

November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined."*  
Isaiah 9:2



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# 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)!

## All Church Advent Night

**Today, 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 for more information. Questions? Contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## Mission Gifts for Christmas

**December 7 & 14**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to fellowship, celebrate the gift of Jesus, and support missionaries and mission organizations at our annual Mission Gifts for Christmas events. Mission Gifts enables you to give meaningful gifts instead of another “thing,” by funding God’s work locally and internationally. Each donation you make in an honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker helps missionaries and organizations serve those in need. Please visit our [Mission Gifts](#) page for more information.

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, November 30

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for adults
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 5:00 pm: All Church Advent Night

### Saturday, December 6

- 8:00 am: Men’s Breakfast

### Sunday, December 7

- All Day: Mission Gifts for Christmas
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:30 pm: Grief Workshop
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## Men’s Breakfast

**Saturday, December 6, 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, enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about some of your favorite Christmas hymns as we move through the Advent season. See you there!

*A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Collection on November 23. Because of your generosity, we are able to share BOXES of food with neighbors experiencing food insecurity through our Local Mission Partner, Martha’s Table. These also help fill the food pantry serving students at the University of the District of Columbia. Your kindness makes a real difference in our community. Thank you for being a blessing!*



## 2026 Generosity Commitments

It’s not too late to support our vision of how God can work through NPC to generously share Christ’s love within and beyond our walls in 2026! If you have not yet done so, we invite you to prayerfully steward God’s blessings and joyfully make your commitment. There are extra cards in the narthex or you can scan the QR code.



# 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Chorus*

O come, thou, wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show,

and cause us in her ways to go. *Chorus (2x)*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Tirajoh Family

George, Nova, Matthew, and Victoria

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

O God of the ages and ages to come,

Make us watchful as we await the coming of your Son our Savior.

When he comes, may he not find us sleeping in sin,

But awake and rejoicing in his praises.

Bring to light things hidden in darkness, even the shadows of our own hearts.

Forgive our sins, we pray. Then cleanse and renew us,

That we may walk in your light and glorify your name,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, and only 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

*In dulci jubilo*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now we need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls us one and calls us all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

- ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      An Advent Affirmation      Rev. Larsen
- We believe in one God, whose almighty word brought forth the universe,  
 who speaks to us by his Spirit through what he has created  
 and through what has been written for us in Holy Scripture.
- We believe that at just the right moment in history,  
 God's Word became flesh in the life of Jesus of Nazareth,  
 who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary,  
 was nurtured and matured in Joseph's household, and who came to Israel and all  
 the world to reveal the kingdom of God is at hand.
- We believe that this glorious good news heralded by angels points not only to a baby  
 in a manger in Bethlehem, but also to the cross of Calvary, and to the empty tomb.  
 There the angel's message "He is risen!" heralded the glorious good news of  
 Christ's resurrection.
- We remember that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and to show us the  
 very character of God.
- We recognize that he comes each day to meet us in our need, and to offer abundant life.
- We rejoice in the knowledge that he will one day return in glory to rule in righteousness,  
 to renew all things, and to claim us as God's own.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7  
*Pew Bible Page 555*

Elder John Neely

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Quinn 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

*God with Us*  
 The Promise, The Presence, The Peace  
 The Promise Still Stands

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. Fox

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Come and Worship

Bebo Norman

Angels from the realms of glory wing your flight o'er the earth.  
 Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim the Messiah's birth.  
*Come and worship, come and worship, come and worship,  
 worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding watching o'er your flocks by night,  
 God with man is now residing yonder shines the infant light. *Chorus (2x)*

Saints before the altar bending watching long in hope and fear.  
 Suddenly the Lord descending in his temple shall appear *Chorus (2x)*

▲ ADVENT DOXOLOGY

*Regent Square*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

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

A Baby Will Come

Bill Wolf

The kings of this world, have torn it apart,  
but we can take heart, a baby will come.

To the hungry and meek, to those who grieve,  
to the broken, in need, a baby will come.

We have known pain, we've felt death's sting.  
God, help us believe, this baby will come.

*Instrumental*

The angel appeared, said, "do not fear,  
for peace is here. A baby will come."

The advent of life, let hope arise.

We've our King and Christ, the Baby will come.

We've waited so long, God, for your mighty arm.  
May our doubts ever calm, for the Baby will come.

The proud will be low, the humble will know  
they're valued and loved, for the Baby will come.

Cause the kings of this world, won't have the last word.  
That, God, is yours, for the Baby will come.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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**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!

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Ciacona and Fugue in D minor  
BWV 1178

Newly discovered of J.S.Bach  
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

*Llangloffan*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Serve Ministries

Anne de Leon, Lewrene Glaser, Karin Strydom, Anne Shelburne, and Janice Sessing

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Old 113<sup>th</sup>*

How happy those whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky,  
And earth and seas with all their train;

Whose truth forever stands secure, who saves th' oppressed and feeds the poor;  
And none shall find God's promise vain.

Isaac Watts

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Larsen

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Make us watchful as we await the coming of your Son our Savior.

When he comes, may he not find us sleeping in sin,

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Elder Linda Botsford

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Dr. Quinn Fox

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

Sabine Rose Ramsey  
*Daughter of Elizabeth Njoroge Ramsey and Christopher Doral Ramsey*

Prayer of Response

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SERMON

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The Promise, The Presence, The Peace  
The Promise Still Stands

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

*Morning Song*

Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

Miriam Therese Winter

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

OFFERTORY

Zion Hears the Watchman Calling

J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchman calling; the faithful wait with joy enthralling;  
They rise in haste to greet their Lord.

*Wachet auf*

Forth he comes the Bridegroom glorious, in strength of grace and truth victorious;  
His light is ris'n and e'er burns bright.

Arise, now, Holy One, the Lord, incarnate Son: Alleluia!

We follow all the joyful call to join you in your banquet hall.

*Regent Square*

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

▲ HYMN 474

## O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*Puer nobis nascitur*

## ▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

## ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

## ▲ POSTLUDE

# Ciacona in G minor

## BWV 1179

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▲ Congregation standing, as able

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## NOTES



# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For Adults
- **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.

***\*Today, 11/30, there will be no Children & Youth Sunday School nor Parent Gathering:  
These will resume next Sunday, 12/7.\****

## 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*) **Resumes 12/7**

Visit our [website](#) for descriptions and more information.



**Called  
to Care**

### Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with you to think through difficult situations. [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) / 202-537-7540

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Grief Workshop**

**Sunday, December 7, 12:30 pm**

### **Room 109**

Care Ministries will offer a Grief Workshop on “Navigating the Holidays” to provide support for those who are grieving this season. Please email [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) or call 202-537-7540 if interested in attending.

## **Club 45**

**Sunday, December 7, 5:00 pm**

### **Youth House**

4th & 5th graders, come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. This month is our Christmas party! For more information, contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## **Adult Service Project & Luncheon**

**Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 am**

### **Stone Fellowship Hall**

You are invited for a special morning of community service, fellowship, and lunch as we work on projects to support our Local Mission Partner, Friendship Place. From hands-on service to heartwarming connection, this is a wonderful opportunity to love our community and enjoy time together. Questions? Contact Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).

## **Spread the Joy of Jesus this Season**

### **Calling all helpers for Christmas Eve!**

We will welcome hundreds of guests to NPC this Christmas Eve, and you can show them Christ's love by greeting, ushering, or handing out gifts at any of the three services on Dec. 24. Contact Carol Han ([chan@nationalpres.org](mailto:chan@nationalpres.org)).

## **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class**

### **Four-part Sunday series, starting January 4**

Becoming a church member here at NPC can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or learn more about Christian faith, please attend the Pathways of Christian Discipleship class on January 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9:55 am. While everyone is welcome to come, attendance at all four sessions is required for membership. For more information or to register, visit our [Events page](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu (202-537-7578, [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org)). Register by December 15.

## **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 [chan@nationalpres.org](mailto:chan@nationalpres.org)).

*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](http://www.nationalpres.org/messiah-2025)  
or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.

# 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 Carol Han ([chan@nationalpres.org](mailto:chan@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.

### November 24, 2025 Giving Report

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
|                  | Faith Giving |
| Annual Budget    | \$ 3,610,000 |
| Received YTD     | \$ 2,947,013 |
| Remaining Needed | \$ 663,000   |

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:

the peace of Christ to fill our homes, our community and the world.

### We pray for:

Our Missionaries in the Middle East as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

### 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 Sally Kaplan and sons Peter and Scott in loving memory of Herb Kaplan remembering his November birthday.

# Heritage Brief

## THE STORY OF OUR CAMPUS: HILLCREST CHILDREN'S HOME

Our NPC campus once served as an orphanage. In 1815, the **Washington City Orphan Asylum** — one of the city's first charitable organizations — was founded to provide a home for girls left homeless by the War of 1812. Prominent women benefactors, including First Lady Dolley Madison, Marcia Van Ness, and Margaret Bayard Smith, sought to give these children a Christian upbringing and vocational training.

Another key supporter was Eleanor White, the wife of the founding pastor of the congregation that grew out of the White House stonemasons' Sunday worship gatherings and became First Presbyterian Church, one of our predecessor congregations.

The Orphan Asylum's first home was a rented four-bedroom house on 10th Street, N.W., where Mrs. Brackenridge lived temporarily until a matron was hired. Later, the Asylum moved to a purpose-built facility on H Street, on land donated by Mrs. Van Ness.

The organization expanded over the decades, admitting boys in 1879 and outgrowing multiple facilities. In 1920, philanthropist Edwin Gould donated \$225,000 to purchase a 13-acre vacant lot on Nebraska Avenue, N.W. Architect Appleton P. Clark, Jr. designed a campus of seven buildings; four were completed. First Lady Grace Coolidge presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony in 1926, and the children moved in the following year. The new home became known as **Hillcrest Children's Village**, with Van Ness Street later established to provide an additional entrance from Nebraska Avenue.

By the 1960s, the Hillcrest cottages no longer met the needs of the organization's evolving mission. The property was sold to become the site of the **National Presbyterian Church**. Architect Harold E. Wagoner incorporated the Hillcrest cottages into his new campus design. The four original Cotswold Cottage-style buildings that once housed children remain today:

- **Dolley Madison Cottage** now serves as our main administrative offices and is connected to **Gould Cottage**, which houses the **National Presbyterian School**.
- **Van Ness Cottage** is now the **Agencies Building** (because it was initially intended to house various denominational agencies of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America).
- The fourth building continues to be known as the **Multi-Purpose Building**.

Together, the 1920s designs by Clark and the 1960s additions by Wagoner form a unified campus that is now recognized as a D.C. Historic Landmark.

After selling the property, Hillcrest Children's Center relocated, first to W Street, N.W., and later to its current home at 915 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., where it continues as the Hillcrest Children and Family Center, providing vital health care and social services to the community.

*Prepared by the NPC History & Archives Ministry*



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