

August 18, 2024

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe
yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience.*

Colossians 3:12



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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

Stone Fellowship Hall, 9:45 am

Today, August 18

Join Commissioner Kenneth Hodder, National Commander of the Salvation Army, as we explore how we can faithfully follow Christ's commandment to love one another in a world full of competing distractions and complex challenges.

Next Sunday, August 25

Come hear from NPC kids, youth, and adults as they share how God was at work this summer through VBS, youth trips, and mission trips.

Attend in-person or online on our [Summer Watch page](#). More information can be found on our Adults Classes [webpage](#).

Hands-on Summer

Today, August 18, 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. We'll start with Scripture to lead us into our project.

Care, Prayer, and Dare Event

Sunday September 1, 10:00 am

- **Care:** Donate toys for children at Walter Reed Hospital
- **Prayer:** Come together in prayerful worship at 10:00 am
- **Dare:** Take the Care Challenge! Commit to share a simple act of Christian love in the coming week

Join us for hands-on activities, coffee, cookies, and community after the 10:00 am service outside on the upper plaza.

Or scan the QR code below to give online

(Please include "Toy Drive" on the memo line):



Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, August 18

- 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: History and Archives Meeting

Saturday, August 24

- 8:30 am: Serve Our City

Sunday, August 25

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Serve Our City-Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, August 24, 8:30am-3pm

You are invited to be a part of something truly impactful as we partner with Habitat for Humanity to provide housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Whether skilled with a hammer or just eager to lend a helping hand, your contribution is invaluable. Together, let's build more than just houses; let's build hope and community. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ OPENING SONG

Speak, O Lord

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,

that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Stoltzfus

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Spirit of God, you graciously move to convict us of sin.

With your holy breath cleanse the hearts and minds of God's people.

Comfort us when we are in sorrow. Guide us when we have lost the way.

Kindle us when we are cold. Knit us together when we are at variance.

Enrich us with your many gifts, and with spiritual fruit that only you can grow.

With your light before and within us, point us to Christ as we pass through this life.

from Desiderius Erasmus

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. Stoltzfus

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. Lisa Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17
Pew Bible Page 958

Elder John Neely

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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Associate Director of Children's Ministry

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Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Putting On the New Life

Dr. Margaret Kibben

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. 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

If We're Honest

Francesca Battiselli

Truth is harder than a lie. The dark seems safer than the light.
And everyone has a heart that loves to hide.

I'm a mess and so are you. We've built walls nobody can get through.
Yeah, it may be hard but the best thing we could ever do, ever do...

*Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine.
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides.
And mercy's waiting on the other side,
if we're honest (ooh ooh),
if we're honest (ooh ooh).*

Don't pretend to be something that you're not, living life afraid of getting caught.
There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross. **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. 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 Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in, Oh his love for me! Oh his love for me!

Chorus 1:

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me! *Chorus 1*

Chorus 2:

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! (2x) *Chorus 1, Chorus 2* (2x)

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Kibben

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre
Nimrod
Enigma Variations

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Edward Elgar
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Madrid

To the great Three-In-One: Alleluia! Amen!
Father, Incarnate Son: Alleluia! Amen!
And Holy Spirit now, with grateful hearts we bow,
Worshipping even now: Alleluia! Amen!

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Salvation

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
O cleanse the depth within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

Be Filled with the Spirit

Craig Courtney

Be filled with the Spirit.
Speak to one another with hymns.
Speak to one another with hymns.
Speak to one another with spiritual songs.
Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord.
Be filled with the Spirit,
giving thanks to God,
giving thanks in all things,
giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Colossians 3 and Ephesians 5
with Jeremy Eig, clarinet

▲ 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.

Rev. Larsen

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Every Sunday coffee is available on all three levels.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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Childcare

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

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, and board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please click [here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information or to submit recommendations.



Today we are joined in worship by

Margaret Grun Kibben, DMin

Rear Admiral, United States Navy (Retired)

Presently serving as the 62nd Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben was elected by House Membership and sworn in by the Speaker of the House on 3 January 2021.

A Navy chaplain for 35 years, Rear Admiral Kibben's Navy and Marine Corps assignments were comprised of tours up and down the east coast, a quick trip out west, and several deployments, to include Afghanistan. Rear Admiral Kibben was the U.S. Navy's 26th Chief of Chaplains, and the 18th Chaplain of the Marine Corps and Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

A native of Warrington, Pennsylvania, Dr. Kibben earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goucher College, Towson, Maryland and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, and a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. Dr. Kibben served as a senior fellow, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

Chaplain Kibben serves on both military and civilian boards and is a Faculty Advisor for Arizona State University's Master of Arts program in International Affairs and Leadership.

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.

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.

JOIN OUR NPC TEAM!

Communications Support Contractor

NPC is seeking a creative and detail-oriented contractor to support the Communications Office and the NPC brand. Tasks include content creation using Canva or Adobe CC; social media scheduling and management; and event photography. Additional possible tasks include livestream moderation and in-house printing. Qualified applicants should send a resume to pcarder@nationalpres.org.

Video Team Volunteers Needed!

Do you have an interest in video mixing, video cameras or live streaming? If so, we would love to hear from you! Join our volunteer team to help bring the good news of the gospel into hundreds of homes each week. If you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bill McNett at bmcnett@nationalpres.org, for more information. No experience is required.



**Called
to Care**

Like to cook?

Families with new babies or members with health challenges would welcome meals. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*For I was hungry and you gave me food.
Matthew 25:35*

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.

We Have Closed the Budget Deficit!

We began the year with a budget deficit but through creative cost cutting and modest revenue increases, NPC is now forecasted to end 2024 with a balanced budget. Thank you! Giving has outpaced historical generosity so far this year!

Through the NPC ministries your gifts support, hearts are opening to the Lord.

As your heart continues to be moved, 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.

Prayers

We mourn:

the passing of Claude Bennett
the passing of Shelley Barr.

We pray for:

The Persecuted Church
which consists of millions of Christians
across the world who are denied their rights,
imprisoned, tortured or martyred
for their faith.

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
and in appreciation for the service
of the past and current Board members
of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving.

Heritage Brief

AM RADIO STATION WDM

A milestone in the history of the Church of the Covenant—one of National's predecessor congregations—was having the first licensed radio station in the United States operated by a religious institution, with its inaugural broadcast on Sunday afternoon, January 1, 1922. Dr. Charles Wood, our Senior Minister at the time, felt that listeners could benefit by the worship services being broadcast beyond the sanctuary, as the number of homes with radios was growing at that point. Operating as AM station WDM, the church purchased and installed a complete transmission radio system, with broadcast aerials snaked through the church tower at our location on Connecticut Avenue.

A most unusual broadcast occurred on the evening of Wednesday, September 6, 1922, when the wedding of John and Helen Collier was heard by "thousands of radio fans in the Eastern Section of the United States"! John was a member of the Collier family that served as sextons for the church for decades, and later he wrote that it was the "first wedding ceremony to be broad-cast over the air by radio."

WDM remained licensed until the spring of 1925 when the church dropped its license, and its transmitter is now in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution. Later, radio broadcasts by local stations of church services—including our own—became a staple of towns and cities all across America, and today our services are carried live on the internet worldwide, but a century ago the Church of the Covenant was at the forefront of this medium, with our own licensed radio station.



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