

June 9, 2024

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*But to all who received him,
who believed in his name, he gave power to
become children of God.*
John 1:12



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(Contemporary Music Leader)
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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

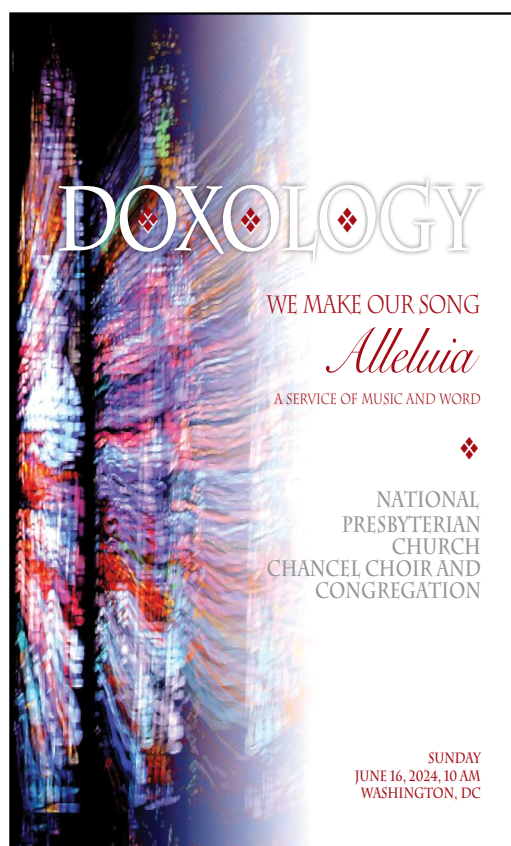
- How can I know God personally?

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Today, 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](#).



Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, June 9

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:00 am: Annual Meeting of the Congregation
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Sunday, June 16

- 10:00 am: Doxology Worship
- 11:15 am: History and Archives stained glass windows tour
- 11:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

NPC Stained Glass Windows Tour

June 16 after 10 am worship

The History & Archives Ministry invites all who are interested to meet in the narthex nearest to National Presbyterian School for a 45-minute tour of our Tiffany windows, the biblical stained glass windows along the outside aisles of the Sanctuary, as well as the lancet windows (in the corners of the transepts) that portray the historic creeds, confessions and catechisms of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Light refreshments served at the conclusion.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

June 16 after 10 am Worship

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image:

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

Lynne Gochnour

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.²He was in the beginning with God.³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Fox

*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:
How Can I Know God Personally?

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

Rev. Lisa 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

Wide As The Sky

Matt Redman

Chorus*Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.**Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high! (2x)***Verse***Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.**Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place. (2x) Chorus***Bridge***Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!**Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high! Verse*

▲ 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

By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our forebears walked the earth with the pow'r of God's promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise;

We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.

Till the race is finished and the work is done,

we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. **Chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

Chorus (2x)

▲ 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

I Love to Tell the Story

Emma Lou Diemer
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Petersburg

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.

We come with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own

Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to see your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair

And offer all that faith can do while you are making all things new.

Brian Wren, alt.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Toulon

Our hope is in no other save in thee;

Our faith is built upon thy promise free;

Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

That in thy strength we evermore endure.

John Calvin

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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.

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Dr. Fox
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 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Quebec

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
 Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when by faith we hold thee fast.

Bernard of Clairvaux

Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

with Luke Schmidt, tenor

Old Hundredth

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rev. Larsen

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

Nettleton

Dr. Hylton

Rev. Larsen

G. F. Handel

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

NOTES

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

All worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Children and Youth Sunday School
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

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.

Childcare

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

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 16: Doxology Sunday - One service at 10:00 am, there will be no Sunday School.
- June 23: Summer Sunday schedule begins.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Summer Choir Begins Next Sunday

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 helps 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

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

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 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

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 managing long-term health challenges.

We pray for:

Central Union Mission,
as they serve the homeless
and vulnerable in 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 from
the National Presbyterian School
in celebration of the
NPS Class of 2024 graduation
on June 5.



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