

October 5, 2025
World Communion

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,
and there are varieties of services but the same Lord,
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7



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Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Lisa Larsen
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(Contemporary Music Leader)
Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
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:

World Communion Sunday

You are invited to share in the celebration of Communion with churches around the world. If you are celebrating from home, please read the NPC Online Communion Guidelines, available on the NPC website, for preparation instructions.

Adult Sunday School Plenary

How to Celebrate the 250th

Anniversary of America's Founding

Today, October 5, 9:55 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

Special guest speaker Dr. Mark Valeri will probe different perspectives from celebration of high ideals to critique of social inequalities in early America as well as bringing biblical texts to bear on our approach to America's creation. For more information, visit our [Events](#) page.

Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

Today, October 5, 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.

NPC Heritage Tour

Today, October 5, 12:30 pm

Parlor

Join the History and Archives Ministry to learn about the fascinating history of NPC as well as an up-close look at some highlights of our current church building. The tour will last about 45 minutes.

Club 45

Today, October 5, 5:00 pm

Youth House

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, contact Melanie Lenhard (mlenhard@nationalpres.org).

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, October 5

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for Children & Youth
- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering
- 9:55 am: Plenary with Dr. Valeri
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 12:30 pm: History & Archives Tour
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Sunday, October 12

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 11, 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. This month our speaker will be none other than Dr. Quinn Fox, sharing personal reflections on his life with Christ and over fourteen years of ministry at NPC. Email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Women's Ministry Fall Brunch

Saturday, October 18, 12:00 pm

Register by Monday, October 13

All women are invited to the Fall Brunch. 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.

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

Across the Lands

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice:

let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ryone;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea.

Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. *Chorus*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.

Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.

From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION

Dr. Fox

People will come from east and west, north and south and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Rush Roe, *Mandarin*

Josef Skoldeberg, *Swedish*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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We confess that, in our disobedience and sin,
we often worship only who we wish you to be.

We often only ask you to bless what we do,
rather than seeking to do what you bless.

Forgive our sinful self-centeredness and pride.

Set and keep us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Shape us into what you want us to be.

Show us more of who you really are in the face of Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior.

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 Nicene Creed Dr. Fox

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Pew Bible Page 933

Grace Hafemeister

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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SERMON

Spiritual Gifts
For God's Glory and Our Common Good

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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. Ray Hylton, Sr.

*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 Breath of Life

Andy Piercy

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us. Revive your church with life and power!

O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour!

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us till humbly we confess our need.

Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore; for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart.

Come love of Christ afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord. Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white?

Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting. Equip your church to spread the light.

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Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation Behold the Lamb Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

*So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.

Chorus

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. *Chorus*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.

*As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.*

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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

This Is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that you would take my place,
that you would bear my cross. You would lay down your life,
that I would be set free. Jesus, I sing for...all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of glory, the King above all kings. *Chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3x)

Worthy, worthy, worthy! *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in G major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1-4*

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION

Dr. Fox

People will come from east and west, north and south and will eat in the kingdom of God.

Addie Adelekan, *Yoruba*
Svetlana Shevchenko, *Ukrainian*

Annabel Levy, *German*
Sylvain Vité, *French*

▲ 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.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.

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Cara Okara

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Bridegroom

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

OFFERTORY

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.*

Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope,

One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, above all, and through all,
Who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other
For the unity of faith, to grow in the knowledge of God, in the fullness of Christ.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Hylton

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Come, Risen Lord

Sursum corda

Come, risen, Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guest, the feast is thine.

Thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

We meet, as in the upper room they met, thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand;

“This is my body”; so thou givest yet: Faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blest;

One name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living Head;

Then open thou our eyes that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

G. W. Briggs

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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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 435

We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,

We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth:

One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,

By grace we were invited, by grace we make you know.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J. S. Bach

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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NOTES

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.

**There will be no Adult Sunday School Elective Classes today.
Please join us in Stone Hall at 9:55 am for a plenary with Dr. Mark Valeri.**

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.

**There will be NO Sunday School for Children and Youth
or Parent Gathering next Sunday, October 12.**



The Care and Joy List

Would you like to be on or receive our Care and Joy list, for those who want our congregation to pray for them?

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.*

1 Timothy 2:1

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).

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).

NPC Director of Connections Ministries Needed

As we say goodbye, thank you, and happy retirement to our dear Leslie Saum, NPC is seeking a Director of Connections Ministries 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.

Chapel Hallway Construction - No anticipated impact on Sunday activities

Construction has begun on the hallway outside the Chapel in the main church building to repair a leak in the ceiling. This work will include asbestos abatement. 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.](#)

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 at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Prayers

We mourn:

the passing of Betty Jeyarajah.

We pray for:

Habitat DC/NOVA, as they work to reduce poverty and homelessness in our community by providing affordable homes for those in need.

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 God in memory of Mr. Kang Ming Szeto by his daughter.

Emmanuel
God with Us
A Portrait of Christ
Our Coming Savior in
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 5 pm

Reserve your place in the Festival Choir!

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

Make Plans to Attend the Concert with Family and Friends!

No Tickets Required – Freewill Offering

“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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