











November 22, 2026

Christ The King
Thanksgiving
Commitment Sunday

Welcome to

National Presbyterian Church

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

And the king will answer them,
'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of
the least of these who are members of my
family, you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

Senior Pastor	Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Associate Pastors	Rev. Lisa Larsen
	Rev. Craig Meek
	Rev. Kristin Franke
Parish Associate	Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
	Todd Fickley (Organist)
	Joanna Zorack-Greene
	(Contemporary Music Leader)
Ministry Directors	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!

Thanksgiving Collection
During both services, we invite you to donate nonperishable food items. Donations will support Central Union Mission and the Food Pantry at UDC. For a list of suggested donations, please visit our website.

Commitment Sunday
We invite you to bring your commitment cards to share how you plan to help NPC show Christ's love within and beyond our walls in 2027. Find out more on our website.

Youth Family Service Night
Sunday, November 22, 5:00 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall
NPC youth families are invited to join for an evening of prepping lasagnas for Martha's Table, followed by a potluck dinner. Please visit our website for more information or contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

No Sunday School
Sunday, November 29
Enjoy the day off from classes!

All Church Advent Night
Sunday, November 29, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary and Stone Fellowship Hall
All are invited to this joyful, intergenerational, hands-on evening of worship, crafts, and dinner together to celebrate Advent's beginning!

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, December 5, 8:00 am
Stone Fellowship Hall
Join us for a delicious, hearty, hot breakfast and great fellowship.

Schedule at a Glance
For information about all of these events, please see the Events page on our website.

Sunday, November 22: Thanksgiving Collection & Commitment Sunday
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
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- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Festival Choir Rehearsal

Mission Gifts for Christmas
Sunday, December 6 & 13
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.

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 — Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love — Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.
You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.
That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood,
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus*

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Dr. Stoltzfus

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Glory to thee, both day and night, for all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee, I—ere I sleep—at peace may be.
Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die so I may rise glorious at that final day.
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. — Thomas Ken, alt
Anglican bishop, hymn writer, and royal chaplain, Author of "The Doxology"

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 — *Nun danket alle Gott*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given,
The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,
The God who was and is, and shall be evermore. — Martin Rinkart, 1636

▲ Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed Dr. Stoltzfus

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. Lisa Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 Holly Novak
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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon Serving Christ in a Complicated World Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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Call for Offering of Tithes and Thanksgiving Gifts Rev. Larsen

You may bring your gifts and commitment cards forward during the offering song.

▲ Offering Song Sovereign Chris Tomlin

Sovereign in the mountain air, sovereign on the ocean floor,
with me in the calm, with me in the storm!
Sovereign in my greatest joy, sovereign in my deepest cry,
with me in the dark, with me at the dawn!

In your everlasting arms, all the pieces of my life, from beginning to the end, I can trust you.
In your never-failing love, you work everything for good.
God, whatever comes my way, I will trust you!
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All my hopes, all I need, held in your hands!
All my life, all of me, held in your hands!
All my fears, all my dreams, held in your hands! *(2x) Chorus*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing: "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart:
"Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb" *Chorus*

▲ 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. Larsen

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 King of My Heart John Mark McMillan

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from! Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song!

You are good, good! Oh! (4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. Oh, he is my song!
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days! Oh, he is my song! *Chorus*

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! *(4x) Chorus*

▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ Dr. Hylton

▲ Sending NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP
Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE — Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657 — J. S Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP — Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 6 — Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending — *Helmsley*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE — *Weisse Flaggen*

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart;
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. — Charles Wesley

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison — Dr. Stoltzfus

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Choral Response — *Wie schön leuchtet*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sov'reign meek and lowly!
O Branch of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Savior, thou hast won
My heart to serve thee solely!
Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all-victorious, rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing. — Philipp Nikolai, 1597

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts — Rev. Larsen

Offertory — In Everything Give Thanks — Lanny Wolfe/Lari Goss

In everything give the King of kings all the thanks.
With all the good things that had come his way,
it's no wonder you could hear Job say,
"The Lord giveth and he taketh away, I'll give him thanks."
But when the tables were turned around, and Job's world came crashing down,
his faith in God caused Job to say, "I'll still give him thanks."
In everything give him thanks, give him thanks, in everything give him thanks.
In the good times, praise his Name, in the bad times, do the same.
In everything give the King of kings all the thanks!
When trouble comes and there's no one around, Satan tries to tell me that God's let me down.
Through every dark hour the best thing I've found is to give God the thanks.
For he has never, never failed me yet, so why should I start now to worry or fret?
In everything I won't ever forget to give God the thanks.
Give the King of kings all the thanks.
In everything give the King of kings all the thanks! — With Judith Hylton, soloist

▲ Procession of Thanksgiving Gifts — *St. George's Windsor*

Congregation brings gifts of food and commitment cards to the Chancel tables as the organ plays, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

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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 of Thanksgiving — O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand — *Duke Street*

May God's hand that offers us abundance also guide us in paths of righteousness, to yield a harvest that is eternal.

O God, beneath thy guiding hand our exiled forebears crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand, with prayer and psalm they worshiped thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer; thy blessing came, and still its power
Does onward through the ages bear the mem'ry of that holy hour.

Now here thy name, O God of love, their children's children do adore,
Till these majestic hills remove, and spring adorns the earth no more.

▲ Benediction — Dr. Hylton

▲ Congregation Response — *Nun danket alle Gott*

O may our bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
To keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
Through this world's many ills, in faith until the next. — Martin Rinkart, alt.

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ — Rev. Larsen

▲ Postlude — Marche Triomphale on "Nun Danket" — Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Mr. Fickley, organ

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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 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.

Sunday School classes will not meet next week, Sunday, November 29.

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

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 / 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

Grief Workshop
Sunday, December 6, 12:30 pm
Care Ministries is offering a Grief Workshop on "Navigating the Holidays." To attend, please contact Wray Muoio (wmuoio@nationalpres.org or call 202-537-7540) .

NPS Welcomes Applicants from NPC
Applications from NPC families receive special consideration at National Presbyterian School. NPC applications for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 are due November 23; Kindergarten and older are due January 8. For more information, please visit the website or contact Director of Enrollment & Marketing Robin Baker (rbaker@nps-dc.org or 202-537-7569).

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:

NOTES

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Newcomers and Long-timers:
Let us know you are here! Whether in the Sanctuary or worshiping 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 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 and Commitments Make 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 make a gift in support of the general ministry at NPC:

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:

If you prefer to make your 2027 commitment online, please 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 at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Prayers

We pray for:
University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they develop Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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 and in memory of Mr. Carl Joseph Gilbert Anderson by his son, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Comfort and Joy
Our Coming Savior in
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 5 pm

No Tickets Required. A Freewill Offering Will Be Received

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

"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 worshiping with children nearby, please welcome and encourage them as they grow in their faith.

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