

June 22, 2025

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*But the earth will be filled  
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea.*

Habakkuk 2:14



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# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about all our events, please visit the [Events page](#) on our website at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## Our Summer Schedule Begins Today!

During the Sunday School hour there are two wonderful ways to engage. Hands-on Summer, an opportunity for all ages to serve and participate in Bible study together, and our Summer Speaker Series, which will offer invaluable insights about living faithfully in challenging times. Check out page 9 for more information. See you there!

## Summer Choir

### Beginning Today, June 22 at 10:00 am

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 (202-537-7553 or [dwulff@nationalpres.org](mailto:dwulff@nationalpres.org)).

## College Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm

#### Youth House

Anyone who is college-aged is invited to the Youth House for dinner and bible study on Tuesday nights throughout this summer. We will be studying the Sermon on the Mount while also building community and fellowship. For more information please contact Meghan Thompson ([meghanmct123@gmail.com](mailto:meghanmct123@gmail.com)).

## Club 45

### Wednesday, June 25 at 12:30 pm

#### Garden Room B

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. We meet several times throughout the summer, so come whenever you can. On Wednesday, June 25, we meet immediately following VBS in Garden Room B. Bring a lunch. For more information please contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, June 22

- 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: Coffee, Cookies & Community
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### Monday, June 23-Friday, June 27

- Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday, June 24

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 25

- 12:30 pm: Club 45

### Sunday, June 29

- 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: Coffee, Cookies & Community
- 12:30 pm: Mission Briefing
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## Mission Briefing:

### Young Life Global Cities

### Sunday, June 29 at 12:30 pm

#### Garden Rooms

You are invited to the Garden Rooms following the 11:00 am service for lunch and a special presentation by John Wagner, Senior Vice President of Young Life Global Cities and a long-time mission partner of National Presbyterian Church. Come learn how Young Life Global Cities is working to introduce adolescents around the world to Jesus Christ, nurture their faith, develop young leaders, and empower them to make a positive impact in their communities.

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING 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: O his love for me! O his love for me!

*Who the Son sets free, O 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!

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

*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)

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Meek

### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all, we acknowledge our many sins which we commit, by thought, word, and deed, against your Divine Majesty. We earnestly repent of all these misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us; the burden of them is intolerable. In your just and righteous wrath, have mercy upon us. Most merciful Father, have mercy upon us. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant hereafter that we may please and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy Name.

Book of Common Prayer

### 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. Meek  
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

Habakkuk 2:6-20  
*Pew Bible Page 763*

Elder John Neely

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek  
Director of Children's Ministry

*Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.  
Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

God's Response to Evil

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. 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

Living Hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!

In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night!

Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.*

*Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope. (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!*



# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major

William Boyce  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Darwall's 148th*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Meek

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Quam dilecta*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Meek

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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

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Deacon Lewrene Glaser

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CHORAL RESPONSE

God Is Working His Purpose Out

*Purpose*

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year;  
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near:  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

A.C. Ainger

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, and forget not all his benefits.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that it within me bless his holy name.  
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy.  
He crowneth thee with loving kindness.  
He will not always chide, nor keep his wrath forever.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that it within me bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103

▲ 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.

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.





# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **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:** Coffee, Cookies, & Community

## Childcare

Childcare is available 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. The Nursery (Room 207) and the Toddler Room (Room 230) are located on the second floor of the main church building. Infants - crawling should go to the Nursery and those who are walking - pre-K 4 should utilize the Toddler Room.

## Hands-On Summer

This summer, families are invited to participate in hands-on Bible study and service together! We'll meet in the Garden Rooms from 9:55-10:45 am, and all ages can participate. Each week we'll start with Scripture that will lead us into our project. Some projects can be taken to neighbors that afternoon; others will go to ministry partners.

## Summer Speaker Series

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 Stone Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:45 am. We'll kick off this series with Dr. Tremper Longman on June 22.

### *Summer Speaker Series: Living Faithfully in Challenging Times:*

#### **June 22: Tremper Longman**

Living with Confidence and Hope in a Turbulent Time: The Message of Daniel 7

#### **June 29: Jonathan Alger**

Challenges Facing Higher Education: A Conversation with a University President

#### **July 6: Bill & Dana Wichterman**

Stewards, Not Owners: The Joy of Aligning Your Money with Your Faith

#### **July 13: Matthew Duss**

To be announced

#### **July 20: James Duff**

The Rule of Law in Times of Turmoil: An Historical Perspective

#### **July 27: Margaret Kibben**

Faith in Turbulent Times

#### **August 3: Mae Elise Cannon**

Peace and Justice in the Middle East: A Christian Perspective

#### **August 10: Cherie Harder**

Finding Calm Amidst Life's Storms

#### **August 17: Nicole Bibbins Sedeca**

Faith and Foreign Policy

#### **August 24**

Summer Ministry Reports

*\*Sunday School classes will resume in the Fall\**

# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Hands-On Summer Accepting Donations Sunday, June 29 at 9:55 am Garden Rooms**

On June 29, we will be assembling snack bags for our mission partner Unique Learning Center and we need goodies to stuff them! These snack bags keep their students going throughout the week with energy for learning and fun. Suggestions for snacks to contribute: any kind of chips, fruit snacks, cookies (individually wrapped), granola bars, applesauce, small cereal boxes (no nuts, please!). For more information, contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## **Men's Breakfast Saturday, July 12 at 8:00 am Stone Fellowship Hall**

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. This month the speaker will be our very own Dr. Fox. For more information contact the Grow office ([grow@nationalpres.org](mailto:grow@nationalpres.org)).

## **Mission Briefing: ProVision International Sunday, July 13 at 12:30 pm Garden Rooms**

You are invited to the Garden Rooms following the 11:00 am service for lunch and a special presentation by Damon Greville, CEO of ProVision International, a Christian missions-serving agency founded by long-time mission partners Ted & Joy Carr. Come hear how ProVision International is strategically advancing the Kingdom of God by uplifting materially and spiritually impoverished communities through mentoring and equipping exceptional servant leaders.

## **All-Church Small Group Family Dinner Sunday, July 13 at 5:00 pm Stone Fellowship Hall**

Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship and small group study followed by a delightful family supper. Childcare is provided from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. When you register, please sign up to bring a dish and let us know if you are in an existing small group or would like to join a one-night sermon discussion. Visit our [Events page](#) to [register](#).

## **Our Journey of Discipleship Together!**

We are all on a journey of faith to grow closer to Christ—through worship, prayer, scripture, and service. NPC has many resources available to support you on your journey. Please visit [nationalpres.org/discipleship](http://nationalpres.org/discipleship) or contact the Connections Ministry (202-537-7494 or [lsaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:lsaum@nationalpres.org)).

## **Join Our Welcome Team!**

Many smiling faces are needed to greet, usher, and connect with folks on Sundays. Please visit our [Serve at Church](#) page and sign up today! You may also contact Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or [lsaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:lsaum@nationalpres.org)).

## **Help Lead Worship by Reading Scripture**

*God's Word is living and active, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* If you would like to be part of the vital ministry of reading the chosen Bible passage during our regular worship services, please contact the Worship Ministry (202-537-7553 or [dwulff@nationalpres.org](mailto:dwulff@nationalpres.org)). Volunteers are needed for both the 8:45 and 11:00 am services, but particularly for the 8:45 am over the summer.



**Called  
to Care**

## **Newly Separated? Recently Divorced?**

Divorcecare is a program for those navigating the end of a marriage. Visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) or contact [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) /202-537-7540

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

# 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!

Scan this QR code to learn more about NPC & get connected:



## 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.

## 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.

## Get Connected Through Service!

Want to share in faith and fellowship through service? No matter your age, skills, or ability, you can use your gifts to serve our church and our community.

- View upcoming community service opportunities on our [Events](#) page or contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).
- Want to serve at church? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or [lsaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:lsaum@nationalpres.org)).
- If you're interested in photography, we would love to utilize your skills to capture photos of our NPC family on Sundays. Contact Caroline Etgen ([cetgen@nationalpres.org](mailto:cetgen@nationalpres.org)).

## Your Giving Makes 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.

To support the general ministry of National:

- Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://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 ([lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org)).

## Prayers

### We pray for:

the children, youth and adults participating in VBS this coming week. May the seeds of faith planted bear good fruit.

### We pray for:

Ted and Joy Carr as they provide Christian leaders in Southern Africa with the spiritual and material resources needed to care for communities affected by poverty, HIV/AIDS, and a lack of trustworthy leaders.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) 202-537-7540.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff, by J. Theodore Anderson, former Director of the Library and Archives.

*“Let the little children come to me...” – Matthew 19:14*

NPC loves children in worship! Kids learn how to worship God and what it means to be loved and accepted in God's family. As adults, we are blessed with the opportunity to honor our baptismal vows and support the spiritual growth of our youngest disciples as we worship alongside them. If you are worshipping with children nearby, please welcome and encourage them as they grow in their faith.



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