Welcome to
National Presbyterian Church
Leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God’s world

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
2 Peter 1:20-21

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Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)
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 the Bible reliable?
• How can I know God personally?

Adult SS Guest Presentation
Transhumanist Philosophy:
Another Tower of Babel?
Today, 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?

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, June 9, 9:55 am
Stone Fellowship Hall
The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 9, at 9:55 am in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Week at a Glance
For information about all of these events, please see the Events page on our website.

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

Sunday, June 9
• 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
• 9:55 am: Sunday School for Children and Youth
• 9:55 am: Annual Meeting of the Congregation
• 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Deacons
Our deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen, pray, visit, and encourage you. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Called to Care

Love one another.
John 13:34
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 How Firm a Foundation
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

▲ Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin in unison
O Lord, you have given us your Word to be a light shining upon our path.
Strengthen us to meditate on that Word that we might be convicted of our sins, in
repentance turn from our wicked ways, and find in it the light that shines more and
more unto your perfect day.

St. Jerome, translator of the Bible into Latin

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
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. Larsen

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

We Hear God’s Word

Scripture  2 Peter 1:16-21  Celia Schestopol

Please see page 7.

A Time for Children of All Ages  Melanie Lenhard

Associate Director for Children’s Ministry

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.

Sermon  Questions Everyone Asks:  Dr. Peter James

Is the Bible Reliable?

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  Trust In You  Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at your feet.
Every moment of my wondering never changes what you see.
I’ve tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need your rest.
Mighty warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face you’re by my side.

When you don’t move the mountains I’m needing you to move,
when you don’t part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when you don’t give the answers as I cry out to you:
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you!

Truth is you know what tomorrow brings. There’s not a day ahead you have not seen.
So in all things be my life and breath. I want what you want, Lord, and nothing less!

Chorus
You are my strength and comfort. You are my steady hand.  
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.  
Your ways are always higher. Your plans are always good.  
There’s not a place where I’ll go you’ve not already stood.  

Chorus (2x)

The Sacrament of Communion  
Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation  
Give Me Jesus  
Spiritual; arr. Jeremy Camp

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.  

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world.  
You can have all this world, just give me Jesus!

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer  
Dr. 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  
Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone  
Chris Tomlin

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free!  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me!  
And like a flood, his mercy reigns unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.  
Chorus (2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ  
Dr. James

Sending  

Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP
Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude
Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531
J. S. Bach
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J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

Chimes

Call to Worship
Rev. Lisa Larsen

Hymn
O Living Christ, Our Eyes Behold
Mit Freuden zart

O living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your Church appearing,
All girt about your breast with gold, and bright apparel wearing,
Your countenance is burning bright, a sun resplendent in its might:
Lord Christ, we see your glory!

Your glorious feet have sought and found your own in every nation;
With everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation.
You search us still with eyes of flame, you know and call us all by name:
Lord Christ, we see your glory!

O risen Christ, today alive, amid your Church abiding,
Who still your blood and body give, new life and strength providing.
We join the heav’lly company to sing your praise triumphantly,
For we have seen your glory!

Prayer of Adoration

Choral Response
Deo gracias

O wondrous sight, O vision fair of glory that the Church shall share,
Which Christ, upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!
The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father’s voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.
All faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision’s mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Confession of Sin in unison

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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.
The Nicene Creed
Rev. Larsen

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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture 2 Peter 1:16-21 Charlie Pippert

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eye witnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Sermon Questions Everyone Asks: Dr. Peter James
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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

Hymn 327 O Word of God Incarnate Munich
Offertory Christ Is the Morning Star John Rutter

Christ is the morning star,
The light of God that shines from afar;
The Son of God in human form revealed,
The wound of Adam’s sin forever healed.
For God, who formed mankind of clay
Did bring forth our salvation that day
When he, who made all things since time began,
Did send his Son to live on earth as man.
His glorious majesty displayed
To witnesses, near gathered, conveyed:
The Father’s voice spoke, “My Beloved Son.”
Take heed, and listen to this blessed One.
Christ is the morning star,
Christ is the morning star,
Christ is the morning star.

And when he comes again as King, then heav’n and all creation shall sing:
With saints in glory seated round his throne, we’ll see his face, and know as we are known.
Christ is the morning star,
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Christ is the morning star.

The Sacrament of Communion Dr. Fox

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution and Distribution
Music Meditation O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Craig Courtney
In the Style of Felix Mendelssohn
Mr. Fickley, piano

Prayer of Response and The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Hymn 361 verses 1 & 5 How Firm a Foundation Foundation

Benediction Dr. James

Choral Response Christ is the morning star.

Passing the Peace of Christ Dr. Fox

Postlude Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation” Craig Phillips
Mr. Fickley, organ

Congregation standing, as able

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

- **8:45 am**: Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am**: Children, Youth and limited Adult Sunday School
- **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.

- **Transhumanist Philosophy: Another Tower of Babel?**: Dr. David Siegrist, Chapel
- **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 Youth webpage 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 Children’s webpage 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

- **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.
Hands-on Summer
Beginning June 23, 9:55 am
This summer, you 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.

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.

Summer Speaker Series
Sundays, June 23 -August 25
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-person in Stone Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. Unable to attend in person? The series will be available to view online. Please see our webpage or contact grow@nationalpres.org for more information.
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.

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

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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 who struggle with addiction.

We pray for:
Our Middle East Missionaries as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

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 and in memory of Mrs. Chui Sun Szeto by her daughter.