

October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel;
it is God's saving power for everyone who believes,
for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*
Romans 1:16



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about all our events, please visit the [Events page](#) on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Kindergarten Milestone: The Doxology

Today during 8:45 am worship, our Kindergarteners lead us in singing The Doxology. As a part of Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a "Milestone in Worship," an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith.

Taste and See!

Welcome Team Orientation

& Safety Refresher

Today, 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).

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. Our speakers are from Grace Inside, a local Christian prison ministry. Email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2, 12:30 pm

Chapel

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 26

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
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- 12:15 pm: Welcome Team Training
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- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Club 45

Sunday, November 2, 5:00 pm

Youth House

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. For more information, click here to contact Jill Meek (jmeek@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 board of trustees of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and the CNC.

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!

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 King of Kings Brooke and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died. **Chorus**

And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall prevail, shall not faint.

By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. **Chorus**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, your very name is holy.

In our worship today may it also be hallowed.

To this end, O blessed Father, help us in our weakness,
convict us of our disobedience, and forgive us of our sins.

As we hear your Word taught in truth and purity,
help us—your children—to lead holy lives in accordance with it;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Martin Luther, leader of the German Reformation

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 Heidelberg Catechism Rev. Larsen

What is your only comfort in life and in death? *Question and Answer One*

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purposes for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:16-18
Pew Bible Page 914

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Larsen

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

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is fullness of light and wisdom. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

John Calvin, leader of the Swiss Reformation

SERMON

Justified by Faith: The Power of the Gospel

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

Mighty to Save

Hillsong Worship

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations!

Savior, he can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation, he rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.

Now I surrender. Yes, I surrender! *Chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see

we're singing for the glory of the risen King! *(2x) Chorus*

My Savior, you can move the mountains. You are mighty to save!

You are mighty to save! Forever, Author of Salvation,

You rose and conquered the grave. Yes, you conquered the grave!

You are mighty to save!

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Theme and Variations in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth
Genevan and Scottish Reformation Psalters

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte

All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,

Come, share with us our hearts' devotion, help us to sing God's praises high!

Our utmost powers can never quite declare the wonders of God's might! Johann Mentzer
Reformation Hymn Text Writer

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Carolyn Vincent

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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

Matthew Ian Alden

Son of Elizabeth Ung Alden and Mark Charles Alden

Theodore Arthur Kloes

Son of Eilish Barnes and Andrew Alan Kloes

Prayer of Response

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Sola fide

Christ paid the price to set me free: his blood poured out on Calvary's tree.

Now nothing as my own I'll call, for all is Christ's, and Christ's my all.

Now in Christ's righteousness alone I stand before God's awesome throne,

And grasp what only God could do: Be just and justifier, too.

James Montgomery Boice

From *Hymns* for a Modern Reformation

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Soloist

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought or storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Choir

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh: Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;

But by the cross, where Jesus died, I'm reconciled and justified,

For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

Congregation

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world in darkness, slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave he rose again.

And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;

For I am his, and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;

Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

With Ethan Zorack-Greene, bass-baritone,
and Heather and Tessa Green, violins

▲ 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by Sheri Jackson, soprano*

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 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Heinrich Schütz

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha
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.



**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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military Ministry Toy Drive Accepting Donations Until November 2

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.

College Student Luncheon Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm Parlor

All college-aged students are invited to bring a friend and join us for a Sunday lunch. Come get to know NPC better, and help us get to know you better! Please RSVP to Leslie Saum (202-537-7494 or lsaum@nationalpres.org), and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Library Open House Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm Library, Second Floor

Church family and friends are invited to an open house of our library. Avid readers, teachers, researchers, casual browsers, or those looking for a place to relax, are all welcome. Come and talk to the volunteers, learn how the library supports the ministries of all ages and how to locate and borrow books, browse special displays of books, take a free book, and enjoy refreshments. For more information, visit our [Events](#) page.

Consider NPS for Pre-K 3 - 6th Grade

National Presbyterian School (NPS) invites NPC families to learn more about NPS's Pre-K 3– 6th Grade program. Join for a Chapel Visit, where you can attend NPS Lower Division Chapel and meet current NPS parents and administrators. To RSVP and learn more, please click [here](#) or contact Julia Hetherington (jhetherington@nps-dc.org or (202) 537-7508). The NPC family priority application deadline for Pre-K is November 24.

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).

Join Our NPC Staff Team

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 Betty Chambers.

We pray for:

Evangelical Theological Seminary as they train pastors and lay people in biblical and theological studies in Croatia.

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 by Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg, who was born on October 21, and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg, who joined him in heaven on October 21.

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.

“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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