

July 13, 2025

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*  
Matthew 5:6



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Jill Meek (Children)  
Leslie Saum (Connections)

# 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. Check out page 9 for more information. See you there!

## 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

**Today, July 13 at 12:15 pm**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to Stone Fellowship Hall to make hundreds of 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 people experiencing hunger on the streets of Washington, D.C. This is a great event for the whole family!

## Mission Briefing:

### ProVision International

**Today, 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 in Southern Africa through mentoring and equipping exceptional servant leaders.

## All-Church Small Group Family Dinner

**Tonight, July 13 at 5:00 pm**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

Please join us tonight! Everyone is invited to an evening of fellowship and small group study followed by a delightful family supper. Registration is still encouraged, particularly for childcare, and walk-ins are welcome! Visit our [Events page](#) to [register](#).

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, July 13

- 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
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:30 pm: Mission Briefing
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 5:00 pm: All-Church Family Dinner
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### Tuesday, July 15

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 16

- 10:30 am: Older Adult Service Project

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- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 5:00 pm: Club 45

## Club 45

**Tonight, July 13 at 5:00 pm**

### Jones Hall

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)).

# 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. Lisa Larsen

### ▲ 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*

Eternal and almighty God, we confess before your holy majesty that we are sinners, born in iniquity and sin, prone to evil, and making no end of breaking your holy commandments. We lament and confess our faults with true repentance, asking you to rescue us from ourselves by your grace.

Most gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our only Savior, grant us your mercy. Forgiving our faults and sinfulness, increase in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit that, from our inner hearts, we may become truly repentant, and that the Spirit may produce in us fruits of righteousness to the glory of your holy name.

From John Calvin

#### 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                      Matthew 3:13-17 and 5:6                      Joy Eckert  
Pew Bible Pages 784 and 785

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES                      Evan Atchison  
Children's 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                      Words to Live By: Nine Biblical Words for Life in the World                      Dr. Quinn Fox  
Righteousness: Integrity, Justice, and Mercy

## 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                      If We're Honest                      Francesca Battistelli  
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*  
*If we're honest.*

▲ 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      Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Pat Barrett

It all comes down to this, what you require of me.

Love my neighbor as myself and you above all things.

*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly, with you God.*

*In all things, in all ways, walk humbly, with you God.*

It all comes down to this, to be your hands and feet.

Good news to all the world; the truth will set us free. *Chorus*

It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing,

it's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven. (2x)

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.

Faith just like a seed the only way it grows. *Chorus*

▲ 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

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own  
from "St. Paul"

Felix Mendelssohn  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 205

All Hail to God's Anointed

*Rockport*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

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▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Come to the Waters

*Water of Life*

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty, drink from the fountain that never runs dry.

Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply.

James Montgomery Boice

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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Gloria Patri

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

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HYMN 333                      Seek Ye First                      Lafferty  
   Verse One: Choir  
   Verse Two: Congregation

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS                      Dr. Nancy Fox  
   *Offering plates are at the back of the Sanctuary  
to receive your tithes, gifts, and prayer cards as you exit.*

OFFERTORY                      As the Hart Pants                      Felix Mendelssohn  
As the hart pants after the water brooks, so panteth my soul for thee, O God.                      Psalm 42  
   \*Hart=Deer

- ▲ 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.

## Dr. Fox

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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| ▲ HYMN 379                       | My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  | <i>Solid Rock</i>  |
| ▲ BENEDICTION                    |   | Dr. Quinn Fox      |
| ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE                |   | Felix Mendelssohn  |
|                                  | As the hart pants after the water brooks, so panteth my soul for thee, O God. |                    |
| ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST    |   | Dr. Nancy Fox      |
| ▲ POSTLUDE                       | Grand March   | Felix Mendelssohn  |
|                                  |   | 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

- **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.

## 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 - A Time for Peace... in Ukraine*

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

#### **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**

### **Feeling anxious or burdened? Need to slow down?**

Care Notes are inspirational booklets on various topics. Pick one up in the Welcome Center. [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) / 202-537-7540

*He cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:7b

# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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)).

## **Nominations for Church Officers**

The Congregational Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please click here or visit [nationalpres.org/nominate](http://nationalpres.org/nominate) for more information and to submit recommendations.

## **College Bible Study**

**Tuesday, July 15 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)).

## **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)).

## **Service of Installation**

**Sunday, August 3 at 2:00 pm**

The National Capital Presbytery joyfully invites you to the Service of Installation for Rev. Lisa Larsen as Associate Pastor of National Presbyterian Church. There will be a reception following the service in Stone Fellowship Hall.

# 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:

God's comfort and peace.

### We pray for:

Friendship Place, as they provide care for people experiencing homelessness.

### 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 today are given to the glory of God by the Chancel Choir with deep love and appreciation for the Music Ministry of Dr. Michael Denham and in celebration of his 70th birthday.

*“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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