

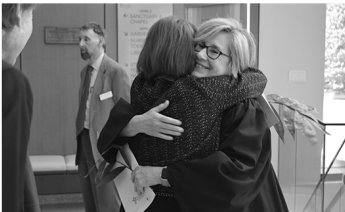
November 1, 2026
Communion of the Saints

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1



Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Parish Associate
Music

Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. Kristin Franke
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
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!

Celebration of the Saints in Glory

Deceased Members November 2025 to November 2026

Barbara Person	November 24, 2025	Louetta Rapp	May 16, 2026
Tom Blatnik	November 26, 2025	Janet Risseuw	May 24, 2026
Sallie Fleming	November 26, 2025	Donna Duss	May 30, 2026
Eleanor Heginbotham	December 23, 2025	Alice Foreman	June 1, 2026
Jerry Gruber	January 5, 2026	David Mack	July 15, 2026
Thomas Webster	January 9, 2026	Bev Newell	July 28, 2026
Doris Main	January 27, 2026	Bruce MacLaury	August 14, 2026
Ralph Taylor	February 24, 2026	Dick Tingley	September 7, 2026
Ralph Muoio	February 25, 2026	Marianne McCulloch	September 21, 2026
Pieter Bottelier	April 8, 2026	John Witherspoon	September 25, 2026
Fred Cogswell	April 25, 2026	Judith Preysnar	October 9, 2026

Service of Remembrance

Today, 12:30 pm

Chapel

All are invited to this worship service in which we remember those who have passed away in the previous year. Anyone who has lost a loved one may find peace and comfort in attending. The Columbarium will be open following the service.

Club 45

Today, 5:30 pm

Youth House

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. For more information, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

Youth Group

Today, 6:30 pm

Youth House

Bring a friend to youth group for dinner, Bible study, and games. Parents and NPC members are invited to sign up to bring an easy meal to share. For more details, contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Schedule at a Glance

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

Sunday, November 1

- 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: Service of Remembrance
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Saturday, November 7

- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Festival Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am: Serve Our City: Little Lights

Sunday, November 8

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: New Member Reception
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Indelible Grace

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust, life's glory dead,

and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up believers to be your own,
yet we have often been indifferent to your will.

You have enabled us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.

You have loved us with steadfast love, but we have not always been faithful servants.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.

With the great cloud of witnesses who have preceded us, keep us faithful to your call.

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. Larsen

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. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3
Pew Bible Page 978

Lydia Adcock

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministries

*Rising 1st to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Persevering in a Complicated World

Rev. Kristin Franke

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. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Give Me Jesus

Jeremy Camp
Spiritual

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone,
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die,
O when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world.

You can have all this world. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus!

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Hylton

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Solo Meditation

Still

Reuben Morgan

Hide me now under your wings. Cover me within your mighty hand.

When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will soar with you above the storm!

Father, you are King over the flood. I will be still and know you are God.

Find rest, my soul, in Christ alone. Know his power in quietness and trust. *Chorus*

Joanna Zorack-Greene, soloist

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Keith and Kristyn Getty

How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
to conquer every sting of death; Sing, sing hallelujah!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes;

Alive he stands their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen.

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed;

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace;

And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. *Chorus*

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save;

He frees our hearts to live his grace; Go tell of his goodness. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Franke

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer
with a member of our prayer team.*

Songs used by permission: CCLI #100655 and #17315

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Solemn Prelude

Gerald Near

CHIMES

on a Theme of Thomas Tallis

Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN

Since Our Great High Priest

Unser Herrscher

Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names,
Reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, pow'rs and claims;
Since to heav'n our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!

Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain,
Who, like us, was tired and tempted, unlike us, without a stain;
Since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace.

Sacrifice and suff'ring over, now he sits at God's right hand,
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast, his preeminence long planned;
Such a great high priest we have, strong to help, supreme to save.

Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end,
Pioneer of our salvation, mighty advocate and friend;
Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

"Come away to the skies, my beloved,
arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born,
On this festival day come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return."

Exultation

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up believers to be your own,
yet we have often been indifferent to your will.

You have enabled us to speak, but we have been silent.

You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.

You have loved us with steadfast love, but we have not always been faithful servants.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.

With the great cloud of witnesses who have preceded us, keep us faithful to your call.

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

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 Nicene Creed Rev. Larsen

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. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3
Pew Bible Page 978

Annabel Levy

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministries

*Rising 1st to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Persevering in a Complicated World

Rev. Kristin Franke

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Guide My Feet

Wendell Whalum

Guide my feet while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race.

Spiritual

Stand by me while I run this race. I'm your child while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Howard Helvey

My Lord, what a mornin', O my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

Spiritual

The night is passing, soon be gone, then my Lord will come;

Trumpet sound will call me on, to my heav'nly home.

With Gréta Kristín Ásgeirsson, harp

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Hylton

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation Don't Be Weary, Traveler

H. T. Burleigh
Spiritual

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

My way was lost upon the road, come along home to Jesus

Pilgrim with a heavy load, come along home to Jesus.

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Near to Jesus every day, come along home to Jesus.

Follow in the narrow way, come along home to Jesus.

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus.

Sheri Jackson, soprano

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Hylton

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

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

Congregation seated

For all the saints who from their labors rest,

Who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;

Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of the Saints in Glory *please see names on page 2.*

Dr. Hylton

Choir And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,

Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ ***Congregation standing***

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Franke

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Gordon Young

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God are free from pain; they are at peace.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor

J. S. Bach

BWV 546

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer
with a member of our prayer team.*

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

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
- **12:30 pm:** Service of Remembrance
- **5:00 pm:** Club 45
- **6:30 pm:** Youth Group

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 worship service. To maintain a safe environment, we have age guidelines for each room. Babies and crawlers are in Room 207. Strong walkers & 2-year-olds are in Room 230. 3-year-olds & 4-year-olds are in 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.

Fall 2026 Adult Discipleship Classes

For more information, check our [website](#).

20s/30s (Garden Room A)

First Corinthians (Chapel)

Parent Gathering (Jones Hall in the Education Building)

The Book of Isaiah (Garden Rooms B & C)

The Dangerous Act of Loving One's Neighbor (Room 209)

After the Revolution: Religion in the New Republic (Room 109)



**Called
to Care**

The Deacons' Assistance Fund offers confidential financial assistance to members of our church experiencing hardship. Please contact the Care Office for more information. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:8

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 7, 8:00 am
Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us for a delicious, hearty, hot breakfast and great fellowship. We will hear from Dennis Burgart, one of our military veterans and men's ministry leaders.

Serve Our City: Little Lights

Saturday, November 7, 10:00 am
Offsite

You are invited to provide a safe, fun, and encouraging space for their students to spend their unstructured weekend hours. Whether it's playing games, making a craft, or helping with homework, this will be an excellent opportunity to encourage our city's youth! Anyone 16 and over can join. For more information, contact Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

Sunday, November 8, 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!

Lookout For Stewardship Packages

Expect to receive your package in the mail this week, outlining this year's season of gratitude and generosity!

New Member Sunday

Sunday, November 8
Stone Fellowship Hall

Please join us in welcoming the newest members to our church family! They will be recognized during the 11:00 am service. Afterward, everyone is invited to a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall to meet them. Name tags will be provided.

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 and get connected:



Reserve your place in the Festival Choir!

Comfort and Joy

Our Coming Savior in

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 5 pm

Rehearsals for this musical masterpiece begin 10 am on Saturday, November 7

Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday Rehearsals 10 am – 1 pm

November 7, 14, 21 and December 5

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, December 11 from 7 pm – 10 pm

Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

For information or to immediately sign up go to www.nationalpres.org/messiah-2026.
or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Newcomers and Long-timers:

Let us know you are here! Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online, we want to know 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 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

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 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 pray for:

European Christian Mission, International as they support churches and church planters across Europe.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, careoffice@nationalpres.org
202-537-7537.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given by John and Robyn Soldner
in loving memory of Robyn's parents
Robert and Maggi Best.

Heritage Brief

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - COLUMBARIUM

The Presbyterian News announced in its August 1990 edition that construction was underway on a new columbarium for the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Completed and dedicated on February 10, 1991, the project capped a five-year planning effort by NPC leaders and congregants at a cost of \$592,000. It provided 1,072 niches capable of holding over 6,000 urns. Undertaken 20 years after the completion of our Nebraska Avenue church home, this project addressed what was then a scarcity of burial space in our urban area. The original Columbarium Committee was chaired by Robert L. Baker, who was joined by Jane Baker, Walter McCabe, Nancy Pond, Kenneth Park Sears, C. Douglas Elliott, Elder for Building and Grounds John O. Freeman, and Director of Administration Henry R. Mastroni.

Now, 26 years later, this space—located on the first floor of our main building below the Narthex and adjacent to Stone Hall—continues to provide a quiet, dignified, and consecrated burial space for our congregants. We invite you to stop by the columbarium before or after worship services to take note of the familiar and honored names inurned or memorialized within our beautiful church building.

Prepared by the NPC History & Archives Ministry

"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.



4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
WWW.NATIONALPRES.ORG



[/NATIONALPRES](#)

[@NATIONALPRES](#)