



January 11, 2026

Epiphany

# Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*So that at the name of Jesus every  
knee should bend, in heaven and on  
earth and under the earth.*

Philippians 2:10

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Music

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(Contemporary Music Leader)  
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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)  
Jill Meek (Children)  
Carol Han (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)!

## Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Four-part Sunday series, Continuing Today, 9:55 am

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 remaining 3 sessions of the Pathway of Christian Discipleship class today, January 18, and 25. For more information visit our [Events page](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu (202-537-7578, [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org)).

## Confirmation Interest Meeting

Today, January 11, 12:15 pm

### Garden Room A

Any youth who are in 9th grade or older are invited to be part of this year's Confirmation Class. There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents to learn more about the requirements and process. For more details, please contact Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org)).

## Romania Mission Trip Info Session

Today, January 11, 12:30 pm

### Garden Rooms B & C

Are you interested in joining a short-term mission trip in 2026? NPC will participate in a mission trip to Romania, June 5-14, partnering with the Smiles Foundation and working with their Outreach Team to care for vulnerable communities. Come to the info meeting to learn more! For additional details, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards ([jedwards@nationalpres.org](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).

## 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today, January 11, 12:15 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!

## Week at a Glance

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

### Sunday, January 11

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Confirmation Information Meeting
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:30 pm: Romania Mission Trip Info Session
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### Sunday, January 18

- 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: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 12:15 pm: University Student Luncheon

## Club 45

Today, January 11, 5:00 pm

### Youth House

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

## 2026 Generosity Commitments

Prayerfully consider what God may be asking of you in the year ahead and consider submitting a 2026 Generosity Commitment; It is a spiritual practice that aligns our intentions with trust in God's provisions.



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)).

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

### GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

#### ▲ OPENING SONG

Speak, O Lord

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority,  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

#### ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

### CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We confess that, in our disobedience and pride,  
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.

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

Shape us into who you want us to be.

Show us more of who you really are in the humble face of Jesus Christ.

### SILENT CONFESSON 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

Rev. Larsen

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11

*Pew Bible Page 954*

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

*Joy Made Visible*  
The Light Revealed in Humility

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

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.

He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.*

*The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah! *Chorus*

All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you!

All the glory to you, God, the light of the world! *Chorus*

*Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

## ▲ 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!*



# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRELUDE

Chorale Fantasia  
“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”

Dieterich Buxtehude  
Todd Fickley, organ

### CHIMES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

#### ▲ HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*Duke Street*

#### ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

#### ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

Thomas à Kempis

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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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Deacon Lewrene Glaser

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## RESPONSE

St. Leonards

*Soloist and Choir*May the mind of Christ our Savior live in us from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling all we do and say.May the light of Christ shine through us, never hidden, never dim;  
To the glory of the Father visible in him.*Congregation*May the strength of God empow'r us, confident each day to be  
Faithful servants fully clothed in Christ's humility.

## CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

## OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God, and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise and adoration, now and forevermore be thine! Amen.

*Munster Gesangbuch, 1677*

## ▲ 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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

- ▲ HYMN 285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *Austrian Hymn*
- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton
- ▲ CHORAL AMEN Derek Hakes
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Stoltzfus
- ▲ POSTLUDE Flourish on “Crüger” David Blackwell  
Mr. Fickley, organ
- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer by one of our Deacons or Stephen Ministers.*

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

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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.

## 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

- **Religion and the American Revolution**, Charles Hambrick-Stowe (*Chapel & Online*)
- **How Christianity Changed the World**, David Siegrest (*Garden Room C*)
- **Pathway to Christian Discipleship**, NPC Staff (*Garden Room A*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

Visit our [Adult Classes Page](#) for descriptions and more information.



## 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](mailto: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*

# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## University Student Luncheon

**Sunday, January 18, 12:15 pm**

### Parlor

Calling all university students! Bring a friend, and come meet other students at NPC and Dr. Hylton for a free luncheon in the Parlor. For more details, contact Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org)).

## Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

**Sunday, January 18, 12:30 pm**

### Room 109

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

## Retirement Celebration & Reception

**Sunday, January 25, 12:30 pm**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

We invite you to join us after the 11:00 am worship service for a reception in celebration of Quinn and Nancy Fox's retirement.

## Love Gift

As we prepare to recognize Quinn Fox's 14 years of ministry at NPC, please join us in expressing our gratitude to both Quinn and Nancy. Although words cannot fully capture all that Quinn has given, we invite you to share your sentiments by mailing or bringing cards to our office. We will honor Quinn with a traditional departure gift known as a Love Gift. If you wish to take part, make a notation "Fox Love Gift" on your online transaction or personal check and get it to the Finance Office through the offering plate, cyberspace, or mail. These pass-through gifts are not tax deductible.

## 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)).

## All Church Family Dinner

**Sunday, February 1, 5:00 pm**

### Stone Fellowship Hall

The whole family is invited to an all-church dinner! From 5:00-6:00 pm, we'll have small group sermon discussions, children's care, Club 45, and youth group, before joining for a whole church dinner. For more details or to signup, visit the Events page or contact Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org)).

## Join our staff - NPC Seeking Communications Manager

NPC is seeking a creative and detail-oriented Communications Manager who will develop and execute a comprehensive communication strategy that reflects the Church's mission and values. The ideal candidate will possess strong skills in content creation and digital communication, be adept at managing multiple tasks while effectively meeting deadlines, and demonstrate a passion for ministry. Collaboration with staff and congregants is essential to ensure that all communications resonate with the target audience and support established goals. For more information, visit our [Jobs](#) webpage. Qualified applicants should send a resume to [recruiting@nationalpres.org](mailto:recruiting@nationalpres.org).

# 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 [communications@nationalpres.org](mailto:communications@nationalpres.org).

## Your Giving Makes a Difference

Because of your generosity and faithfulness last year, our church was able to balance the budget and continue fulfilling the mission God entrusted to us. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for your partnership in God's work. We give thanks for you and for all that was accomplished together in 2025.

To give now scan the QR code or text "NPC" to 833-414-9444. For other ways to give go to [nationalpres.org/giving](#), call our Finance Office at 202-537-7495, or email our Director of Finance and Administration at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).



## Prayers

### We celebrate with:

Molly Beste and Steve Stavropoulos on the birth of their son.

### We mourn:

the passing of Jerry Gruber.

### We pray for:

Central Union Mission, as they serve the unhoused and vulnerable in DC.

### 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 Marcia and Don Bini in loving memory of our fathers Louis Bini and Carl Freeman.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**Thank you to all who contributed toward the beautiful floral displays throughout the church during Advent and Christmas:**

Joyce Adam Smith,  
remembering family and friends.

Elizabeth Bartholomew  
in memory of Barbara Bartholomew.

Virginia Beeson

Janice Childress

Robin Clement,  
in memory of Katharine and Marjorie Wystrach

John and Sally Cox

David and Margaret Gardner in honor of their  
parents.

Deborah Gunby,  
in memory of her uncle Berni Rosenberg.

Dan Huthwaite

Jennifer Prebyl

Jim Senger,  
in gratitude for the contemporary music  
program.

Susan Smink,

in memory of parents Robert and Marcon  
Neal and in honor of sons Timothy and  
Rick Smink

Helen Yeh, with thanks, in honor of Nora Szeto

Anonymous

*“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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