

September 14, 2025

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*That evening they brought to him many  
who were possessed by demons,  
and he cast out the spirits with a word  
and cured all who were sick.*

Matthew 8:16



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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)!

## **Adult Sunday School Elective Classes**

**Today, September 14, 9:55 am**

Today, adult Sunday School elective classes will begin - please see page 9 for more information about our offerings for all ages and stages during the Sunday School hour!

## **2nd Sunday Sandwich Making**

**Today, September 14, 12:15 pm**

### **Stone Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to make hundreds of sandwiches for Martha's Table, a nonprofit that works alongside its neighbors to support those in need. This is a great event for the whole family!

## **Military Ministry Meeting**

**Today, September 14, 12:15 pm**

### **Garden Rooms**

Our speaker is Colonel John Venable, USAF (Ret.), an Air Force pilot, former leader of the Thunderbirds, author, leadership coach, and national defense expert. Lunch will be served.

## **Club 45**

**Today, September 14, 5:00 pm**

4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. We'll be meeting in the Youth House.

Contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class**

**Saturday, September 27, 9:00 am**

### **Register by September 17**

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the membership class on September 27. For more information or to register by September 17, visit our [website](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu (202-537-7578 or [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org)).

## **Week at a Glance**

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

### **Sunday, September 14**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### **Wednesday, September 17**

- 7:00 pm: Young Professionals Bible Study

### **Saturday, September 20**

- 10:00 am: Fall Community Clothing, Food, & Blood Drive

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## **Fall Community Clothing, Food, & Blood Drive**

**Saturday, September 20, 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Come make a difference in our community as we partner with Central Union Mission and the Red Cross. We will be collecting nonperishable food and gently-used winter clothing to support those facing hunger, food insecurity, and the approaching cold weather. We also invite you to roll up your sleeves and donate blood through the Red Cross. Your donation can help save lives and address the urgent national blood shortage. For more details, [visit our website](#) or contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@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

Dr. Quinn Fox

### ▲ OPENING SONG

You Are My Vision

Rend Collective

You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies—only you, Lord!

You are my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence my light!

You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with you and you with me, Lord!

You're my great Father and I'm your true son!

You dwell inside me together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight!

You're my soul's shelter and you're my high tower.

Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power!

I don't want riches or vain empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always!

You and you only, the first in my heart.

High King of heaven, my treasure you are!

High King of heaven, when victory's won, may I reach heaven's joy,

O bright heaven's Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

### ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

#### CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess

that we have sinned against you in thought, and word, and deed.

We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone what we ought to have done,

and have done what we ought not to have done.

There is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all who confess their sins. Restore all who repent,

according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant, most merciful Father, in his name and for his sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life,

to the glory of your holy name.

*From the Book of Common Prayer, 1552*

#### 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

Dr. Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:5-17  
*Pew Bible Page 789*

Elder Peggy Lewis

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Melanie Lenhard

Associate Director of Children's Ministry

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Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Jesus' Healing Touch: Signs of the Kingdom  
*Prayer, Compassion, and the Healing Power of Christ*

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

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

Wide As The Sky

Matt Redman

*Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.  
Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high! (2x)*

Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.  
Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place. (2x) *Chorus*  
Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!  
Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!  
Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.  
Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place.

▲ 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

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,

when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.

In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,

I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,

when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.

Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.

I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.

Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.

This my ballast of assurance see his love forever proved.

All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,

when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.

We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.

And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.

We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ 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

Contrapunctus I  
from *The Art of the Fugue*

J. S. Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Lobe den Herren*

Praise ye the Lord, who doth prosper thy life and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Dr. Fox

Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess  
that we have sinned against you in thought, and word, and deed.  
We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone what we ought to have done,  
and have done what we ought not to have done.  
There is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all who confess their sins. Restore all who repent,  
according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Grant, most merciful Father, in his name and for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life,  
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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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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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  
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.

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Zachary Olsen

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

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*Prayer, Compassion, and the Healing Power of Christ*

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RESPONSE

St. Stephen

*Soloist*

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,  
We also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.

*Choir*

If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys our inward peace,  
In prayer for others may we find the secret of release.

*Congregation*

You never said, "You ask too much," to any troubled soul.

We long to feel your healing touch; will you not make us whole? Fred Pratt Green, alt.  
With Ethan Zorack-Greene, bass-baritone

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Nancy Fox

OFFERTORY

There Is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson  
Spiritual

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;*

*There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;*

*There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

With Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ 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

Dr. Fox

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

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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.

## Perfect Love

Lord Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising

In every city for your love and care;

Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising

That your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,

Strong in your strength to venture and to dare,

To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,

Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,

As you once wept above Jerusalem,

Seeking to gather all in love and pity

And healing those who touch your garment's hem.

Bradford Gray Webster, alt

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

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There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

## ▲ POSTLUDE

## Fugue on the Name of Bach

Op. 60, No. 1

Robert Schumann

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

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# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For All Ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:15 pm:** Coffee, Cookies, & Community

## Childcare

Childcare is available on the second floor of the main church building from 8:30 am until the close of the 11:00 am service. To maintain a safe environment, we have new age guidelines for each room, using the child's age as of September 30, 2025. Babies - 17 months are in Room 207. Early Toddlers (18 months - 2 years old) are in Room 230. 3's and 4's are in the Toddler Room (Room 231).

## 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.

## Children's Sunday School

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to learn about our Children's Ministry.

- Children ages 2-3 years have Sunday School in the Toddler Rooms in the main church building.
- Children age 4 through 5th grade meet for Sunday School in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).

## Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for information about Sunday School, youth group, and other special events.

- Youth Sunday School, for grades 6-12, meets in the Multipurpose Building for fellowship, worship, and small group Bible studies.

## Adult Sunday School

Elective Classes Beginning Today:

- **Galatians and James**, R.V. Seep (*Chapel & Online*)
- **Discovering the Gospel of John**, Margaret Gardner & Quinn Fox (*Garden Room C*)
- **Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference**, Ginny Beeson, Lewrene Glaser, Nancy Fox (*Room 209*)
- **Financial Peace University**, Megan Schmoll & Leah Skrine (*Garden Room A*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

Visit our [website](#) for descriptions and more information.

## Upcoming Chapel Hallway Construction - No anticipated impact on Sunday activities

On September 22, construction will begin on the hallway outside the Chapel in the main church building to repair a leak in the ceiling. This work will include asbestos abatement. Construction will likely not affect Sunday activities; it will occur during the week. We have selected a licensed asbestos abatement contractor to perform this work in accordance with health and safety regulations. More information:

[Chapel Hallway Construction Webpage.](#)



**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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Middle School Fall Retreat**

**September 26-28**

**Register by September 19**

All middle school youth are invited for a weekend away, growing in faith in Christ and fellowship with fellow NPC youth friends at the Breakaway Retreat. We're also in need of adults who would like to be chaperones for the weekend! For more information, to register, or to volunteer, please visit our [Events page](#) or contact Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@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)).

## **Chancel Choir**

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:15 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. We would love to welcome you! For more information contact the music office at 202-537-7553 or [dwulff@nationalpres.org](mailto:dwulff@nationalpres.org).

## **New Small Group for Mothers**

Interested in joining a mom's small group? We are in the process of forming regional groups for mothers to come together for Bible study and fellowship. Visit our [Small Groups webpage](#) to fill out our registration form and help get these groups started!

## **Nominate Organizations for**

**Mission Gifts for Christmas**

**September 7-28**

Mission Gifts for Christmas is a meaningful way for our church to share Christ's love and generosity during the Christmas season. Each year, members of our congregation are invited to nominate a 501(c)(3) organization or a missionary affiliated with a 501(c)(3) to be featured in our Mission Gifts for Christmas Catalog and displayed in Stone Hall during December. Nominations are open from September 7–28. Visit our [Events](#) page to learn more and nominate an organization.

## **Serve on the NPC Welcome Team Up Front or Behind the Scenes!**

You are invited to be part of the vital team that not only greets and connects with folks on Sundays, but does important work behind the scenes to care for and connect our NPC family. 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)).

## **Women's Ministry Fall Brunch**

**Saturday, October 18, 12:00 pm**

**Register by Monday, October 13**

All women are invited to the Women's Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 12:00 PM in Stone Hall. Our speaker will be Christian writer and mentor Connally Gilliam on "Living the Unexpected Life," as we continue to pursue this year's theme of exchanging perfectionism for God's peace and presence. Please join us for inspiration, fellowship, delicious food, and a bit of fun. Visit our [Events page](#) to register by October 13.

## **Young Professionals Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

**Room 109**

Each week, young professionals gather for a Bible study that focuses on applying faith to daily life, as well as for periodic social events. For more information contact Dr. Quinn Fox ([qfox@nationalpres.org](mailto:qfox@nationalpres.org)).

## **You're Invited: Unlock the Power of Long-Term Generosity!**

**Sunday, September 28 at 12:30 pm**

Are your long-term financial plans as generous as your heart? Join us for an informative session on Estate Planning, Planned Giving, and the relevant impacts of the recent tax law changes—hosted by our current and prior Clerks of Session. Whether you need a will, are thinking about legacy giving, or wondering how recent tax changes benefit your charitable giving, this event is full of practical tips and insights. Lunch will be provided. RSVP appreciated but not required. Questions? Visit our [Events](#) page.

# 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 to strengthen our faith and witness to our community.

### We pray for:

Martha's Table, as they engage the DC community in developing sustainable solutions to poverty.

### 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 with grateful hearts to the glory of God by Donald and Marcia F. Bini, in loving memory of their mothers, Hilda E. Bini and Ione S. Freeman, remembering their September birthdays.

# Heritage Brief

## ANGEL FLIGHTS

We all have different talents and passions. Flying was a love of one of our former ministers, Dr. Louis Evans, Jr., who served as senior pastor from 1973 to 1991. During his tenure at National he frequently spoke about flying, and wove his enthusiasm for aviation into his sermons. He also found a creative way for his avocation as a pilot to make a consequential, even life-saving, difference in peoples' lives.

In 1972, two pilots — one an engineer and career federal officer and the other our own Dr. Evans prior to his call to National — discovered that they shared a common passion for piloting airplanes and serving people. In a conversation over lunch in downtown DC, Edward Boyer, of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (since 1980 Health and Human Services), and Dr. Evans, pooled their interests and qualifications to conceive a plan that eventually became a charitable air ambulance service. Initially they used borrowed or rented aircraft for sporadic patient flights. Over time, they realized they needed to purchase their own airplane.



In 1977, Dr. Evans, Mr. Boyer, and two other pilots purchased a Beechcraft Bonanza six-seat aircraft, and the Washington Aviation Ministry was born. The Ministry has undergone many changes and today it is known as Angel Flight Mid-Atlantic. From its beginnings as a charitable shuttle service for church workers and missionaries, the initial vision has grown into a network of 1,500 volunteer pilots in the Mid-Atlantic region who use their private planes to fly people in need for specialized treatment. Angel Flights coordinates missions of mercy from its offices in Virginia Beach, helping patients to find “the shortest distance between home and hope.”

In 2014 friends of Louis Evans donated funds to recognize Dr. Evans for his passion as a volunteer pilot. His name is engraved on a memorial plaque on display at the National Air and Space Museum—The Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport.

*Prepared by the NPC History & Archives Ministry*



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