

August 3, 2025



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION  
THE REVEREND LISA LARSEN  
AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

A SERVICE OF  
NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY

# 2:00 PM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 545                      J.S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME                      Elder Lou Durden

CALL TO WORSHIP                      Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ HYMN 281                      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah                      *Cwm Rhondda*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION                      Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox  
Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you. Grant that all ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way. Turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming we may be found an acceptable people in your sight. Toward that end we confess to you our sins, and ever trust your care, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.  
John Cosin, 1595-1672 Bishop of Durham

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                      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.

OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY CRISIS FUND                      Elder Durden

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OFFERTORY SOLO                      Sometimes a Light Surprises                      Craig Courtney  
Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings;  
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.  
When comforts are declining,  
he grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.  
In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation,  
and find it ever new;  
Amidst e'en present sorrow we cheerfully can say,  
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

It can bring with it nothing but God will bear us through;  
     who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too.  
 Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;  
     and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.  
 Sometimes through proclamation of holy word and deed,  
     the light of God still causes the darkness to recede.  
 Thus while in him abiding, God's praise shall tune my voice, and while in him confiding,  
     I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper, alt. Michael Denham

Joanna Zorack-Greene, soprano, and Mr. Fickley, piano

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:3-4 Mr. Ryan Henderson  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Dr. Hylton

**SOLO RESPONSE**                      He Will Hold Me Fast                      Matt Merker

When I fear my faith may fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when my anxious thoughts prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.  
Through the dangers of the night, Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

Ms. Zorack-Greene, with Jeanne Su, violin

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LITANY OF MINISTRY  
There are different gifts.

Elder Mimi Stevenson

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God.

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through people in different ways.

**But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are all the body of Christ,

**And individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts, together we are the ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for a particular work as teaching elders, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said, "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all." **Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

# THE INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF REV. LARSEN

Elder Lucille Smiley

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

**Questions to the Installed**

Elder Durden

**Questions to the Congregation**

Elder Smiley

a. Do we, the members of this church, accept Lisa Larsen as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

b. Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

c. Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the Word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Elder Smiley

DECLARATION OF THE MODERATOR

Elder Durden

CHARGE TO REV. LARSEN

Rev. Dr. Mary Gardner

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Dr. Fox

▲ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Lisa Larsen

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Mr. Fickley, organ

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS *in order of appearance*

Mr. Todd Fickley, Organist, National Presbyterian Church

Elder Lou Durden, Moderator, National Capital Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr., Senior Pastor, National Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor, National Presbyterian Church

Mrs. Joanna Zorack-Greene, Contemporary Music Leader, National Presbyterian Church

Ms. Jeanne Su, Violinist

Mr. Ryan Henderson, son of Rev. Larsen

Elder Mimi Stevenson, Clerk of Session, Northminster Presbyterian Church

Elder Lucille Smiley, National Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Mary Gardner, Spiritual Director, Anglican Church in North America

Please proceed to Stone Fellowship Hall following the service for a reception.

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