

May 26, 2024
Trinity

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus, who,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited.*

Philippians 2:5-6



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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!

Join us for our sermon series:

Questions Everyone Asks:

Discovering God, Purpose, and Truth

**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?

Military Ministry

Today, 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!

Adult SS Guest Presentation

Transhumanist Philosophy:

Another Tower of Babel?

Sunday, June 2, 9:55 am

Dr. David Siegrist, Chapel

Historically, people have wished to transcend the human condition. Now, instead of pursuing that through religion, some are seeking transcendence through advanced technology, including genetic engineering and even uploading one's consciousness to the internet in order to "live" forever. Human improvement is a good thing. Can it be taken too far?

Week at a Glance

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

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

Sunday, June 2

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, June 9, 10:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for 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.



**Called
to Care**

The Deacons' assistance fund offers financial assistance to members of our church experiencing hardship. This fund is solely supported by the generosity of our congregation. Contact Rev. Larsen.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ OPENING SONG

Come People of the Risen King

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,

where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice!

O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,

but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **Chorus**

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call

the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God our Father,

help us to nail to the cross of your dear Son the whole body of our death:

the wrong desires of the heart,

the sinful devising of the mind,

the corrupt gaze of the eyes,

the cruel words of the tongue,

the ill-employment of the hands and feet;

that the old self, being crucified and done away,

the new self may live and grow into the glorious likeness of Jesus Christ,

your Son our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God and blessed Trinity.

Eric Milner-White

Former Dean of York Minster Cathedral

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. Denham

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

Rev. Lisa Larsen

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

**Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this
covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love.
In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom
we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.**

Baptism

Naomi Qinya Zhou

Daughter of Joy Catherine Eckert and Patrick Junqian Zhou

Prayer of Response

*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.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11

Dennis Burgart

Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Air Force (Ret)

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⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
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the Father.

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

SERMON

*Questions Everyone Asks:
Is Jesus Really God?*

Dr. Hylton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

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

OFFERING SONG

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives!

Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! **Chorus**

Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone.

I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ 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)**

Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord I'll worship your holy name.

▲ 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

Nimrod

Edward Elgar
Enigma Variations
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Michael Denham

▲ HYMN 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

P. I. Tchaikovsky

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

All to Christ

O nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim;

I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain: he washed it white as snow.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Melita

O Trinity of love and power, we lift our voice to you this hour:

The Navy Hymn

From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect us wheresoe'er we go;

Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Chaplain (Captain) Alex Kim,

USA

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RESPONSE

Picardy

Choir

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Congregation

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus

John Carter

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.

He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords. Jesus Christ, first and last, no man works like him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no man works like him.

The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him.

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.

Sheri Jackson, soprano, and Todd Fickley, piano

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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▲ HYMN 148

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Heinrich Schütz

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

St. Patrick's Breastplate

John Hebden Schaffner

Mr. 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 Worship
- **9:55 am:** No Sunday School Classes
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Childcare

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Upcoming Sunday School Schedule

- 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 - One service at 10:00 am, there will be no Sunday School.

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

A Historic Point of Departure: Bringing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict to a Close

June, 23

Alon Ben Meir

“The Test:” Immigration, Older Adult Living and the Loneliness Crisis (Luncheon follow-up conversation)

June, 30

Claudia Myers

Christian Nationalism, The Capitol Riot, and the Rising Threat to American Pluralism

July, 7

Matthew Taylor

The Spirit of Our Politics: Spiritual Formation and the Renovation of Public Life

July, 14

Michael Wear

Climate, Security and Immigration (Luncheon conversation: Immigration and the Church in a Time of “Global Insecurity”)

July, 21

Mark Douglas

The Age of AI: Christian Ethics and the Future of Humanity

July, 28

Jason Thacker

Looking at Jesus through Old Testament Eyes

August, 4

Tremper Longman

Joyful Generosity

August, 11

Lacie Stevens

Salvation Army leader on volunteerism

August, 18

Kenneth Hodder

Summer Trip Reports

August, 25

Kristin Franke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hands-on Summer

Beginning June 23, 9:55 am

This summer, families are invited to take part in hands-on art and service projects together! We'll meet in the Garden Rooms 9:55-10:45 am on Sundays, June 23-August 18. All ages can participate!

Each week we'll start with Scripture which will lead us into our project. Some projects can be taken to neighbors that afternoon; others will go to ministry partners. Every week we get to create, chat, and explore God's Word together in a fun, hands-on way. Join us!

Love to sing?

Summer Choir rehearses only on Sunday mornings 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 the music office at 202.537.7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org.

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.

Prayer Cards:

How may we pray for you?

We believe in lifting each other up in prayer in times of need. Our 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.

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.

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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. Follow the link or search for National Presbyterian Church on Facebook to watch. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

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.

Communications Support Contractor

NPC is seeking a creative and detail-oriented contractor to support the Communications Director and help ensure effective internal and external communication, promote events, and maintain a cohesive brand message across platforms. Candidates do not need to have experience with all listed tasks, any combination will be considered, with priority given to graphic design and photography. Additional possible tasks include in-house printing, live stream moderation, social media management, website updates, and content creation. Qualified applicants should send a resume to pcarder@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 [Watch webpage](#).
- 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 [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We pray for:

Those with mental illness
and those who love them.

We pray for:

Unique Learning Center,
a Christian ministry strengthening
the educational and spiritual lives
of children in the Shaw community
of Washington, DC.

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:



If you haven't made your 2024 commitment, cards are available 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
in loving memory
of Cornelis Huijsson
by his children
Kees, Jr. and Johanna,
remembering his
May 25th birthday.