

June 28, 2026



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

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

## Club 45

**Today, 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

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

### Youth House

Bring a friend to youth group for Bible study and games in the summer! We'll play outside, so come dressed for the weather. For more details, please 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 ([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)).

## 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 28

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-On Summer
- 10:00 am: Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

### Tuesday, June 30

- 7:00 pm: Youth Park Night

### Wednesday, July 1

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

### Sunday, July 5

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

## 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](#).

# 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 Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ OPENING SONG All Creatures of Our God and King arr. David Crowder

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

*O praise him, Alleluia!*

Thou, burning sun with golden beam, thou, silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou, rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

*O praise him, Alleluia!*

Thou, rising moon in praise rejoice! Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

*O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless! And worship him in humbleness.

*O praise him, Alleluia!*

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit—Three in One!

*O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O Alleluia! Alleluia! (3x) O Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Hylton

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, your mercy reaches the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the ends of creation.

We bless you for your gracious providence towards us  
in the establishment, preservation, and reformation of your Church.

We beseech you to stretch forth your mighty hand in this our own day  
to forgive and purge us from sin, to anchor us in your truth, to unite us in love,  
and to inspire us with zeal for the extension of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John R. W. Stott

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.



▲ 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 Lift High the Name of Jesus Keith and Kristyn Getty  
Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.  
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.  
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.  
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.  
*O sing my soul! And tell all he's done!*  
*'Til the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.*  
Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.  
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.  
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace.  
That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*  
Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.  
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.  
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.  
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Meek

▲ 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 Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland  
CHIMES Todd Fickley, organ and Adam Green, timpani

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

▲ HYMN 455 *verses 1-5* All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Hylton

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 455, verse 6  
All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.  
*O sing ye! Alleluia!*  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Hylton  
Almighty God, your mercy reaches the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the ends of creation.  
We bless you for your gracious providence towards us  
in the establishment, preservation, and reformation of your Church.  
We beseech you to stretch forth your mighty hand in this our own day  
to forgive and purge us from sin, to anchor us in your truth, to unite us in love,  
and to inspire us with zeal for the extension of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. John R. W. Stott

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 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 Dr. Hylton  
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

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Romans 6:12-23 Elder Jennifer Richwine  
*Pew Bible Pages 917-918*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Hylton

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.**

Baptisms

Sophia Gabrielle Canizalez

*Daughter of Natalie De Jesus Canizalez and Geovanny Gabriel Canizalez*

Damian Zhang Lohr, Gabriel Zhang Lohr, Skylar Zhang Lohr,  
*Children of Xianyun Zhang Lohr and Richard Edward Lohr*

Prayer of Response

*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

Freed for Righteousness

Rev. Craig Meek

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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

RESPONSE

This Is My Song

*Finlandia*

**Choir**

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

**Congregation**

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Lloyd Stone, Georgia Harkness

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Materna*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!  
O beautiful for pilgrims' feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!  
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
God's own celestial city gleam, undimmed by human tears.  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Katherine Lee Bates

▲ 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 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.

▲ HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory *Battle Hymn*  
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.*

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
His truth 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 us holy, let us live to make all free,  
While God is marching on. *Refrain*

Julia Ward Howe

▲ BENEDICTION Rev. Meek

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE  
O hear our prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
ourselves we give thee; let thy will be done.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE The Star Spangled arr. Virgil Fox  
The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa  
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.*

# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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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.

**Today: ULC Snack Bags**

Please bring snack donations!

**July 12: Trail Mix**

Trail mix prep for NPC  
Mission Partner Martha's Table

**July 19: Summer Mission Trip Craft Prep**

Craft prep for NPC's Youth Summer  
Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

**July 26: Journal-Making**

## 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: 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Legacy Giving

Do you need some friendly advice about estate planning? Have you been thinking about a legacy gift to NPC but are not quite sure how to start? The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving has been helping congregants for 20 years with this. Reach out to former Clerk and this year's President of the Fund, John Gregg ([npcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:npcclerk@gmail.com)).

## Bring the Word to Life: Scripture Readers Needed!

Worship is something we do together, and we need scripture readers at every service. This opportunity is open to anyone who would like to volunteer. Please contact the worship office ([dwulff@nationalpres.org](mailto:dwulff@nationalpres.org)) for more information and to sign up. We are especially looking for readers at the **8:45 am service**.

## 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**

## Newly Separated? Recently Divorced?

Divorcecare is a program for those navigating the end of a marriage. Visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) or contact [careoffice@nationalpres.org](mailto:careoffice@nationalpres.org) /202-537-7540

*Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

# 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:

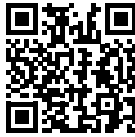
- Visit our [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

## 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](https://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 and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff,

by J. Theodore Anderson, Archivist and Historian of the church.

*“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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