

January 18, 2026



Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*So that you may be blameless and innocent,
children of God without blemish in the
midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
in which you shine like stars in the world.*

Philippians 2:15

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Associate Pastor
Parish Associate
Music

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Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
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. Questions? Email us at 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 two sessions of the Pathway of Christian Discipleship class today and January 25. For more information visit our [Events page](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu (202-537-7578, krakiatu@nationalpres.org).

University Student Luncheon

Today, 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).

Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

Today, January 18, 12:15 pm

Room 109

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

Retirement Reception for Dr. Fox

Sunday, January 25, 12:15 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us in expressing our gratitude to both Quinn and Nancy Fox. Although words cannot fully capture all that they have given, we invite you to share your sentiments by mailing or bringing cards to our office. We also invite you to join us on January 25th for a farewell celebration after the 11AM service. And finally, 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.

Week at a Glance

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- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
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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).

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).



8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ OPENING SONG

1,000 Tongues

Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin

We are a sea of voices, we are an ocean of your praise gathered under one name.

We are a tide that's rising and we cannot be contained, gathered under one name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy, God.

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain; gathered under one name.

Where ev'ry chain is broken and ev'ry sorrow swept away; gathered under one name.

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy, God.

With all heaven sing, and all earth below: One Holy King, one highest throne! (2x)

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy, God. Repeat

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Stoltzfus

CONFESSiON OF SiN *in unison*

Eternal God, you are the light of minds that know you,
the joy of hearts that love you,
and the strength of wills that serve you.

Forgive and cleanse us of our sins.

Then grant us so to know you,
that we may truly love you, and fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From St. Augustine of Hippo

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. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:12-18

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Joy Made Visible

Shining as Lights in a Dark World

Dr. Hylton

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

Build My Life

Matt Redman

Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you!

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one that could ever save.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!

Holy, there is no one like you! There is none beside you.

Open up my eyes in wonder! And show me who you are.

And fill me with your heart and lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken. (2x) *Chorus (2x)*

▲ 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

Salt and Light

John and Jan L'Ecuyer

You make me want to be like you, your holiness I will pursue, I want the heart of Jesus.

Show me the meaning of your grace, I want to give the world a taste of the love of Jesus.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.

Reveal your glory in my life.

For I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.

Make me salt, make me light.

As a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand, mold me in your image, the work of your hand.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.

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▲ 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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre
from Three Welsh Hymns

Ralph Vaughan Williams
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 263 *verses 1-3* Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 263, verse 4

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CONFESSiON OF SIN in unison

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Dede Sweeney

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Danby

O Lord now bless from heav'n above, and shine on us with radiant face;
And you, who heav'n and earth has made, now shine through us with peace and grace.

Arlo Duba, alt.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERTORY

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises a Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
A season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
Amidst een present sorrow we cheerfully can say,
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."
It can bring with it nothing but God will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too.
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
And he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.
Sometimes through proclamation of holy word and deed,
The light of God still causes the darkness to recede.
Thus while in him abiding, God's praise shall tune my voice,
And while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper, alt. Michael Denham
Joanna and Ethan Zorack-Greene

▲ 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.

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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

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

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



Newly Separated? Recently Divorced?

Divorcecare is a program for those navigating the end of a marriage. Visit www.divorcecare.org or contact careoffice@nationalpres.org /202-537-7540

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

State of the Church: Finances & Future

Sunday February 1, 9:55 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

All are joyfully invited by the Session, as well as the Finance & Strategic Planning Committees, to join us for a discussion on the 2025 year-end results, the 2026 budget approved by Session, and the work that the strategic planning team has been doing. There will be no Adult Sunday School classes to make this event possible. Nursery and Sunday School classes for children and youth will continue. We'll also have light refreshments to enjoy as we gather together in thanks!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 7, 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 for more information.

Mission Briefing: Lebanon

Sunday, February 8, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

All are invited to the Garden Rooms following the 11:00 service for lunch and a special Mission Briefing focused on Lebanon from our Mission Partners, Dustin and Sherri Ellington, who serve in Beirut at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. Come learn how Christ is moving through their ministry and how our church can support the work God is doing to raise up the next generation of pastors and church leadership in the Middle East.

Lenten Small Groups

Beginning February 18, 6:30 pm

Interested in growing in discipleship in community with others? Join a short-term small group discussion of our Lenten sermon series on Encountering God. In-person and online groups will explore Old and New Testament texts that show us how to realize God's presence more fully in our lives. Please [register online](#) for a group by February 8.

Serve Summit

Sunday, March 1, 12:30 pm

Garden Room C

All are welcome and invited to enjoy a delicious meal and learn about the many transformational mission partnerships and service opportunities that National Presbyterian Church is engaged in—locally, nationally, and around the world. Discover meaningful ways you can become involved and make a difference as we celebrate the impact of the Serve Ministry and explore the exciting work God is doing throughout our community.

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 Carol Han (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.

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.



Prayers

We mourn:

the passing of Thomas Webster.

We pray for:

Dustin and Sherri Ellington as they train pastors to proclaim the gospel in Lebanon.

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 in recognition of the January 15th birthday and the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and in gratitude for their significant contributions to make our nation a more perfect union for all.

“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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