

October 19, 2025
New Member Connections Sunday

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying
and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.*
Revelation 21:4



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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!

Job Loss & Uncertainty

Prayer Gathering

Today, October 19, 12:15 pm

Room 109

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

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 1, 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. Email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2, 12:30 pm

Sanctuary

All are invited to this worship service in which we remember those who have passed away in the previous year. The service will take place in the Chapel. Anyone who has lost a loved one may find comfort in attending. The Columbarium will be open following the service.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, October 19

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

Sunday, October 26

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:30 pm: Welcome Team Orientation
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Club 45

Sunday, November 2, 5:00 pm

Rising 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. For more information, click here to contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

TODAY AT NPC

New Member Recognition

Today is New Member Connections Sunday! In addition to welcoming our newest members into the church family, we invite everyone to wear your name tags, and come meet them at a reception after the 11:00 am service down in Stone Fellowship Hall.

New Members

Eilish Barnes	Washington, DC	Jeff Schutes	Washington, DC
Ron Buikema	Chevy Chase, MD	Iskah Singh	Woodbridge, VA
Danny Jones	Arlington, VA	Noelle St. Jean	Edgewater, MD
London Jones	Arlington, VA*	Terry St. Jean	Edgewater, MD*
Andrew Kloes	Washington, DC	Austin Walton	Washington, DC
Dennis McWeeny	Washington, DC	Vaneese Walton	Washington, DC
John Molina	Oxon Hill, MD	Scott Wilson	Herndon, VA
Kim Roberts	Chevy Chase, MD		

**Individuals being baptized*

If you are interested in membership here at National or just learning more about the Christian faith, please attend the next Pathway of Christian Discipleship class on the four Sundays of January. For more information, please contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7578.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Come, People of the Risen King Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,

where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice! O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,

but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call

the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Bring us, O Lord, at our last awakening into the gate and house of heaven.

Forgive and cleanse us unto that glorious day.

May we at last enter that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be

No darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;

No noise nor silence, but one equal music;

No fears nor hopes, but one equal inheritance;

No ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;

Forever in the presence of your glory and dominion,

Forever in the embrace of your love.

John Donne

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 Revelation 21:1-4 Christopher Park
Pew Bible Pages 1007-1008

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministry

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

SERMON The Ultimate Healing: New Creation Hope 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. Kerry Stoltzfus

*You may bring your gift forward during the offering song,
or place it in an offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.*

- ▲ OFFERING SONG I Will Rise Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher
There's a peace I've come to know. Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say it is well.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.
*And I will rise when he calls my name. No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees.
And rise... I will rise...*
There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear. And my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead. *Chorus*
And I hear the voice of many angels sing: "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart:
"Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb" *Chorus*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

Kristian Stanfill

The gates are open wide; we worship you.

The cross has overcome; we worship you.

Shout hosanna, Jesus, he saves!

Shout hosanna, he rose from the grave!

Come and lift him up, hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven. Death could not hold him down; he's risen.

So let the saints cry out, we worship you. We worship you! *Chorus*

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today,

King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name. (2x) *Chorus* (2x)

Come and lift him up hosanna! (2x)

Dr. Hylton

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
from Cantata 147

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Mit Freuden zart

O raise your voice to God on high, to Father, Son, and Spirit;
Whose saving grace is ever nigh: O sing and ne'er be quiet!
A new creation is at hand from heaven's sov'reign, loving hand:
To God all praise and glory!

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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

Rev. Larsen

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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Dottie Seep

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SERMON

The Ultimate Healing: New Creation Hope

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Morning Song

O holy city seen of John, where Christ the Lamb does reign,
Within whose four-square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again! Walter Russell Bowie

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

Canticle of Heaven

Craig Courtney

Those who are clothed in white, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb,
Who are before the throne of God, who serve him day and night within his temple;
And he who sits upon the throne will spread his tent over them.

They shall hunger no more, they shall thirst no more.

The sun shall not strike them, nor scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will shepherd them;

He will lead them to springs of living water;

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Now is the dwelling of God with mankind, and he shall dwell with them;

They shall be his people; and God himself will be with them and be their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

There will be no more death, no more mourning or crying or pain:

For the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 7:14-17; 21, 3-4
With Grace McFarlane, piano

▲ 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.

Exchange of Vows and Baptism

Prayer *in unison*

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stoltzfus

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 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

"There will be no more death, no more mourning or crying or pain:
For the old order of things has passed away."

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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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:

- **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*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

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

Deacons and Stephen Ministers are available to offer confidential prayer for you. If something is weighing on your mind, if you have a concern, or you need guidance, look for members of the Prayer team wearing blue lanyards, standing near the pulpit following both worship services. They are ready to stop, drop and pray for you!



Prayer Cards

May we pray for you? Prayer cards are in the guestbook and may be left in the collection plate or the prayer box in the Welcome Center

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Jeremiah 29:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taste and See!

Welcome Team Orientation & Safety Refresher

Sunday October 26, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

Come and find out more about this 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! This session provides an orientation for new folks and a refresher for existing team members. Questions? Contact Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or lsaum@nationalpres.org).

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 12:15 pm

Sanctuary

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for November 9, following 11:00 am worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) and to vote on nominees for the offices of elder and deacon, the CNC, and the board of trustees of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving.

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).

Military Ministry Toy Drive

Accepting Donations Into November

The Military Ministry is sponsoring a Holiday Toy Drive for hospitalized children at Walter Reed Military Hospital. These gifts, selected by a Child-Life Specialist, support kids going through difficult treatments. The shopping list is on our [Events webpage](#), choose a gift and bring it to the bins outside the Sanctuary for the next several weeks. You may also send a check to the church with "Military Ministry Toy Drive" in the memo line.

Reserve your place in the Festival Choir!

Emmanuel

God with Us

Our Coming Savior in
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 5 pm

Rehearsals for this musical masterpiece begin 10 am on Saturday, November 8

Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday Rehearsals 10 am – 1 pm

November 8, 15, 22 and December 6

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, December 12 from 7 pm – 10 pm

Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

For information or to immediately sign up go to www.nationalpres.org/messiah-2025.
or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.

Join Our NPC Staff Team

As Leslie Saum's retirement approaches, NPC is seeking a **Director of Connections Ministry** to develop and guide a program that engages members of the congregation and helps them foster connections to each other and the church's missions. It is a full-time position that reports to the Associate Pastor of Care, manages the Membership Office and the Welcome Team ministry, and works closely with the church's Care, Grow, Serve, and Worship ministries. The successful candidate is a caring, friendly, people-oriented person with excellent communication and interpersonal skills who knows how to juggle multiple tasks simultaneously, manage deadlines effectively, use technology effectively, proactively build and maintain effective relationships among staff and recruits, and collaborate with a team of volunteers. Qualified applicants should send a resume to npcrecruiting@gmail.com.

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, our community, and our world. Scan the QR code to learn more about the opportunities below.



- View upcoming community service opportunities on our [Events](#) page or contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).
- Want to help on Sundays? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Leslie Saum (lsaum@nationalpres.org).
- If you're interested in photography, we would love to utilize your skills to capture photos 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 mourn:

the passing of Larry Palmer.

We pray for:

McGillvary College as they develop leaders for ministry in churches, schools, and hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

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
are given to the glory of almighty God
by Nancy Hartman
in loving memory of her life companion,
Denis Harrington
and her family,
Joseph, Grace Leah and John Hartman.

Heritage Brief

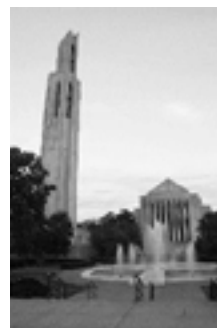
SIGNIFICANT OCTOBER EVENTS OF OUR CONGREGATION



First Presbyterian Church



The Church of the Covenant



National Presbyterian Church

October 13, 1792: Local stonemasons laid the White House cornerstone, joined by expert Scottish stonemasons in 1794. These craftsmen began worshipping in a carpenter's shed on the White House grounds in 1795, forming the nucleus of what would become The First Presbyterian Church of Washington by 1812 — the first parent congregation of NPC.

October 13, 1885: The Church of the Covenant was formally organized with 58 charter members. Its roots trace to 1883, when 11 men from New York Avenue Presbyterian Church met at Supreme Court Justice William Strong's home to establish a church for the growing Northwest population. A Romanesque-style building at Connecticut Ave. and N St., NW was completed in 1889. In 1930, it merged with First Presbyterian to form Covenant-First Presbyterian Church.

October 10, 1927: After over a century of discussions, the Presbyterian General Assembly chartered The National Presbyterian Church, Inc. under Maryland law to serve as a spiritual home for national leaders and represent Presbyterian values in public life. It would be another two decades before such a designated church would be a reality.

October 19, 1947: President Harry Truman dedicated Covenant-First Presbyterian Church as The National Presbyterian Church, urging a postwar moral and spiritual revival. A plaque marking the occasion is now displayed near the Chapel entrance.

October 14, 1967: With the Connecticut Ave. location outgrown, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower helped lay the cornerstone for a new church on Nebraska Ave., NW on the former Hillcrest Children's Center site. Worship continued in temporary space until the sanctuary opened in 1969, alongside the founding of The National Presbyterian School.

October 17, 2021: Dr. David Renwick led a celebration marking the completion of a major capital project that modernized NPC's aging infrastructure, upgrading our facilities to include a central staircase, new elevators, a main entrance, Garden Rooms, a new library, Welcome Center, nursery, and renovated Youth House. Prior to construction, \$1 million was given to support local and global mission efforts.

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