

July 28, 2024

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*See to it that no one takes you captive
through philosophy and empty deceit,
according to human tradition, according
to the elemental spirits of the universe,
and not according to Christ.*

Colossians 2:8



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(Contemporary Music Leader)

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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!

Summer Speaker Series

Sundays, July 28-August 25

See the full summer schedule on page 9; more information can be found on our [webpage](#).

Today, July 28, features Dr. Jason Thacker speaking on *The Age of AI: Christian Ethics and the Future of Humanity*. In this presentation, he will discuss the nature of AI, the centrality of human dignity to the Christian ethic, and how we might apply biblical wisdom to these challenges and opportunities.

Hands-on Summer

Today, July 28, 9:55 am

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

Today, we'll be making flower arrangements to take to a friend or neighbor. It's simple, cheerful, and fun!

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.

Week at a Glance

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

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
- 12:30 pm: Youth Outing
- 5:00 pm: Club 45

Tuesday, July 30

- 7:00 pm: Youth Park Night

Sunday, August 4

- 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
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Today, July 28 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 Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Indelible Grace

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us.

You see our sins more clearly than we see ourselves.

You know when we are indifferent to your Word,

how often we forget to pray, and those times we come unwillingly to worship,
yet we turn to you when we are in trouble.

You know when we are untruthful, and when we think evil of others.

You see our anger and unfairness.

You know how hard it is for us to forgive, yet we ask it for ourselves.

Lord, do forgive and make us clean.

Strengthen us to obey your call to take up our cross and follow you.

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 Rev. Larsen

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. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:8-15
Pew Bible Page 957

Elder Pat Zhou

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Larsen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Robert Geoffrey Brooke
Son of Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brooke and Francis John Brooke, Jr.

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.*

SERMON

The Lies We Believe

Dr. Quinn Fox

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. Nancy 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

Good, Good Father

Anthony Brown

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like.
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good Father. It's who you are. (3x)
And I'm loved by you; it's who I am. (3x)*

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide.
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide,
Because you know just what we need before we say a word. **Chorus**

You are perfect in all of your ways. You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us! (2x)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think.
As you call me deeper still (3x) into love, love, love! **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 Dr. Nancy 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 10,000 Reasons Matt Redman
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending;
ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus**
Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

- ▲ SENDING NPC Band
▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio
from Violin Sonata No. 3, Op. 108

Johannes Brahms
Heather Green, violin
Todd Fickley, piano

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 260 verses 1-3 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 260, verse 4

God's word, above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther

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You know when we are untruthful, and when we think evil of others.
You see our anger and unfairness.
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Lord, do forgive and make us clean.
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SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make me, keep me, pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

Aberystwyth

Charles Wesley

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Larsen

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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.

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 Children's Ministry Intern
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RESPONSE In Christ Alone *In Christ Alone*
Choir

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought or storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Congregation

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus controls my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;
 'Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
 with Heather Green, violin

COMMISSIONING OF ROMANIA MISSION TRIP

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Nancy Fox

OFFERTORY Jesus, Priceless Treasure J. S. Bach

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me,
 Long my heart hath panted, till it well nigh fainted, thirsting after thee.
 Thine I am, O spotless Lamb; I will suffer nought to hide thee, ask for nought beside thee.
 Here thy sweet voice calls me, and whate'er befalls me, I hear thy command.
 Thou, thy word conveying, faith alone, obeying, need not understand.
 I would rise to follow thee; leave at once all else to find thee; leave the old behind me.

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 [Adult Classes Webpage.](#)

Attend in-person in [Stone Fellowship Hall](#), or online on our [Summer Watch page](#).

Today, 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.

Next Sunday, August 4

Looking at Jesus through Old Testament Eyes

Tremper Longman

In this class, we will take a look at Jesus through Old Testament eyes and see that he is the expected Messiah, the divine warrior, the guiding shepherd, and more. He is the culmination of God's redemptive acts of the Old Testament (for example, the Exodus). We will see that the whole arc of the Old Testament testifies to Jesus. Indeed, the Old Testament, like the New Testament, is all about Jesus.

Joyful Generosity

August 11

Lacie Stevens

Following Jesus Faithfully in Service

August 18

Kenneth Hodder

Summer Trip Reports

August 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 on the main level, 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 and on our [Website](#).

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.

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.

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.

A/V Assistant

This entry level position is your ticket into the world of AV work. Weekend availability, a positive attitude, excellent hearing, and a willingness to learn are all you need to get started. This paid contract position requires 15 to 20 hours/week on a rotating basis. Contact Operations & AV Services Manager, Bill McNett for more details: bmcnett@nationalpres.org.



**Called
to Care**

May we pray for you?

If you would like prayer or feel called to join our prayer team, contact careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to god.

Phil 4:6

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 chronic health conditions.

We pray for:

Forman Christian College, in Lahore, Pakistan as they provide Christian education and witness.

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 today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elder Eugene (Gene) Martin by his wife, Joyce, and their children remembering his July 30th birthday.

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the marriage of Ginny and Clyde Taylor.

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

	Year to Date	Remaining
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	<u>(\$2,353,000)</u>	
Deficit	(\$131,000)	

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



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