

June 29, 2025

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*O Lord, I have heard of your renown,  
and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work.*

*In our own time revive it;  
in our own time make it known;  
in wrath may you remember mercy.*  
Habakkuk 3:2



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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

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. Today's Hands-On Summer service project is packing snack packs for students at Unique Learning Center, and our Speaker Series Guest is American University President Jonathan Alger. Check out page 9 for more information. See you there!

## Mission Briefing:

### Young Life Global Cities

**Today, 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.

## College Bible Study

**Tuesday, July 1 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 to study the Sermon on the Mount while building community and fellowship. Questions? Contact Meghan Thompson ([meghanmct123@gmail.com](mailto:meghanmct123@gmail.com)).

## 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 Serge Duss. For more information contact the Grow office ([grow@nationalpres.org](mailto:grow@nationalpres.org)).

## Week at a Glance

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

### 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

### Tuesday, July 1

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 2 - Sunday, July 6

- Middle School Retreat: The Great Escape

### Sunday, July 6

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Family Fellowship Coffee Hour (Garden Rooms)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies & Community
- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

## 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](#).

# 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

Dr. Nancy Fox

### ▲ OPENING SONG

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.

Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

*Oh sing my soul! And tell all he's done!*

*'Til the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace.

That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.

We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

### ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, your ancient prophets proclaimed

that all nations will one day acknowledge you and bow before you.

Yet we remain calloused to the truth and power of your word.

Forgive the hardness of our sinful hearts.

In mercy and grace, strengthen us to obey and follow you,

until that day when justice rolls down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

#### 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                      Rev. Lisa Larsen

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE                      Habakkuk 3:1-6                      Deacon Jeanne Su  
*Pew Bible Pages 763-764*

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES                      Meghan Thompson  
Youth Ministry Intern

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

SERMON                      Trusting God In Troubling Times                      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                      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                      Jesus Messiah                      Chris Tomlin  
He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!  
*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*  
His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah! *Chorus*  
All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you!  
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world! *Chorus*  
*Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

▲ 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

What A Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

*What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.*

*What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.*

*What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.*

*What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

*What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.*

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (3x)

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

Chuck Seipp, trumpet, Adam Green, timpani, Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Nancy Fox

▲ HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*National Hymn*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

God Reigns over the Nations

Kent Newbury

God reigns over the nations! God sits on his holy throne! Clap your hands, all ye peoples!

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Dr. Fox

Almighty God, your ancient prophets proclaimed  
that all nations will one day acknowledge you and bow before you.  
Yet we remain calloused to the truth and power of your word.  
Forgive the hardness of our sinful hearts.  
In mercy and grace, strengthen us to obey and follow you,  
until that day when justice rolls down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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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

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:1-6  
*Pew Bible Pages 763-764*

Carolann Haley

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

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

Christopher James Rajaseelan  
*Son of Rachel Marie Rajaseelan and Jonathan Edward Rajaseelan*

Prayer of Response

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SERMON

Trusting God In Troubling Times

Dr. Quinn Fox

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CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, Listen to Your Children Prayin'

Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children prayin'. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children prayin'. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

The Heavens Declare

Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens declare the glory of God, resounding, thus, his praise forth tell.

The earth bears his praises, extol him the seas. Take heed, and hear their clarion call.

Who bears th' innumerable stars in the heavens? Who leads the sun forth from its tent?

In radiant glory, majestic in splendor, God rules the heav's and firmament.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has established its ancient foundations upon the oceans and the seas.

God reigns eternally robed in splendor, with righteousness and sure decree.

God sits in heaven, enthroned in splendor, the mighty King of glory he.

From Psalms 19 & 24

▲ 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.

▲ HYMN This Is My Song Jean Sibelius  
*Finlandia*  
This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
And hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done. Lloyd Stone (1) and Georgia Harkness (2)

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Fox

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE The Star Spangled Banner arr. Virgil Fox  
The Stars and Stripes Forever arr. Chuck Seipp  
Mr. Seipp, trumpet, and Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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# NOTES



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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- **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.

## Library Hours: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our NPC Library, located on the second floor, is open from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Sundays. Stop in to say hi! We've got books for all ages to enrich your faith journey.

## 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.

*Today - Challenges Facing Higher Education: A Conversation with a University President*

We'll explore the complex and evolving landscape of higher education through a conversation with a sitting university president who is a faithful member of our congregation. This session will address critical issues such as rising costs, enrollment pressures, diversity and inclusion, the impact of technology, and the future of academic institutions in a rapidly changing world. We'll hear insights into the decisions, dilemmas, and opportunities shaping the future of colleges and universities.

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

#### **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**

A Time for Peace... in Ukraine

#### **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



**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](mailto: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

# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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 mission-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.

#### **Club 45**

**Sunday, July 13 at 5:00 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. For more information, contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## **Older Adult Fellowship Service Project**

**Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 am**

You are invited to participate in a morning of service and fellowship! We'll be assembling care packages for the staff at Walter Reed Medical Center in Stone Hall in partnership with the Military Ministry, and preparing bag lunches for those served by our local mission partner, Friendship Place. To RSVP, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).

## **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!**

Be part of the dynamic team that greets, serves, and connects 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.

## **Summer Choir**

**Sundays 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)).

# 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 ([lsaum@nationalpres.org](mailto:lsaum@nationalpres.org)) directly at 202-537-7494.
- 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 at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

## Prayers

### We mourn:

the passing of Jane McDonald.

### We pray for:

Habitat DC/NOVA, as they work to reduce poverty and homelessness in our community by providing affordable homes for those in need.

### 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 memory of Dr. Elizabeth Wenger Stone, former Director of The Library and Archives by Mr. J. Theodore Anderson

*“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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