

June 21, 2026



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*We have been buried with him by  
baptism into death, so that, just as  
Christ was raised from the dead by  
the glory of the Father, so we too might  
walk in newness of life.*

Romans 6:4

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](http://nationalpres.org). Questions? Email us at [info@nationalpres.org](mailto:info@nationalpres.org)!

## Our Summer Schedule Begins Today!

During the Sunday School hour there are two wonderful ways to engage. Hands-On Summer, an opportunity for all ages to serve and participate in Bible study together, and our Summer Speaker Series, which will offer invaluable insights about living faithfully in challenging times. Check out page 9 for more information. See you there!

## Adult Serve Project & Luncheon Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 am-1:30 pm Parlor

Summer is here, and it's time to celebrate by serving together! You are invited to a morning of service and fellowship as we work on a variety of projects supporting our local mission partner, Friendship Place. Following the service projects, we will enjoy lunch with the youth of NPC, and please bring your electronic devices if you would like optional tech support assistance after the meal.

## 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, June 21

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-On Summer
- 10:00 am: Summer Choir
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community

### Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26

- 9:00 am: VBS

### Sunday, June 28

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-on Summer
- 10:00 am: Summer Choir
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

## Snack Collection for Unique Learning Center

### June 21-28

Next Sunday, during Hands-On Summer we will be assembling snack bags for our mission partner, Unique Learning Center. These snack packs fuel kids for learning and fun during ULC's summer programs. Bring snack donations to the Garden Rooms on Sunday June 28 at 9:55am, or, drop-off during VBS check-in this week. A variety of snacks are welcomed - individually packaged items such as fruit snacks, Sun Chips, Cheez-its, Rice Krispies, granola bars, mini muffins, etc.

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ OPENING SONG How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design  
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,  
you know the thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,  
and done evil in your sight.

Wash us, we pray, from the stains of our sins,  
Give us grace to put away hurtful things,  
that, being delivered from bondage to sin,  
we may bring forth fruits of repentance,  
and at last enter into your promised joy.

Alcuin of York

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.



Lord, did you not hold my hand in the night?  
We sat in the silence and waited for light.  
Have we not mourned together and planted these tears?  
Will we not call it good when the new life appears?

Lord, in my living, Lord at my death,  
my comfort in this life, my hope in the next.  
O Lord at the close will you not be the one  
turning the page to your kingdom come? *Chorus (2x)*

- ▲ 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. 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.

- ▲ CLOSING SONG In Christ Alone Townend and Getty  
In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied-  
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. (2x)*

- ▲ 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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# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE      An American Suite: Variations on Wondrous Love      David Dahl  
CHIMES      Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP      Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ HYMN 495 *verses 1-3*      We Know That Christ Is Raised      Engleberg

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION      Rev. Franke

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Hymn 495, verse 4

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia! Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*      Rev. Franke

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you know the thoughts of our hearts.  
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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

▲ 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

Romans 6:1-11

Ron Martinson

*Pew Bible Page 917*

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Sasha May and Evan Atchison

Children’s Ministries Interns

*Rising 1st to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children’s Chapel.*

*Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Alive in Christ

Rev. Lisa Larsen

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

*Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.*

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

How blest are those whose great sin has freely been forgiven,

Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heav’n.

Blest those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin,

Whose guilt has been forgiven, whose heart is true again.

Fred R. Anderson

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERTORY

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

*And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior’s blood?

Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father’s throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race;

‘Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

*And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.

Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

*Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!*

Charles Wesley

▲ DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

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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 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.

# SUMMER SCHEDULE

## Summer Choir, 10:00 am

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](mailto:dwulff@nationalpres.org).

## Hands-On Summer, 9:55 am

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.

## Summer Speaker Series, 9:55 am

Throughout the Summer, NPC invites guest speakers from across the DMV area to discuss with us matters related to faith and practice in the present-day. Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall at 9:55 am and bring your questions!

**Today: Robert "Bruce" Douglas**

The Reformed Tradition in the American Revolution

**June 28: Nicole Bibbins Sedaca**

American Democracy Turns 250

**July 5: Scott Borger**

Breadcoin: Breaking Bread, Building Community

**July 12: Jessica Moerman**

Creation Care & Christian Faith

**July 19: Margaret Kibben**

Bridging the Gap between Faith and Fear

**July 26: James Ziglar**

Immigration - Past and Present

**August 2: Tremper Longman**

Biblical Reflection on Immigration

**August 9: Francis Collins**

The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust

**August 16: Jennifer Wiseman**

Dark Matter and Bright Stars

**August 23: Kristin Franke**

Summer Trip/Events Report

**August 30: Paul Miller**

To be announced

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## Club 45

**Sunday, June 28, 5:00 pm**

### Youth House

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. We meet from 5:00-6:30pm in the Youth House on six Sundays this June & July. For more information, contact Jill Meek ([jmeek@nationalpres.org](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org)).

## Youth Group

**Sunday, June 28, 6:30 pm**

### Youth House

Bring a friend to youth group for dinner, Bible study, and games. Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings, beginning with dinner together in the Multipurpose Building. Parents and NPC members are invited to sign up to bring an easy meal to share. For more details, contact Rev. Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org))

## Youth Park Night

**Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

### Turtle Park, 45<sup>th</sup> & Van Ness NW

All NPC youth are invited to Turtle Park on Tuesdays to play sports and games, and to hang out with youth staff. Bring a friend! For questions, contact Rev. Kristin Franke at [kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org).

## College Bible Study

**Wednesday, July 1, 7:00 pm**

### Youth House

Looking to connect with your peers and learn more about the Bible? Check out our Summer Bible study for ages 17-22, dinner will be provided! For more information please contact Meghan Thompson ([meghanmct123@gmail.com](mailto:meghanmct123@gmail.com)).

## 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](http://nationalpres.org/jobs), or email Rev. Kristin Franke ([kfranke@nationalpres.org](mailto:kfranke@nationalpres.org)).



**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](mailto: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

# 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

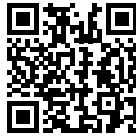
If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- 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](mailto:jedwards@nationalpres.org)).
- Want to help on Sundays? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Carol Han ([chan@nationalpres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://nationalpres.org/giving), call our Finance Office at 202-537-7495, or email our Director of Finance and Administration at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).



## Prayers

### We pray for:

Young Lives, as they present the gospel to teenage parents, and help them grow in their faith.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org)  
202-537-7537.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Susan Pinckernell Denecke and family  
in loving memory of her parents Louise and Harry Pinckernell.

*“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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