

November 9, 2025
Veterans Day

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*But who am I, and what is my people,
that we should be able to make this freewill offering?
For all things come from you,
and of your own have we given you.
1 Chronicles 29:14*



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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!

Congregational Meeting

Today, November 9, 12:15 pm

Sanctuary

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) and vote on nominees for the offices of elder and deacon, the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving board, and the CNC. Information about the nominees is available in the Narthex or at this QR code.



2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today, November 9, 12:30 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!

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.

Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

At the next military ministry meeting, in coordination with Veterans Day, we will hear from three of our NPC veterans who've had wonderful military careers. Come have lunch and hear their stories. This meeting is open to everyone! For more information, visit our [Events](#) page.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 11

- NPC Offices Closed: Veteran's Day

Sunday, November 16

- 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: Library Open House
- 12:15 pm: University Student Luncheon
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 12:15 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Library Open House

Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm

Library, Second Floor

Avid readers, teachers, researchers, casual browsers, or those looking for a place to relax, are all invited to an open house of our library. 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.

Stewardship Sunday

Next **Sunday, November 16** will be Stewardship Sunday! If you received a stewardship package in the mail, continue following along with our 14-day generosity challenge, prayerfully consider your commitment to NPC for the upcoming year, and bring your commitment card to worship with you next week.

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

God of the Ages

Daniel Roberts and George Warren

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us past,
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms and deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord our God, in worship we bow before you today,
seeking your mercy, trusting your grace.
We acknowledge to you and to one another that we are sinners,
prone to wander from your ways.
Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. Guide the vessel of our lives toward you,
who alone are the tranquil haven of all storm-tossed souls.
Curb our wayward senses. Show us your course before us.
Guide us to what is our true good in your glorious and gladdening presence.

Basil of Caesarea

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

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 29:15-18
Pew Bible Pages 336-337

Melinda Moore, Major, USAF
(Retired)

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

Received

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

Sovereign

Chris Tomlin

Sovereign in the mountain air, sovereign on the ocean floor,
with me in the calm, with me in the storm!
Sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry,
with me in the dark, with me at the dawn!
*In your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life, from beginning to the end, I can trust you.
In your never-failing love, you work everything for good.
God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!
God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!*

All my hopes, all I need, held in your hands!
All my life, all of me, held in your hands!
All my fears, all my dreams, held in your hands! (2x) 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.

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

I was lost but he brought me in: O his love for me! O his love for me!

Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me!

Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! (2x)

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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

Requiem Aeternam

Hubert Howells
Jonathan Rajaseelan, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 262 *verses 1-3* God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 262, verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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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.

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the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Pew Bible Pages 336-337

Alan Prebyl, MSgt, USMC
(Retired)

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RESPONSE

Schumann

Choir

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Congregation

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our firstfruits give. William Walsham How

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

Tenting on the Old Campground

René Clausen

Of battle-worn and weary soldiers during the American Civil War.

We're tenting tonight on the old campground, give us a song to cheer

Our weary hearts, a song of home, and friends we love so dear.

Many are the hearts that are weary tonight, wishing for the war to cease;

Many are the hearts looking for the right to see the dawn of peace.

Tenting tonight, tenting tonight, tenting on the old campground.

We've been tenting tonight on the old campground, thinking of days gone by,

Of the lov'd one at home that gave us a hand, and the tear that said, "Goodbye!"

We are tired of war on the old campground, many are dead and gone,

Of the brave and true who've left their homes, others been wounded long.

We've been fighting today on the old campground, many are lying near;

Some are dead and some are dying; many are in tears.

Many are the hearts that are weary tonight, wishing for the war to cease;

Many are the hearts looking for the right to see the dawn of peace.

Tenting tonight, dying tonight, tenting on the old campground. Walter Kittredge. 1834-1905

With Jeremy Eig, clarinet

▲ 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.

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Dr. Hylton

Battle Hymn

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,
While God is marching on.

Congregation

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

Dr. Stoltzfus

*Everyone is invited and members are requested to remain seated
in the Sanctuary for a brief Congregational Meeting,
then to go downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall
for Coffee, Cookies, and Community.*

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe
Mr. Rajaseelan, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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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 Congregational Meeting. 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*) **Resumes 11/16**
- **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!



**Called
to Care**

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.*

Isaiah 1:17

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Sunday, November 23

In place of our Thanksgiving Day Service this year, to maximize the impact of our Thanksgiving Food Collection, we will be collecting nonperishable food items during worship on Sunday, November 23. As we give thanks for God's continued provision this season, we also remember those in our community experiencing food insecurity—an issue on the rise across the DMV. Donations will support our local Mission Partner, Martha's Table, and the Food Pantry at the University of the District of Columbia, which serves neighbors and students in need. Let us be a tangible expression of Christ's love and generosity this Thanksgiving.

Youth Family Service Night

Sunday, November 23, 5:00 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

NPC Youth Families are invited to join for an evening of making lasagnas for Martha's Table, followed by a potluck dinner. Please bring your own knife and cutting board! Visit our [Events](#) to sign up to bring a dish to share and/or volunteer to help with setup.

All Church Advent Night

Sunday, November 30, 5:00 pm

Sanctuary & Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to this joyful, intergenerational, hands-on event to mark the beginning of the Advent season. We begin with worship and communion in the Sanctuary, followed by crafts and dinner in Stone Hall. All Church Advent Night combines two favorite celebrations of years past—Advent Vespers & Advent Family Night—so that we can worship, create, and share a meal as one church family. Visit our [Events](#) page to sign up so we can plan well for crafts and dinner. Questions? Contact Jill Meek (jmeek@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 lisaum@nationalpres.org).

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 to attend NPS Chapel and meet 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.

Join our NPC Staff

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. View full position description and more information on our [Jobs webpage](#). 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 give thanks for:

those who faithfully served our country.

We pray for:

Friendship Place, as they provide care for people experiencing homelessness.

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 and in memory of
Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt
by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Emmanuel
God with Us

Our Coming Savior in
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 5 pm

Freewill Offering



For information 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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