

May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19*

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. 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!

Doxology: *The Hope That Holds Us*

This single service at 10 am on June 14 will feature a wonderful mix of choral and congregational singing, as together we raise our “words of glory” to God. Bring your family and friends!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 14, 11:15 am

Sanctuary

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, June 14, in the Sanctuary immediately following the single 10:00 am worship service. The agenda will include the 2025 Annual Report and the current Strategic Plan.

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:



Week at a Glance

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

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

Saturday, June 6

- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 7

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group Pool Party

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

This month our speaker is Greg Holyfield, a U.S. Army veteran and former USAID humanitarian aid worker. Please email grow@nationalpres.org for more information.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The NPC Summer Schedule Begins June 21

Summer Choir

Summer Choir rehearses only on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. Love to sing? We would love to welcome you! For more information contact the music office at dwulff@nationalpres.org.

Hands-On Summer

This summer all are invited to participate in family-friendly hands-on bible study and service together! We'll meet in the Garden Rooms from 9:55-10:45 am, and all ages can participate. Each week we'll start with Scripture that will lead us into our project.

Adult Plenary

Throughout the Summer, NPC invites experts from across the DMV area to discuss with us matters related to faith and practice in the present-day. We have an excellent and varied lineup this year, so come along to Stone Fellowship Hall at 9:55am and bring your questions!

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 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. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God our Father,

help us to nail to the cross of your dear Son the whole body of our death:

the wrong desires of the heart,

the sinful devising of the mind, the corrupt gaze of the eyes,

the cruel words of the tongue, the ill-employment of the hands and feet;

that the old self being crucified and done away,

the new self may live and grow into the glorious likeness of Jesus Christ,

your Son our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God and blessed Trinity.

Eric Milner-White

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. Larsen

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. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20
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Caylyn Bodger

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
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

Baptized Into God's Mission

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

King of Kings

Brooke and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven you came running. There was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of Glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.

Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died. *Chorus*

And the morning that you rose all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall prevail, shall not faint.
By his blood and in his Name, in his freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. *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!

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545 J. S. Bach
CHIMES Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE P. I. Tchaikovsky
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, Hallelujah! Blessed Trinity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Larsen

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Melita*
O Trinity of love and power, we lift our voice to you this hour: The Navy Hymn
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect us wheresoe'er we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Elder Delores Ziegler

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Lucy Marie Adams

Daughter of Kathryn Marie Adams and William Bradford Adams

Shepard Steven Stavropoulos

Son of Molly Morgan Beste and Steven Constantine Panos Stavropoulos

Prayer of Response

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Trinitarian Blessings

K. Lee Scott

May the Blessing One sing in you,

May the Seeking One walk with you,

May the Greeting One stand by you

in your gladness and in your grieving.

May the Gifting One relieve you,

May the Given One retrieve you,

The Redeeming One receive you, in your falling and your restoring.

May the Binding One unite you,

The Belovèd One invite you,

May the Loving One delight you, Three-in-One, joy in life unending. Brian Wren, alt.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERTORY

Christ Calls Us Forth

K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among its masses to proclaim

to all in hopeless pain and need the glory of his saving Name.

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you,

and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and Judea and Samaria,

to the utmost ends of the earth."

Christ sends us forth to Judea's plains, where angels told his wondrous birth;

to humble villages around retell the Savior's matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria to those of different clan and race,

that they may know his loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

Christ sends us forth to the world around: "To every creature bear the word."

Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own him as the Lord.

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Hylton

▲ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meek

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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Pleading Savior

Lord, you give the Great Commission: "In my name baptize and teach"

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each.

Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for your work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: "Heal the sick and preach the Word"

Lest the church neglect your mission, and the Gospel go unheard.

Give us all new fervor; draw us closer in community;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for your work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end,"

Faith and hope and love restoring; may we serve as you intend.

And amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for your work of ministry.

Jeffrey Rowthorn, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

K. Lee Scott

Three-in-One, joy in life unending.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Meek

▲ POSTLUDE

St. Patrick's Breastplate

John Hebden Schaffner

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:15 pm:** Coffee, Cookies, & Community

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.

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*)
- **The Listening Life**, Ginny Beeson & Lewrene Glaser (*Room 209*)
- **Parent Gathering** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

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



**Called
to Care**

The Deacons' Assistance Fund offers financial assistance to members of our church experiencing hardship. This fund is solely supported by the generosity of our congregation. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Playground Playdate

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am

NPS Playground

Join other NPC families on Saturday, June 13 for some fun at the NPS Playground. Kids can play and adults can get to know each other better!

Mission Trip to Romania

Several members of the NPC family will leave this week for a mission trip to Romania. From June 5 - 14 they will act as the hands and feet of Christ sharing His love with those who need it most. Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and for the work being done throughout the trip.

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. For suggested donations, visit the [NPC website](#).

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us every 2nd Sunday in Stone Fellowship Hall after the 11 am worship service to make sandwiches for Martha's Table.

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 Meek

(jmeek@nationalpres.org) for the link.



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 Louetta Rapp.

We pray for:

Little Lights Urban Ministries as they provide tutoring, friendship, holistic ministry and services to children and families living in underserved communities in DC.

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 by Diane Stewart in loving memory of her mother, Leah Alma Stewart.

“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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