sign up today! You may also contact Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or lsaum@nationalpres.org).

Help Lead Worship by Reading Scripture

God's Word is living and active, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. If you would like to be part of the vital ministry of reading the chosen Bible passage during our regular worship services, please contact the Worship Ministry (202-537-7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org). Volunteers are needed for both the 8:45 and 11:00 am services, but particularly for the 8:45 am over the summer.

Summer Choir

Sunday Rehearsals at 10:00 am

Love to sing? Summer Choir rehearses only on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. We would love to welcome you! For more information contact the Music office (202-537-7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org).

Mission Briefing:

ProVision International

Sunday, July 13 at 12:30 pm

Garden Rooms

You are invited to the Garden Rooms following the 11:00 am service for lunch and a special presentation by Damon Greville, CEO of ProVision International, a Christian mission-serving agency founded by long-time mission partners Ted & Joy Carr. Come hear how ProVision International is strategically advancing the Kingdom of God by uplifting materially and spiritually impoverished communities in South Africa through mentoring and equipping exceptional servant leaders.

Club 45

Sunday, July 13 at 5:00 pm

NPS Playground

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. We meet several times throughout the summer, so come whenever you can. For more information, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

Older Adult Fellowship Service Project

Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 am

You are invited to participate in a morning of service and fellowship! We'll be assembling care packages for the staff at Walter Reed Medical Center in Stone Hall in partnership with the Military Ministry, and preparing bag lunches for those served by our local mission partner, Friendship Place. To RSVP, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

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!

Scan this QR code to learn more about NPC & get connected:



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.

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.

Get Connected Through Service!

Want to share in faith and fellowship through service? No matter your age, skills, or ability, you can use your gifts to serve our church and our community.

- View upcoming community service opportunities on our [Events](#) page or contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).
- Want to serve at church? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Leslie Saum (lsaum@nationalpres.org) directly at 202-537-7494.
- If you're interested in photography, we would love to utilize your skills to capture photos of our NPC family on Sundays. Contact Caroline Etgen (cetgen@nationalpres.org).

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 give thanks for:

all the blessings God has given our country.

We pray for:

Evangelical Theological Seminary as they train pastors and lay people in biblical and theological studies in Croatia.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202-537-7540.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gloria Borden in memory of Commander Edward L. Borden, USN remembering his July 9th birthday.

“Let the little children come to me...” – Matthew 19:14

NPC loves children in worship! Kids learn how to worship God and what it means to be loved and accepted in God's family. As adults, we are blessed with the opportunity to honor our baptismal vows and support the spiritual growth of our youngest disciples as we worship alongside them. If you are worshipping with children nearby, please welcome and encourage them as they grow in their faith.



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