

May 24, 2026
Pentecost

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*But Moses said to him,
'Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the Lord's people were prophets,
and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'
Numbers 11:29*

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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)

Parish Associate
Music

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!

Military Ministry Meeting

Today, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

In honor of Memorial Day, our own Colonel Glenn Schmitt will give a presentation on the meaning/importance of Memorial Day and past military heroes at National Presbyterian Church. Lunch will be served, and all are welcome!

Young Adult Cookout

Today, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Kick off the summer with a young adult cookout after worship today! Bring a friend and a side or dessert to share. Walk-ins welcome!

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, May 24

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 12:30 pm: Young Adult Cookout

Sunday, May 31

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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:



Food For our Neighbors

NPC has relaunched our Food Pantry to care for neighbors facing food insecurity affecting nearly 40% of DC residents. Ongoing collections will support students at University of the District of Columbia and families at Central Union Mission. As you shop this week, consider picking up a few extra items to share and drop in the wooden bin just inside the main entrance from the parking lot. Follow the link for [suggested donations](#).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

No children, youth, or adult Sunday School today; classes resume next week.

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 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. 3s and 4s 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.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ OPENING SONG Holy Spirit Keith and Kristyn Getty

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see,

Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made.

Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,

That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, you have mercy on all. Forgive my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, a heart to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake.

St. Ambrose of Milan

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. Franke

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 11:24-30
Pew Bible Page 114

COL Glenn Schmitt
USA (Ret)

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Franke

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

SERMON

Spirit Without Borders

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Oceans

Joel Houston

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail,
And there I find you in the mystery; in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours and you are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now.

*So I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours and you are mine.*

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders;
let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. (2x)

*And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours and you are mine.*

- ▲ 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 Dr. Stoltzfus
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 *Battle Hymn*
Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.
He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*
In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on. *Refrain*

- ▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Larsen

- ▲ 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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CAPT Ginny Beeson

USN (Ret)

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SERMON

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RESPONSE *sung first by the choir then the congregation*

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Adoro te devote

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;

Help me thou thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;

And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;

Help me now thy truth to see, I would truthful be;

And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;

And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;

Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;

Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,

And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;

Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;

Let thy Word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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. Amen.

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 Your Gift of God the Spirit

Geneva

For your gift of God the Spirit, pow'r to make our lives anew,

Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior we do worship you.

Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne,

Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make our life your own.

He who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,

Still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep,

Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin;

Brings to birth and seals and fills us—saving Advocate within.

He himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word,

Reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.

He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,

He whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts to rule today,

Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.

Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;

In us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done. Margaret Clarkson

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

J. S. Bach

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 am
Stone Fellowship Hall

Men are invited to join us for the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. This month, our speaker is Greg Holyfield, a U.S. Army veteran, former USAID humanitarian aid worker, and recent graduate of George Washington University's rehabilitation counseling master's program. Please email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

Our Journey of Discipleship Together!

We are all on a journey of faith to grow closer to Christ—through worship, prayer, scripture, and service. NPC has many resources available to support you on your journey. Please visit nationalpres.org/discipleship or contact the Connections Ministry (chan@nationalpres.org).

Support VBS & Our Mission Partners

Did you know that every day at Vacation Bible School, the kids do a service project to love our neighbors and support one of our mission partners? Help us prepare hygiene kits for Central Union Mission, trail mix for Martha's Table, and pencil kits for Solution in Hometown Connections by donating supplies for these projects. Use the QR code below or email Jill (jmeek@nationalpres.org) for the link.



Thank you for your support!

Thanks to the generous support of NPC, our youth raised \$4,900 for their summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic. These funds will go toward construction materials in the community, as well as support for our youth and adults serving on this trip. We welcome your continued prayers for our team as they prepare for their trip in July!

Join Our Team!

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.

Ministry Internship Hub

This fall, NPC is running a Ministry Internship Hub, and hiring 4-6 ministry interns in a variety of areas. These internships are open to any college-aged students interested in serving part time at NPC, and exploring conversations about leadership and spiritual development. Primary hours of work will be Sunday mornings, with an additional group supervision meeting to be scheduled during the week.

For more information and to apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs, or email Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

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 you and care for you:

- Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

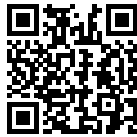
If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- 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

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 mourn:

the passing of Sallie Fleming

We pray for:

Martha's Table, as they create community-led programs in Washington DC, focusing on empowering neighbors to thrive from early childhood through adulthood

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 in loving memory of Cornelis Huijsson by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25th birthday.

“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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