

July 27, 2025

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*They devoted themselves to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of
bread and the prayers.*

Acts 2:42



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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
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. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Today in worship we are joined by Margaret Kibben, DMin

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Chaplain Margaret Kibben presently serves as the 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives. She served as a U.S. Navy chaplain for 35 years, and was the Navy's 26th Chief of Chaplains, the Marine Corps' 18th Chaplain and Deputy Chief of Chaplains. She earned her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Master of National Security and Strategic Studies degree from the Naval War College. She has served as a senior fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace, and on several military and civilian boards. She is a long time friend of National Presbyterian Church and we are blessed to have her in the pulpit this Sunday!

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!

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.

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, board members for the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information and to submit recommendations.

Week at a Glance

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- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
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- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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- 12:30 pm: Club 45
- 2:00 pm: Rev. Larsen Installation
- 3:00 pm: Installation Service Reception

Texas Flood Relief Efforts

In light of the devastation caused by the flooding across Texas Hill Country, NPC has established a special giving account dedicated to relief efforts. All funds will be donated directly to the Salvation Army, which is actively providing emergency assistance, food, shelter, and spiritual care to affected individuals and families. You can donate by [clicking the link here](#), scanning this QR code, or sending a check to NPC with "Texas Flood Relief" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!



8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood,
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus*

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from

magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Even as we come this hour to praise you, we confess it is all too easy for us to sacrifice convictions for the sake of convenience, your eternal standards for the sake of fading status, your principles for our own self-promotion, your absolutes for our own ambitions, our very souls for shallow success and earthly gain. We are easily seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions. From these we turn, unfulfilled again, to you. Forgive our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. Restore us to right relationship and fellowship with you and with each other.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 Nathan Bodger
Pew Bible Page 886

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Shanwai Lin
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 Dr. Margaret Kibben
Fellowship: Sharing Life with God and Others RADM, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

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. Lisa 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 O How Good It Is Keith and Kristyn Getty
- O how good it is when the family of God
dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruit of his presence here among us.
- So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word
til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*
- O how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging. *Chorus*
- O how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *Chorus*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Rev. Larsen

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.

Matt Redman

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you!

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!

Open up my eyes in wonder! And show me who you are.

And fill me with your heart and lead me in your love to those around me.

I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken. (2x) *Chorus* (2x)

Dr. Kibben

NPC Band

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Steal Away to Jesus

Raymond H. Haan
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1-4* The Church's One Foundation *Aurelia*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 442, verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Elder Jennifer Richwine

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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

Cordelia Spencer Jones

Daughter of Angela Victoria Modany Jones and Forrest Alexander Jones

Catherine Ann Thomas

Daughter of Catherine Susan Moore Thomas and John Lawrence Thomas

Prayer of Response

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SERMON

Words to Live By
Fellowship: Sharing Life with God and Others

Dr. Margaret Kibben
RADM, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. We are gathered as one by the love of Christ.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

*Offering plates are at the back of the Sanctuary
to receive your tithes, gifts, and prayer cards as you exit.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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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 and ministries to enrich your faith journey and further our mission of leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus together in God's world.

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.

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: *Faith in Turbulent Times*

Summer Speaker Series: Living Faithfully in Challenging Times

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

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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 or contact the Connections Ministry (202-537-7494 or lsaum@nationalpres.org).

College Bible Study

Tuesday, July 29 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).

Job Loss & Uncertainty

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, August 3 at 12:15 pm

Room 109

Our Deacons will host a gathering for those struggling with job loss or uncertainty. Come for prayer and support.

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).

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).

Youth Pool Party

August 14 at 6:30 pm

Beat the heat at our youth fellowship pool party! All youth are invited to come out and celebrate the end of summer with your NPC family on August 14. Questions? Contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

NPC at the Washington Nationals

August 16 at 4:05 pm

Join your NPC friends for Faith Day at the Nationals game! All are welcome. Tickets are \$32/each, seated in Section 110. Please [RSVP on our website](#). Questions? Contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).



**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!

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).
- Want to serve at church? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or 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).

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
- 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).

Prayers

We pray for:

Those navigating difficult relationships.

We pray for:

Our missionaries in the Middle East as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

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 today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elder Eugene (Gene) Martin by his wife, Joyce, and their children remembering his July 30th 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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