

June 23, 2024

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*In our prayers for you we always thank God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for we have heard of your faith in
Christ Jesus and of the love
that you have for all the saints.
Colossians 1:3-4*



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Associate Pastors

Parish Associates

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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 [Events page](#) on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Hands-on Summer

Beginning Today, June 23, 9:55 am

This summer, you are invited to take part in hands-on art and service projects together! All ages can participate. Each week, we'll start with Scripture to lead us into our project.

On June 30, we are in need of snack donations for the students in the Unique Learning Center summer program. Visit the Events page to see a list of needed donations, or contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

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. The complete line-up is available on page 9. Please see our [webpage](#) or contact grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Summer Choir Begins Today!

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 at 202.537.7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, June 23

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-on Summer
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Monday, June 24

- 9:30 am: Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 30

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Sunday, June 30 at 5pm

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 jmeek@nationalpres.org or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us.

By the cross you came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And there were chains around us. By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (repeat)

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive! (**Chorus**)

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! (**3x**) (**Chorus**)

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess we have sinned against you, and done evil in your sight. Wash us, we pray, from the stain of our sins, and give us grace to put away hurtful things. In deliverance from bondage to sin, may we bring forth fruits of repentance and at last enter into your promised joy; through your most blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alcuin of York

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. 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. Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:1-8

Elder Glenn Schmitt

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Kristin Franke

AND COMMISSIONING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS

Director of Youth & Family Ministries

*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

Signs of Health

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. 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

Take My Life

Chris Tomlin

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as you choose.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life it's all for thee.

Here am I, all of me. Take my life it's all for thee.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store,
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee. **Chorus**

▲ 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

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

Sovereign

Chris Tomlin

Sovereign in the mountain air, sovereign on the ocean floor,
with me in the calm, with me in the storm!

Sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry,
with me in the dark, with me at the dawn!

In your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life, from beginning to the end, I can trust you.

In your never-failing love, you work everything for good.

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!

God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!

All my hopes, all I need, held in your hands!

All my life, all of me, held in your hands!

All my fears, all my dreams, held in Your hands! **(2x) Chorus**

▲ 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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lobe den Herren

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again: Gladly for aye we adore him!

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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.

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CHORAL RESPONSE *Ich halte Treulich still*

God, bless your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.
From you, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, your love and peace to show.

OFFERTORY

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness, a vineyard grow with promise green,
The planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.
His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.
We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife,
We are the objects of his care, the object of his care.
From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery
With fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.
Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

▲ 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 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
Your branch, with your rich life in me.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz
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
- **9:45 am:** Summer Speaker Series
- **9:55 am:** Hands-on Summer
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Childcare

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

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

For more information please visit our [Adults Classes Page](#)

Today June 23

A Historic Point of Departure: Bringing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict to a Close and Creating a New Regional Geopolitical Order

Dr. Alon Ben Meir

World leaders have an opportunity to engage in a historic point of departure from the traditional US approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The question is, will they seize this opportunity that presented itself following Hamas' attack and Israel's retaliation that makes it impossible to return to the status quo ante, and bring a closure to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Next Sunday, June 30

"The Test:" Immigration, Older Adult Living, and Building Community

Claudia Myers

"The Test" tells the story documentary film of Eric Frimpong, a Ghanaian maintenance technician at a Virginia retirement community, Goodwin Living. He dreams of becoming an American citizen to provide a better life for his family, who he hopes to bring to the US. With their future, as well as his own, at stake, he enlists the help of two elderly Goodwin Living residents, Jill and Carl, to prepare for the highest-stakes challenge of his life: the US Citizenship test.

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 presentation: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

Heritage Briefs

The History and Archives Ministry is excited to announce a new initiative to draw attention to the rich history of our congregation. These Heritage Briefs will appear periodically in the weekly bulletin. We welcome those interested in our history to connect with this ministry as we explore and present NPC's heritage. Please send questions and feedback on particular topics of interest to Ellie Heginbotham or

Peter Byrd, Co-Chairs of the History and Archives Committee.

For more information please email grow@nationalpres.org.



**Called
to Care**

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen ministers will listen and pray with you weekly.
careoffice@nationalpres.org /202.537.7540

*Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.*

Isaiah 1:17

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 mourn:

the passing of Mary McLean.

We pray for:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush
in their work with
Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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 loving memory
of Nancyjane Darling,
a former volunteer member
of the library staff, by the
Director of the Library and Archives,
J. Theodore Anderson.

May 2024 Giving Report

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Faith Giving	\$1,239,000	\$2,021,000
Facility Use Income	\$393,000	\$438,000
Other Income	\$250,000	\$681,000
Total Income	\$1,882,000	\$3,140,000
Total Expenses	1,911,000	
Balance	(\$30,000)	



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