

January 4, 2026
Epiphany
Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*I am confident of this, that the one who began a
good work in you will continue to complete it
until the day of Jesus Christ.*
Philippians 1:6



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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. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 4, 12:15 pm

Sanctuary

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Dr. Quinn Fox upon his retirement. The Congregational Meeting will be in person and will not be live streamed.

Laser Tag with Camp Ligonier

Sunday, January 4

On January 4 our ministry partners from Ligonier Camp and Conference Center will join us for worship and Parent Gathering to share about their ministry. Then all children and youth are invited for laser tag in the evening!

- 5:00 pm: Children's Laser Tag
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group Laser Tag

For more information and to register, visit our [Events](#) page.

Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering

Sunday, January 4, 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.

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 Pathway 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).

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, January 4

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Congregational Meeting
- 12:30 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:30 pm: Job Loss & Uncertainty Prayer Gathering
- 5:00 pm: Children's Laser Tag
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Sunday, January 11

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: Confirmation Information Meeting
- 12:30 pm: Sandwich Making
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Love Gift

As we prepare to celebrate 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 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.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Esther Kang, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

By your grace may I remember, hither by thy help I've come.
And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Meek

Our Father in heaven,
We thank you for leading us into your light.
We bless you for sending us your Son our Savior
To call us from death to life.
We acknowledge that we were dead in sin before his call,
But have been made alive in him.
Yet we confess that old habits are hard to throw off,
And that sin and sinful patterns remain in our lives.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Guard us against this enemy within.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, in this coming new year,
Help us to live daily the new life Christ calls us to live.

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 Nicene Creed Rev. Meek
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lisa Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:3-11 Shanti Israni
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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Ligonier Camp Staff

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

SERMON *Joy Made Visible* Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
 A Community Formed by Christ's Light and Love

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. Larsen

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

▲ OFFERING SONG Cornerstone Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone! Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
 Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all!*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
 In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
 My anchor holds within the veil! *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found!
 Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne! *Chorus (2x)*

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Solo Meditation

Light of The World

Lauren Daigle

The world waits for a miracle, the heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come, O come Emmanuel.

A child prays for peace on earth, and she's calling out from a sea of hurt. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

And can you hear the angels singing:

Glory to the Light of the world. Glory the Light of the world is here.

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother, a baby's cry is the sound of love come down.

Come down, Emmanuel. He is the song for the suffering.

He is Messiah. The Prince of peace has come. He has come, Emmanuel.

Glory to the light of the world! (4x)

For all who wait, for all who hunger, for all who've prayed, for all who wonder,
behold your King, behold Messiah. Emmanuel Emmanuel!

Glory to the light of the world! (3x) Behold your King, behold Messiah! Emmanuel Emmanuel

The world waits for a miracle The heart longs for a little bit of hope. O come O come Emmanuel
Esther Kang, soprano

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

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

What A Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (3x)

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany Maurice Duruflé
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 474 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright *Puer nobis nascitur*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE God Is Light Eric Thiman
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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Christina Vanderbloemen

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CHORAL RESPONSE

And This Is My Prayer

Tony Payne

And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more with knowledge and depth of insight—so that you can tell what is best, and can be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

from Philippians 1:9-11

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

Trinitarian Blessings

K. Lee Scott

May the Blessing One sing in you, may the Seeking One walk with you.

May the Greeting One stand by you in your gladness and in your grieving.

May the Giving One relieve you, may the Given One retrieve you,

The Redeeming One receive you, in your falling and your restoring.

May the Binding One unite you, the Beloved One invite you,

May the Loving One delight you, Three-in-One, joy in life unending.

Brian Wren, alt.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Larsen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Congregavit in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere.

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where there is grace and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God,

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Rev. Larsen

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Everyone is invited to stay for a short Congregational Meeting,
followed by Coffee, Cookies, and Community in Stone Fellowship Hall.*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For All Ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:15 pm:** Congregational Meeting

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

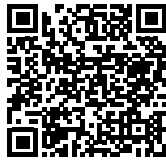
- **Religion and the American Revolution**, Charles Hambrick-Stowe (*Chapel & Online*)
- **How Christianity Changed the World**, David Siegreist (*Garden Room C*)
- **Pathway to Christian Discipleship**, NPC Staff (*Garden Room A*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 Generosity Commitments

As you consider your New Year's resolutions, if you haven't already done so we invite you to include prayerful reflection on what God may be asking of you in the year ahead. A commitment is not simply financial, it is a spiritual practice that aligns our intentions with trust in God's provision and work among us. Let your resolutions be shaped by gratitude, faith, and a desire to participate in all that God is doing through our church family. There are commitment cards in the narthex or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for the many ways you support the life and ministry of our church. 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).

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making Sunday, January 11, 12:30 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!

Club 45

**Sunday, January 11, 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 (jimeek@nationalpres.org).

Confirmation Interest Meeting Sunday, January 11, 12:00 pm Garden Rooms

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).

University Student Luncheon Sunday, Jan. 12 at 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 on Sunday, January 12 at 12:15 PM in the Parlor. For more details, contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Romania Mission Trip Info Session Sunday, January 11, 12:30 pm Garden Rooms

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).

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.

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:

Eleanor Elson Heginbotham.

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 giving to the glory of God
by Dolores Slaugh
in loving memory
of her husband Fred A. Slaugh

“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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