

November 16, 2025
Commitment Sunday

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*O Lord our God,
all this abundance that we have provided
for building you a house for your holy name
comes from your hand and is all your own.*
I Chronicles 29:16



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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!



Today is Stewardship Sunday!

Possessing Nothing, Entrusted With Everything

Will you support our vision of how God can work through NPC to generously share Christ's love within and beyond our walls in 2026? Today we invite you to prayerfully steward God's blessings and joyfully make your commitment in a special offering time during worship. Session and staff will use your commitments to set a budget and plan for the year ahead. You may use the commitment cards provided in the mail and in the pews or make your commitment online by visiting our webpage at nationalpres.org/generosity2026 or scanning the QR code.

If you would like help with the details of your giving, please contact our Finance Office (202-537-7495, lskrine@nationalpres.org).

Military Ministry Meeting Today, November 16, 12:15 pm Garden Rooms

At today's 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!

Library Open House Today, 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.

Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering Today, November 16, 12:15 pm Chapel

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

Week at a Glance

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

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

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- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 5:00 pm: Youth Family Service Night

College Student Luncheon Today, 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! No RSVP necessary.

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

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.

Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul! And tell all he's done!

'Til the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace.

That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.

We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

"If my people, who are called by my name,

humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,

then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive

to the prayer that is made in this place."

O Lord, may we find in your answer to Solomon's prayer, answer to our humble own:

Forgive our sins. Mend our wicked ways, Heal our lives and land.

Based on 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Fox

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 29:15-18
Pew Bible Page 337

Elder Bill Bennett

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Fox

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

SERMON

Returned

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. Nancy Fox

*Please come down the center aisle, leave your commitments and offerings
in the baskets at the chancel, then return to your seats by the side aisles.*

- ▲ OFFERING SONG King of My Heart John Mark McMillan
Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from! Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song!
You are good, good! Oh! (4x)
Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days! Oh, he is my song! *Chorus*
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! *(4x) Chorus*

▲ 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

Dr. Fox

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

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson

I love you, Lord.

Oh, your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life you have been faithful.

All my life you have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice.

You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, you are close like no other.

I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give you everything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. *Chorus*

I will sing of the goodness of God.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Air

Gerre Hancock
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 375

Lord of All Good

Toulon

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Toulon

Lord, you alone are generous and good;
In grace and mercy e'er you freely give.
Teach us your truth, so oft misunderstood:
Gifts in like measure giv'n shall we receive.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Dr. Fox

"If my people, who are called by my name,
humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,
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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lauda anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

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Dr. Nancy Fox

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in the baskets at the chancel, then return to your seats by the side aisles.*

OFFERTORY

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

*"Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind
he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes,
performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision."
1 Chronicles 29:19*

When the final timber lay against the measured stones, with the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold, the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house, also the temple of the Ark of God, pure and whole.

*Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.*

*Come dwell in Solomon's walls, come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness, join at the feet of God.*

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray, when they turn from darkness to light, and your will obey, O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house, and heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

▲ 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. Fox

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.

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE Voluntary on "Lift High The Cross" Craig Phillips
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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NOTES

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!



Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC partners with the non-profit IONA senior services, which has a geriatric social worker available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Food Collection Sunday, November 23

As we have done in past Thanksgiving Day Services, this year we will bring nonperishable food items to be collected in Sunday morning worship. As we thank God for continual provision this season, we also remember those in our larger community who experience food insecurity. Your donations will support our local Mission Partners, Martha's Table, and the Food Pantry at the University of the District of Columbia. Let our generosity be a tangible expression of Christ's love 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 Page](#) to sign up to bring a dish to share and/or volunteer to help with setup.

*You are cordially invited to
**Celebrate Leslie Saum at her
Retirement Reception***

**When: Sunday, November 23, 12:30 pm
Where: Stone Fellowship Hall**

*All are welcome. In place of gifts, attendees
are invited to bring a note of gratitude and
best wishes for Leslie.*

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 lsaum@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:

God's abundant blessings to us and NPC.

We pray for:

Unique Learning Center, a Christian ministry strengthening the educational and spiritual lives of children in the Shaw community of Washington, DC.

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 in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.

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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