

January 12, 2025

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*And these are the ones sown on the good soil:
they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit,
thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.*

Mark 4:20



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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!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today after 11:00 am Worship

Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to Stone Fellowship Hall today to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table, a community-led nonprofit that works alongside its neighbors to support those in need. These sandwiches will be delivered to individuals experiencing hunger on the streets of Washington, D.C.. This is a great event for the whole family!

Laser Tag with Camp Ligonier

Today at 5:00 pm

Our ministry partners from Ligonier Camp and Conference Center will join us for worship and Parent Gathering to share about their ministry. Then all children and youth are invited for laser tag in the evening!

- 5:00 pm: Children's Laser Tag
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group Laser Tag

Confirmation Interest Meeting

Today at 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

Any youth who are in 9th grade or older are invited to be part of this year's Confirmation class. There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents to learn more about the requirements and process. For more details, please contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Young Professionals Bible Study

This Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 pm

Room 109

Each week, young professionals gather for a Bible study that focuses on applying faith to daily life in Washington DC, as well as for periodic social events. For more information contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, January 12

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Confirmation Interest Meeting
- 5:00 pm: Laser Tag
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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- 12:30 pm: Mission Trip
Informational Meeting

Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 19 at 12:30 pm

Garden Rooms

Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip in 2025? NPC will be participating in an Intergenerational Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic **July 12-18**. Our team will partner with **Foundation for Peace**, a Christian nonprofit that works on health, education, and community initiatives in the Dominican Republic. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Saturday, Jan. 25 & Feb. 1, Online

To inquire about membership or learn more about Christian faith, please attend this two-part online Pathway of Christian Discipleship class. For more information and to register, click [here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu (KRakiatu@nationalpres.org) at 202.537.7578.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 55:10-11 Rev. Lisa Larsen

One As the rain and snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread for the eater,

All ***So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth.
It shall not return to me empty. It shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.***

Let us lift our hearts and voices, and together worship God!

▲ 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 Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, in your boundless lovingkindness, take away from me my sins.

Mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh.

Cultivate my heart as soil for your most holy Word.

Give me a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you,

a heart to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake. From St. Ambrose of Milan

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:13-20 Melissa Chaump
 Pew Bible Page 815

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Ligonier Camp Staff
*Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
 Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON Planted in Christ 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. Quinn 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 O the Deep, Deep Love Bob Kauflin and Samuel Trevor Francis
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
 Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me;
 Underneath me, all around me is the current of your love;
 Leading onward, leading homeward to your glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love; all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;
 How he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;
 How he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own;
 How for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. **Chorus (2x)**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest;
 It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test;
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend;
 You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end. **Chorus (2x)**

- ▲ 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. 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

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!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ 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 Larghetto from Organ Concerto No. 6 G. F. Handel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

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One As the rain and snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
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▲ HYMN 143 verses 1-3 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *Diadem*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 143, verse 4
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall.
We'll join the everlasting song, and cro---wn him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
And crown him Lord of all!

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE He Plants Me Like a Seed Dottie Rambo & David Huntsinger
He plants me like a seed, and watches as I grow.
He waters me with love, and shields me from the cold.
My tender leaves may bend beneath the snows and wind;
But comes the morning sun, I'm growing strong again.
He plants me like a seed beneath the fertile land.
My roots grow strong and deep while tended by God's hand.
And soon the branch will bear a harvest sweet and fair.
The Master smiles to see the fruit from one small seed.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Quinn Fox

OFFERTORY Keep Me Faithfully on Thy Path G. F. Handel
Keep me faithfully on thy path, O Lord, and richly planted there.
In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful.
Keep me faithfully on thy path, O Lord, and richly planted there.
From the first Chandos Anthem, 1717

- ▲ **DOXOLOGY** *Lasst uns erfreuen*
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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 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

All along life's changing pathway, where is sown the gospel seed,

May the fertile soil enrich us with those blessings that we need

In your service, in your service, strong in faith and gracious deed.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;

May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.

Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

▲ BENEDICTION *Dr. Hylton*

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Our thanks we give together for all who love the Lord,

Who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:

To share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,

To sow what we've been given, and plant the gospel seed.

Mary Jackson Cathey (alt.)

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Dr. Fox*

▲ POSTLUDE *Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 4* *G. F. Handel*

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Everyone is invited downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall for
Coffee, Cookies, and Community after worship.*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For All Ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Childcare

Childcare is available 8:30 a.m. until the close of the 11:00 a.m. service. The Nursery (Room 207), the Early Walker Room (Room 231) and the Toddler Room (Room 230) are located on the second floor of the main church building. Infants - crawling should go to the Nursery, walkers under 2 (as of September 30) should go to the Early Walker Room, and those age 2-pre-K should utilize the Toddler Room.

Children's Sunday School

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to learn 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).

Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for information about Sunday School, youth group, and other special events.

Youth Sunday School, for grades 6-12, meets in the Multipurpose Building for fellowship, worship, and small group Bible studies.

Adult Sunday School

January Term classes will meet today and January 19.

Visit our Adult Classes webpage for class descriptions and more information.

- ***Just War Theory: A Brief Orientation for Christian Thinking***
Sondra Wheeler
Garden Room A
- ***Becoming Jesus' Disciples: The Examples of Those Who Did***
Charles Hambrick Stowe
Chapel and Online
- ***Fear Not***
Ginny Beeson and Lisa Larsen
Garden Rooms C
- ***Tools of Creation: Complex Adaptive Systems, Emergence, and Biological Agency.***
David Siegrist
Room 209
- ***Parent Gathering***
Jones Hall, Education Building

Plenary Session on January 26, 2025

- ***Justice, Service and Faith: A Fireside Chat with a Federal Judge***
The Hon. Lydia Griggsby
Stone Hall and Online

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Gifts for Christmas - Thank You!

Thank you so much to all who participated in Mission Gifts for Christmas. Because of your generosity, our church raised over **\$69,000!** Your contribution will go a long way in supporting the work God is doing in our city and around the world.
THANK YOU!

High School Winter Retreat January 24-26, 2025

All high school youth are invited to a weekend away at Northbay Adventure Camp as we spend time growing in friendship with each other and growing in faith with God. For more details, contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

All Church Small Group Family Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 5:00 pm

Invite your existing small group, or join a one-night small group for an evening of fellowship and study, followed by a church dinner. Childcare will be provided with advance RSVP. For more information and to [register](#) see the [Events webpage](#).

Women's Ministry Retreat

Saturday, Feb. 8

Stone Fellowship Hall

Please join us for the Women's Ministry Retreat, featuring Christian writer and leader Karen Wright Marsh on the topic of "Exchanging Perfectionism for God's Presence." The single day retreat (9am-4pm) will include reflective conversation, interactive breakout sessions, and delicious meals. It's a wonderful opportunity for faith-building fellowship and deepened connection with God. Friends and family members are welcome! Please visit the NPC website Events page to register. For more information contact Margaret Gardner (mgardner@nationalpres.org).

JOIN OUR NPC TEAM!

Youth and Children's Summer Interns

Applications are now open for summer interns for our youth and children's ministry! These full-time, paid internships are great opportunities to learn about ministry, spend time with younger NPC members, and grow in your own faith. Applications are due January 15; minimum age is 18. To apply, please contact Kristin Franke, kfranke@nationalpres.org.



**Called
to Care**

Feeling anxious or burdened? Need to slow down?

Care notes are inspirational booklets on various topics. Pick one up in the Welcome Center.

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7b

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!

Newcomers and long-timers:

Let us know you are here!

Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online - we want to know you and care for you:

- Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

Ways to Connect:

- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or info@nationalpres.org.
- Contact our Connections Ministry to get a conversation started: lsaum@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 rejoice with:

Liz and Mark Alden
on the birth of their son
and

Rachel and Jonathan Rajaseelen
on the birth of their son.

We pray for:

McGilvary College as they develop leaders
for ministry in churches, schools, and
hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

How may we pray for you?

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

Your Giving Makes a Difference

To make a gift:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



Your Commitments Help Us Plan

We ask that you prayerfully consider your commitment to supporting the ministries of NPC in 2025. In this season of reflection and renewal, may you seek God's guidance as you make your resolutions for the coming year. Let us join together in faith, trusting that God will lead us in our efforts to serve Him and others with grace and generosity.

- Ask an usher for a card
- 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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
by Dolores Slaugh
in loving memory of her husband
Fred A. Slaugh.



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