

July 21, 2024

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the
Lord, continue to live your lives in him.*
Colossians 2:6



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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!

Today we are joined in worship by Rev. Craig Meek.

Rev. Meek was ordained at NPC in 2017 and then served for five years as an Assistant Minister at St. Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland. He has previously taught Sunday School and preached at NPC, and is married to Director of Children's Ministry, Jill Meek.

Summer Speaker Series Sundays, July 21-August 25

Our Summer Speaker Series continues as guest speakers address topics of contemporary concern or perennial meaning for faithful Christians. [Stone Fellowship Hall](#), 9:45-10:45 am. See the full summer schedule on page 9; more information can be found on our [webpage](#).

Today, July 21, features Dr. Mark Douglas, speaking on "Climate, Security, and the Church" at 9:45 in Stone Hall, and speaking on "Immigration and the Church in a Time of Global Insecurity" at a 12:15 luncheon conversation in the Garden Rooms.

Hands-on Summer Today, July 21, 9:55 am

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

Meet your Deacons! Today, July 21, after 11:00 am Worship

Deacons are servant leaders who care for the congregation. They listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit when you are ill, support you through difficult times, and help you connect with other church members. Would you like to meet your Deacons? Come to [Stone Fellowship Hall](#) to enjoy cookies and meet the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Deacons.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, July 21

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-on Summer
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Luncheon Conversation
- 12:30 pm: Meet your Deacon
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, July 23

- 7:00 pm: Youth Park Night

Sunday, July 28

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-on Summer
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm: Club 45

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Today, July 21 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 Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus (2x)

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Merciful God,

we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,

so we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:6-7 Deacon Lisa Herndon
 Pew Bible Page 957

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 Stay Put Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

- ▲ OFFERING SONG Reckless Love Cory Asbury
 Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me.
 You have been so, so good to me.
 Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me.
 You have been so, so kind to me.
*O the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.
 O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.
 I couldn't earn it. I don't deserve it. Still, you give yourself away.
 O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless, love of God.*
 When I was your foe, still your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me.
 When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meek

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

Mighty to Save

Hillsong Worship

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations!

Savior, he can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. Yes, I surrender!

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see we're singing for the glory of the risen King!

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Chorus

My Savior, you can move the mountains. You are mighty to save!

You are mighty to save! Forever, Author of Salvation,

You rose and conquered the grave. Yes, you conquered the grave!

You are mighty to save!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude
on "Dunlap's Creek"

James Biery
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 416 verses 1-3 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 416, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

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Gloria Patri

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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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CHORAL RESPONSE

Dix

Bread of heav'n on thee we feed; Vine of heav'n, supply our need.
Nourish, tend, and help us grow where thy living waters flow.
Thou our life! O let us be rooted, grafted, built on thee.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture as their Shepherd guards them well.
By still waters ere he feeds them, to the fold he gently leads them,
where securely they may dwell.

▲ 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.

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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 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Meek

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur in G Major

Théodore Salomé
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:45 am:** Summer Speaker Series
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- **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 [Adult Classes Webpage](#)

Today, July 21

Climate, Security and the Church

Luncheon Conversation: Immigration and the Church in a Time of "Global Insecurity"

Mark Douglas

9:45 Stone Hall Presentation: How does thinking of environmental concerns as national security issues change our conversations about climate change? What does it mean that national security issues were among the conditions that led to climate change in the first place? And where and how does the church engage such questions in ways that are faithful, prophetic, and helpful?

12:15 Garden Rooms Luncheon Conversation: How might a deeper understanding of the forces that drive global insecurity—including environmental forces—help us make sense of both the crises around immigration we see in the news and the politicization of those crises? And what roles might the church play in addressing these crises at local, national, and international levels?

Next Sunday, July 28

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

Jason Thacker

Each and every day, we hear about the myriad ways that artificial intelligence is and will continue to reshape every aspect of our society. From wall to wall media coverage to deep concerns over how best to navigate these realities from both a policy and social perspective, one of the fundamental questions being asked today is what does it mean to be human in light of these advanced machines? Join professor and author Jason Thacker as we learn about the nature of AI, the centrality of human dignity to the Christian ethic, and how we might apply biblical wisdom to these pressing challenges and opportunities in this age of AI.

**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

Youth Outing: Lake Fairfax Water Mine Sunday, July 28 at 12:30 pm

[Lake Fairfax Water Mine](#)

Join your NPC friends for an afternoon at the water park! We'll leave from NPC after worship, and return by 5:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch/snacks, or money for concessions. We're also looking for parents to help drive and chaperone this event. Please complete the [Registration Form](#) to sign up. Contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org for further information.

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 Choir

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.

Youth Park Nights Tuesdays

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Turtle Park - 45th & Van Ness NW

All NPC youth are invited to Turtle Park on Tuesdays to play sports and games, and to hang out with youth staff. Bring a friend! For questions, contact Kristin Franke at kfranke@nationalpres.org.

Military Ministry

This summer the Military Ministry is collecting toys for children hospitalized at Walter Reed Military Medical Center. All toys must be new and should be brought to the church and placed in marked boxes outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex and downstairs near the main entrance. We'll complete our collection on Sept 1 in coordination with the "Care Prayer Dare" event on the same day. A list of needed toys can be found next to the collection boxes.

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.



**Called
to Care**

Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with you to think through difficult situations. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

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 give thanks:

for all who have served as Deacons and cared for our congregation.

We pray for:

European Christian Mission, International as they support churches and church planters in Eastern and Western Europe.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202.537.7540.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God honoring the July birthdays of Senators Elizabeth and Bob Dole for their lives and legacies of public service.

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:



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.

Financial Report through June 30, 2024

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Faith Giving	\$1,492,000	\$1,768,000
Facility Use Income	\$480,000	\$351,000
Other Income	<u>\$251,000</u>	<u>\$680,000</u>
Total Income	\$2,223,000	\$2,799,000
Total Expenses	(\$2,353,000)	
Deficit	(\$131,000)	

Detailed financial reports are available in the Narthex racks outside the sanctuary.



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