

September 28, 2025

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*So likewise a Levite,  
when he came to the place and saw him,  
passed by on the other side.  
But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him,  
and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.*

Luke 10:32-33



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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](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## Meet Your Deacons

**Today, September 28, 12:15 pm**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

Deacons are servant leaders who care for the congregation. They listen to your concerns, and pray with and for you. Come to Stone Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies with the DC, Maryland, and Virginia Deacons and connect with other NPC members from your region.

## Legacy Giving ABCs: Unlock the Power of Long-Term Generosity!

**Today, September 28, 12:30 pm**

### Garden Rooms

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. 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. Questions? Visit our [Events](#) page.

## Last Day to Nominate Organizations for Mission Gifts for Christmas

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 close at the end of the day.* Visit our [Events](#) page to learn more and nominate an organization.

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, September 28

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Meet Your Deacons
- 12:30 pm: Legacy Giving ABCs

### 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
- 12:30 pm: History & Archives Tour
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## Adult Sunday School Plenary

### *How to Celebrate the 250th*

### *Anniversary of America's Founding*

**Sunday, October 5, 9:55 am**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

Special guest speaker Dr. Mark Valeri will bring biblical texts to bear on our approach to America's creation. For more information, visit our [Events](#) page.

## Club 45

**Sunday, 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, click here to contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## 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. Email [grow@nationalpres.org](mailto:grow@nationalpres.org) for more information.

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Kevin Rose, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG

Because He Lives

Matt Maher

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.

I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

*Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives!*

*Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!*

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.

I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! *Chorus*

Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone.

I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,

we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will.

We have broken your holy law.

We have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors.

We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37  
*Pew Bible Page 844*

Deacon Annette Burgart

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.*

SERMON

Mercy in Action: The Church's Call to Healing 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

Rev. Craig Meek

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Jesus Paid It All

*All to Christ*

I hear the Savior say, thy strength indeed is small.

Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.

*'Cause Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone

Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

*'Cause Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

*He washed it white as snow!*

O praise the one who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead. (3x)

▲ 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

Rev. Meek

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

May the Peoples Praise You

Townend and Getty

You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,  
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

*May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!*  
*All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.*

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life. *Chorus (2x)*
- ▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton
- ▲ SENDING

NPC Band
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

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# NOTES

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Moderato from Chorale No. 1

César Franck  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 427  
*verses 1-3*

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*Blaenhafren*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 427, verse 4

Called from worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
To the youth, the child, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
Hope, and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

*Inward Light*

Save us from the soothing sin of the empty worship deed

And the pious, babbling din of the claimed but unliv'd creed.

Let our actions, Lord, express what our tongues and lips profess. Thomas H. Troeger

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERTORY

God of the Sparrow

Craig Courtney

God of the sparrow, sing through us songs of deliv'rance, songs of peace.

Helpless they seek you, God of joy; quiet their troubles, bid them cease. *Alleluia.*

God of the sparrow, God of hope, purposely guide us, be our song.

God of affliction, pain and hurt, comfort your children, make them strong. *Alleluia.*

God of the sparrow, care through us, speak to their sorrow, Lord of grief.

Make us your music, lift their hearts; Lord, in your mercy, bring relief.

As with the sparrow, we provide in your provision love and grace.

Just as the sparrow in your care, does your love keep us all our days,

May our love keep them all their days.

Jonathan Cook, alt.

With Jonathan Baumgarten, flute

▲ 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

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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

Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth

Morning Song
- Dear Christ, uplifted from the earth, your arms outstretched above,

Through every culture, every birth, to draw an answ’ring love.

Still east and west your love extends and always, far and near,

You call and claim us as your friends, and love us as we are.

Where age and gender, class and race, divide us to our shame,

You see a person and a face, a neighbor with a name.

May we, accepted as we are, yet called in grace to grow,

Reach out to others, near and far, your healing love to show.

Brian Wren
- ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Meek
- ▲ POSTLUDE

Sortie in G minor

Louis Lefébure-Wély

Mr. Fickley, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Everyone is invited downstairs to Stone Fellowship Hall after worship  
to meet your Deacons for Coffee, Cookies, and Community.*

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NOTES

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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.



### May we pray for you today?

Our Deacons and Stephen Ministers want to pray with you. Look for these servant leaders wearing blue Prayer lanyards in the Sanctuary, the Welcome Center, and Stone Hall after worship services this fall.

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

Jeremiah 29:12

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Reflecting on Christian Patriotism: A Reformed Perspective**

**Saturday, October 4, 8:45 am**

### **Stone Fellowship Hall**

This event co-hosted by the Reformed Institute and NPC with special guest speaker Dr. Mark Valeri will explore the relationship between Christianity and patriotism. For more information visit our [Events](#) page or contact Dr. Quinn Fox ([qfox@nationalpres.org](mailto:qfox@nationalpres.org)).

## **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.

## **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).

## **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)).

## **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)).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).
- Want to help on Sundays? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Leslie Saum ([lsaum@nationalpres.org](mailto: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](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 open our eyes  
to our neighbors in need.

### We pray for:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush in their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators and their support of World Bible Translation Day on September 30.

### 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 to the glory of God  
by Kristine Heine, in loving memory  
of her husband, Albert Yamada.

*“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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