











November 8, 2026
New Member Sunday

Welcome to

National Presbyterian Church

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

The eye is the lamp of the body.
So, if your eye is healthy,
your whole body will be full of light.
Matthew 6:22

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!

Season of Generosity Begins Today!
We invite you to praticipate in graitude and generosity for the next 14 days with us. We invite you to scan the QR code and share where you've witnessed Him! Please visit our website for more information.



Sunday Sandwich Making
Sunday, November 15, 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!

Military Ministry Meeting
Sunday, November 15, 12:15 pm
Garden Rooms
In honor of Veterans Day, we will listen to stories from our church family. Lunch will be served, and all are welcome.

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

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
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Saturday, November 14
- 10:00 am: Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group
- 6:30 pm: Reformed Institute Event

Reformed Institute Event
Sunday, November 15, 6:30 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall
Please join us for an evening with Kristin Lee, author of *We Mend with Gold: An Immigrant Daughter's Reckoning with American Christianity*. For more information and to RSVP, please go to reformedinstitute.org.

New Member Sunday
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 Members

Annabel Barger	Kensington, MD	Kimberly Hauge	Washington, DC
Tim Barger	Kensington, MD	Carolina Honea Belfon	Chevy Chase, MD
Marcus Belfon	Chevy Chase, MD	James McDonald	Silver Spring, MD
Margaret Bell-Walker	Washington, DC	Casey Medlin	Arlington, VA
Corrie Berg	Arlington, VA	Santanya Prince	Washington, DC
Shane Berg	Arlington, VA	Harrington Shaw	Arlington, VA
Akosua Boame	Washington, DC	Sylvain Vité	Washington, DC
A.J. Bryant	Washington, DC	Parker Wiseman	Washington, DC
Sasmita Bryant	Washington, DC	Janette Woods	Chevy Chase, MD
Drew Hauge	Washington, DC	Andrew Zeyveld	Washington, DC

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING — Improvisations — Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG — Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — *Cwm Rhondda*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more, feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Meek

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord our God, in worship we bow before you today, seeking your mercy, trusting your grace. We acknowledge to you and one another that we are sinners, prone to wander from your ways. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. Guide the vessel of our lives toward you, who alone are the tranquil haven of all storm-tossed souls. Curb our wayward senses. Show us your course before us. Guide us to what is our true good in your glorious and gladdening kingdom. — Basil of Caesarea

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 — Rev. Meek

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. Meek

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture — Matthew 6:19-24 *Pew Bible Page 787* — Deacon J. Paul Waymack Major, USA, MC

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

A Time for Children of All Ages — Melanie Lenhard, Associate 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 — Eyes to See the Kingdom — 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 — Rev. Lisa 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 — My Worth Is Not In What I Own — Fernando Ortega

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love… at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed… at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other, my soul is satisfied in him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die. Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us… at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ… at the cross. *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid… at the cross. *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 — By Faith — Keith and Kristyn Getty

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our forebears walked the earth with the pow'r of God's promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *Chorus*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ 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 — Aria in a Classic Style — Marcel Grandjany
Madeline Jarzembak, harp
US Navy Concert Band
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 262 *verses 1-3* — God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand — *National Hymn*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Meek

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn 262, verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison — Rev. Meek

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SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me, — J. S. Bach
Long my heart hath panted, till it well-nigh fainted thirsting after thee. — *Jesu, meine Freude*
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, I will suffer nought to hide thee,
ask for nought beside thee.

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Amen, amen.

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Choral Response — J. S. Bach

Jesus, heaven's treasure, more than earthly pleasure thou art all to me. *Jesu, meine Freude*
Trusting thy salvation, free from condemnation, I seek after thee.
Here, where moth and thief would steal, I give my allegiance to thee,
thou who hast redeemed me.

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts — Rev. Lisa Larsen

Offertory — The Mansions of the Lord — Nick Glennie-Smith

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing;
Our broken brothers let us bring to the mansions of the Lord.
No more bleeding, no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night;
Just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord.
Where no mothers cry and no children weep, we will stand and guard though the angels sleep;
All through the ages safely keep the mansions of the Lord.

Randall Wallace
With Adam Green, timpani

New Member Recognition — Dr. Hylton

Exchange of Vows

Prayer *in unison*

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

▲ Doxology *Old Hundredth*

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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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 562 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *Melita*

▲ Benediction Dr. Hylton

▲ Choral Amen

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Larsen

▲ Postlude Concerto for Harp and Organ G. F. Handel
Ms. Jarzembak, harp
Mr. Neil, 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.

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

Deacons
Our deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen, pray, visit, and encourage you. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Love one another.
John 13:34

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Collection
Sunday, November 22
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
Sunday, November 22
We invite you to commit to help NPC generously share Christ's love within and beyond our walls in 2027. Please visit our website for more infomation.

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 to see what supplies to bring and to sign up for a shareable dish, or contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

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

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).

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 masterpiece continue 10 am on Saturday, November 14
Rehearsal Schedule
Saturday Rehearsals 10 am – 1 pm
November 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!

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:

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 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:
Forman Christian College, in Lahore, Pakistan as they provide Christian education and witness.

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 to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

"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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