













NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Senior Pastor Associate Pastors

Parish Associates

Music

Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr. Dr. Quinn Fox Rev. Lisa Larsen Dr. Nancy Fox Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus Dr. Michael Denham (Director)

Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Jill Meek (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections)

EVENTS AT NATIONAL

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

Join us for our sermon series: Questions Everyone Asks:

Discovering God, Purpose, and Truth (Resuming May 26)

Invite friends to join us on Sundays as we consider some of life's big questions together. 8:45 and 11:00 am services

- Is Jesus really God?
- Is the Bible reliable?
- How can I know God personally?

Youth Mission Trip Car Wash Today, 9:45 am - 1:00 pm

Get your car washed and support our high school youth who will be travelling to the Dominican Republic in July to serve with our partner Foundation for Peace! Come to the youth house driveway (near the Van Ness St. NW entrance) continuing until after the second worship service.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 26

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting

Monday, May 27

Offices closed for Holiday

TODAY AT NPC

New Member Recognition Today, 11:00 am

Today is New Member Connections Sunday! In addition to welcoming our newest members into the church family, we invite everyone to wear your name tags, and come meet them and enjoy a lovely reception after the 11:00 am service down in Stone Fellowship Hall.

New Members

Grant Brooke, Washington, DC Cindy Diggs, Washington, DC Caroline Elbertson, Arlington, VA Barbara Franklin, Washington, DC Samuel Gilio, Washington, DC Judith Hylton, Bethesda, MD Danielle Maurer, Washington, DC Greg Maurer, Washington, DC Stefen Mina, Alexandria, VA Latifat Okara, Washington, DC Bonnie Pierce, Washington, DC Moriah Sharpe, Silver Spring, MD Sudi Tasissa, Washington, DC David Van Cleve, McLean, VA Marleigh White, McLean, VA

If you are interested in membership here at National or just learning more about the Christian faith, please attend the next one-day in-person Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on September 28. For more information, please contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7578.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Freedom Brett Younker and Kristian Stanfill Step out of the shadows, step out of the grave. Break into the wild and don't be afraid.

Pre-Chorus

Run into wide open spaces; grace is waiting for you.

Dance like the weight has been lifted; grace is waiting.

Chorus

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is freedom. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is freedom. Come out of the dark, just as you are, into the fullness of his love. For the Spirit is here; let there be freedom. Let there be freedom!

Bring all of your burdens; bring all of your scars.

Come back to communion, come back to the start. Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Chains will fall, prisons shake at the sound of Jesus' name.

Lives made whole, hearts awake at the sound of Jesus'name. Chorus

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

O Lord, teach us to pray for the right blessings. Steer the vessels of our lives toward yourself, the peaceful harbor for storm-tossed souls. Show us your steady course, and how to trim our sails to the wind of your Spirit. Curb our wandering senses and willful reckonings. Forgive us when we turn from you. Gladden our hearts with your glorious presence as you guide us to our journey's end.

St. Basil the Great

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 Rev. Larsen 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;

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.

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Welcome and Announcements

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SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11 Jason Hafemeister

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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SERMON

Rowboat Church

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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

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

OFFERING SONG O Breath of Life Andy Piercy

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us. Revive your church with life and power!
O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour!
O Wind of God, come bend us, break us til' humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore; for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart. Come love of Christ afresh to win us; revive your church in every part. Revive us, Lord. Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting. Equip your church to spread the light. (2x)

▲ Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: *Alleluia!*

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stoltzfus

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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 Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,

Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made.

Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

▲ 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

Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Maurice Duruflé Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ Hymn

God's Holy Spirit Came

Leoni

God's Holy Spirit came with rushing wind and fire,

Christ's presence here to comfort, bless, and to inspire.

The Spirit then began a holy work on earth

At Pentecost, God's gift that marked the church's birth.

God sent the Spirit forth, fulfilling prophets' word,

To those who followed Jesus and who called him Lord.

Disciples gathered near the temple courts in prayer;

The Spirit blew and rested on those clustered there.

God's Spirit filled each one as Jesus had foretold.

In many tongues they spoke God's word, renewed and bold.

"Repent and be baptized," preached Peter in that hour,

And thousands came, believing by the Spirit's pow'r.

God's church alive today continues to proclaim

Salvation by the Spirit's pow'r in Jesus' name.

Let all believers now our tongues and lives employ;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Our highest joy!

Mary Cathey and Michael Denham

▲ Prayer of Adoration

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, Gracious Spirit

Paul Sjolund

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above;

Be thou our guardian, thou our guide; o'er ev'ry thought and step preside. Amen.

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Gloria Patri

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▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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CHORAL RESPONSE I Will Not Leave You Comfortless I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you yet again: Alleluia! And your heart shall be joyful: Alleluia!

Everett Titcomb

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY Christ Calls Us Forth K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim to all in hopeless pain and need the glory of his saving name.

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, to the utmost ends of the earth."

Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth; to humble villages around, retell the Savior's matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria, to those of different clan and race, that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the word." Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as their Lord.

Based on Acts 1:8

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Hylton

Affirmation of Commitment

Prayer in unison

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family.

May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.

Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust. To the glory of your Name. Amen.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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▲ Hymn 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

- ▲ CHORAL ALLELUIA
- ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ Postlude

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages

• **11:00 am**: Traditional Worship

Spring 2024 Adult Sunday School

The spring Adult Sunday School classes have begun. For class descriptions and more information please visit our Adult Classes webpage.

- Alpha Marriage Course: Couple Facilitators, Garden Room A
- The Border and Beyond: Migration and Immigration in the Mission of God: Nancy Fox, Jonathan Edwards, and Lewrene Glaser, Room 209
- God's Plan of Redemption Through History: Dr. Quinn Fox, Parlor
- Exploring Luke's Gospel: Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss and others, Garden Room C
- *Parent Gathering*: Kristin Franke and others, Jones Hall

Childcare

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

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).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

- May 26, Memorial Day Weekend: There will be no Sunday School
- June 2: Children, Youth and limited Adult classes will meet
- June 9: All Adults are invited to the NPC Annual Meeting. Children and Youth Sunday school will meet.
- June 16: Doxology Sunday 1 service at 10:00 am, there will be no Sunday School



Like to cook?

Families with new babies or members with health challenges would welcome meals. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

For I was hungry and you gave me food. Matthew 25:35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military Ministry Sunday, May 26, 12:15 pm Garden Rooms

All are invited to our Military Ministry meeting and lunch! Our guest speaker will be Ms. Catherine Bourgin, the granddaughter of one of "The Hello Girls," a group of French-speaking Americans sent to France at the height of WWI at Gen Pershing's request. They were an integral part of war-time telecommunications and played a vital role in military operations. In 1977, they were finally recognized as veterans of the US Army. We'd love for you to join us!

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, June 9, 10:00 am Stone Fellowship Hall

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting of the which will be held on Sunday, June 9, at 10:00 am in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Youth Pool Party Sunday, June 2, 6:30-8:00 PM

All NPC Youth, including our rising 6th graders, are invited to a pool party at a church member's home! Please contact Kristin (kfranke@nationalpres.org) for location details and signups.

Love to sing?

Summer Choir rehearses <u>only on Sunday mornings</u> at 10:00 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. Starting Sunday, June 23 we would love to welcome you! For more information contact Dr. Michael Denham at 202.537.7490 or <u>mdenham@nationalpres.org.</u>

You can make a difference!

You are invited to make a dramatic impact here at church on Sunday mornings – join the fantastic Welcome Team! We have opportunities for Greeters, Ushers and Connection Hosts – just bring your smiling face and heart for sharing God's love. Sign up by completing the Volunteer Form. For more information visit the Events Page or contact Leslie Saum via lsaum@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7494.

Interested in International Affairs?

Are you interested in international affairs and the Lord's work overseas? NPC has three committees involved in international ministry: Building up the Global Church, Caring for the Vulnerable, and Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you would like to be part of this dynamic work, please contact Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org or Stephanie Eshelman at eshelmansk@gmail.com. Each of these committees welcomes new members.

How can we pray for you?

Our new prayer cards are a way to share your prayer requests with us. You'll find these small cards in the guestbooks in the pews. You can drop cards in the offering plates or place them in the prayer box in the Welcome Center. We believe in lifting each other up in prayer times of need. Please know that your prayer request is kept confidential and will be treated with the utmost care and respect. We are also happy to share in your joys and celebrations of answered prayer. Thank you for entrusting us with your prayers, and we look forward to supporting you on your spiritual journey.

Great Day of Service Thank You!

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who generously gave their time, energy, and money to make Great Day of Service a resounding success. Your compassion and commitment were truly inspiring as we came together to serve our community and world. From packing meals with Rise Against Hunger to collecting essential items for Central Union Mission and books for Little Light and Solutions in Hometown Connections, to tutoring children at Unique Learning Center and sharing the joy of reading with refugee children, your efforts have made a difference in the lives of many. Your selflessness embodies the spirit of the Gospel, and we are immensely grateful for your invaluable contributions.

JOIN OUR NPC TEAM!

Associate for Young Adult and Youth Ministries

NPC is searching for an Associate for Young Adult and Youth Ministries. The successful candidate will have an innovative spirit and relational heart for developing new, sustainable models of ministry to young professionals in our congregation, and supporting the existing youth ministry programming. To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and a list of 3 references to kfranke@nationalpres.org.

Church Office Coordinator

The Church Office Coordinator plays a crucial role in the daily operations of the church, providing administrative support to the pastoral staff, ministry teams, and church members. This position is responsible for managing the church office, coordinating events, and ensuring a welcoming environment for all who visit or contact the church. The ideal candidate will have excellent organizational skills and a heart for service within a faith-based community. Qualified applicants should send a resume to recruiting@nationalpres.org.

Data & Attendance Specialist

The Data & Attendance Specialist is a role designed to support ministry and optimize attendance tracking in our church management software system, Church Community Builder. This role is critical in providing accurate data entry, analysis, and reporting, which will inform strategic decisions and enhance our ministry's effectiveness. The ideal candidate is tech-savvy, detail-oriented, and possesses good analytical skills, along with a heart for ministry and service. Qualified applicants should send a resume to recruiting@nationalpres.org

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 other easy ways to connect with us:

- Sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our <u>Watch webpage</u>.
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@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 <u>Children's webpage</u> for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our <u>Youth webpage</u> for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We pray:

Wisdom and patience for those who raise children.

We pray for:

Friendship Place, as they provide care for people experiencing homelessness.

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 national pres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



If you haven't made your 2024 commitment, cards are avilable in the narthex or you can scan the QR code below to make your commitment online.

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 and in loving memory of Edmund E. Pendleton, Jr. by his family.



