

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

National Presbyterian School Sunday

*When Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his face in his mantle and
went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
Then there came a voice to him that said,
'What are you doing here, Elijah?'*

1 Kings 19:13

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Kristin Franke

Parish Associate
Music

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
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!

National Presbyterian School Sunday

We are glad to celebrate that National Presbyterian School is a mission of National Presbyterian Church. This morning we welcome members of the NPS community as they help to lead our morning worship.

Meet your Deacons!

Today, March 1, after 11:00 am Worship

Deacons are servant leaders who care for the congregation. They listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit when you are ill, support you through difficult times, and help you connect with other church members. Come to Stone Fellowship Hall to enjoy cookies and meet the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Deacons.

College Student Luncheon

Today, 12:15 pm

Parlor

All college students are invited to bring a friend and enjoy lunch after 11:00 am worship. Come get to know NPC better, and help us get to know you better! No RSVP necessary. Please contact Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org) with any questions.

Spring Women's Ministry Retreat

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a beautifully paced day of rest, renewal, and rich connection as we gather around this year's theme, *Loved Beyond Measure*, an exploration of God's faithful, fulfilling love for us. Our retreat speaker, Elizabeth Fitch, brings a warm, grounded presence shaped by a life that has woven together small-town roots and big-city experience. We'll enjoy great music, a delicious lunch, and the gift of unhurried time together. Visit the [Events page](#) to [register](#) and for more information.

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, March 1

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Meet Your Deacons
- 12:15 pm: College Student Luncheon
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00 am: Women's Ministry Retreat

Sunday, March 8

- 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: Serve Summit
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Serve Summit:

Come Learn. Come Connect. Come Serve.

Sunday, March 8, 12:30 pm

Garden Rooms

All are invited to enjoy a delicious lunch and discover the many transformational mission partnerships and service opportunities at National Presbyterian Church—locally, nationally, and around the world. Connect with fellow NPC members and explore meaningful ways to get involved and make a difference. Together, we'll reflect on the impact of the Serve Ministries and consider the next step God may be calling you to take as you join in the work of His Kingdom.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CHIMES National Presbyterian School Students

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG The Solid Rock *Solid Rock*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on his unchanging grace.

In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

God of love,

in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done,

we have sinned in ignorance, weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We therefore turn in sorrow to you, and humbly repent.

Forgive us, and renew our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Savior.

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY

Rev. Larsen
Mr. Malcolm Lester
Head, National Presbyterian School

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

I Kings 19:1-13
Pew Bible Page 284

Charlie Safwat
NPS 5th Grader

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Todd Sutton
Chaplain, National Presbyterian School

“Go Now in Peace” *Sung and taught to us by National Presbyterian School Alumni*

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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

SERMON

Encountering God More Deeply
God's Still, Small Voice

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. 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

O the Deep, Deep Love Bob Kauflin and Samuel Trevor Francis

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me;

Underneath me, all around me is the current of your love;

Leading onward, leading homeward to your glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love; all I need and trust is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore;

How he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;

How he watches o'er his loved ones, those he died to make his own;

How for them he's interceding, pleading now before the throne. *Chorus (2x)*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest;

It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test;

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend;

You will bring us home to glory, where your love will never end. *Chorus (2x)*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Meek

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

Rev. Meek

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Sutton, NPS Students and Alumni

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

May the Peoples Praise You

Getty and Townend

You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife

with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace,

may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Hylton

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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OFFERTORY

It Is Enough
God's prophet in exhaustion, fear, and despair

Felix Mendelssohn
Elijah

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers.

Now let me die, Lord, now take away my life.

Paul Grosvenor, with Atticus Mellor-Goldman, cello

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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Music Meditation

He Watching Over Israel
God's provision for the prophet

Felix Mendelssohn
Elijah

Psalm 121:4

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, he will quicken thee.

Prayer of Response

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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

- **Church in Late Antiquity**, R.V. Seep (*Chapel & Online*)
- **Discovering the Gospel of John**, Margaret Gardner (*Garden Room C*)
- **Financial Peace University**, Megan Schmoll & Leah Skrine (*Garden Room A*)
- **The Listening Life**, Ginny Beeson & Lewrene Glaser (*Room 209*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

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



Prayer Cards

May we pray for you? Prayer cards are in the guestbook and may be left in the collection plate or the prayer box in the Welcome Center.

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Jeremiah 29:12

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Service Project & Luncheon **Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 am** **Stone Fellowship Hall**

You are invited for a special morning of community service, fellowship, and lunch. From hands-on service to heartwarming connection, this is a wonderful opportunity to love our community and enjoy time together. Questions? Contact Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Men's Breakfast **Saturday, March 14, 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. Our speaker this month will be Rev. Jimmie Hawkins who currently serves as the Director of Advocacy office of PC (USA). Email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making **Sunday, March 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!

Ordination of Associate Pastor **Kristin Franke** **Sunday, March 15, 3:00 pm** **Sanctuary**

The National Capital Presbytery joyfully invites you to the Service of Ordination for Kristin Franke as Associate Pastor for Next Generation Formation at the National Presbyterian Church. The church nursery will be open for infants to Pre-K. Following the service, there will be a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Grief Group **Sunday, March 15, 12:30 pm**

On March 15, 2026, Care Ministries will begin an eight-week class to offer healing and provide support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Please email careoffice@nationalpres.org or call (202) 537-7540 if interested in attending.

Call for Praise Band

Do you play drums, guitar, bass, another instrument or sing? Our Contemporary Worship Band is looking for volunteer musicians to join our rotating roster. Participation does not need to be weekly and is Sunday mornings only. You are welcome to "try it out" if interested. If you love music and are interested in serving through worship, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to our fabulous band leader Joanna Zorack-Greene (jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org) for

Call for Singers

*National Presbyterian Church
Festival Choir and Orchestra Concert*

Palm Sunday

5 PM March 29, 2026

Music of Felix Mendelssohn

"As The Hart Pants," Op. 42, No. 1

"Hymn of Praise," Op. 52

Rehearsal Schedule

Preliminary Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

Performance Weekend

Friday, March 27, 7 pm to 10 pm

Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday, March 29, 3:30 pm Call

[Pre-Register Online](#) or

Call the Music Office at 202-537-7553

Associate for Youth Ministries

NPC is hiring an Associate for Youth Ministries. The ideal candidate has a heart for reaching middle school and high school youth with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This position will be responsible for all aspects of weekly youth programs and special events, as well as maintaining the relational outreach and connection aspect of the Youth Ministry. For more information and to apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Edward Blanton in honor of his father Edward's 104th birthday on March 8th.

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 Ralph Taylor, Jr.

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 202-537-7540.

Per Capita

The National Capital Presbytery has set the per capita rate at \$48.56 per person, which is the amount NPC pays for each active member in our congregation. You may scan the QR Code below if you would like to contribute toward this cost.



“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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