

June 7, 2026
Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*No distrust made him waver
concerning the promise of God,
but he grew strong in his faith
as he gave glory to God,
being fully convinced that God
was able to do what he had promised.*
Romans 4:20-21



Senior Pastor
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Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. Kristin Franke
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
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Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)
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* **Sunday, June 14, 10:00 am**

Sanctuary

This single service at 10 am next Sunday 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, 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

Wednesday, June 10

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

Sunday, June 14

- 10:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 11:15 am: Annual Meeting
- 12:00 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Sunday Sandwich Making **Today, 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!

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 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

Throughout the summer, NPC invites guest speakers 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 9:55 am 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 O Love that Will Not Let Me Go Indelible Grace

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust, life's glory dead,

and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Holy One, you see us as we are,

and yet you love us with a Father's patient heart.

In the light of your faithfulness and enduring love,

we see both our guilt and our acquittal.

For the sake of your goodness, O Lord, forgive our sins.

We need your guidance and your steadying hand,

that lifts us when we fall, and sets us on a firm path.

Draw us to yourself,

that we may learn to trust your care and walk in your ways;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 4:13-25
Pew Bible Page 916

Evan Atchison
Children's Ministries Intern

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Larsen

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

SERMON

Faith That Trusts God's Promises

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. Kristin Franke

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Trust In You

Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at your feet.

Every moment of my wondering never changes what you see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need your rest.

Mighty warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face you're by my side.

When you don't move the mountains I'm needing you to move,

when you don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,

when you don't give the answers as I cry out to you:

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you!

Truth is, you know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead you have not seen.

So in all things be my life and breath. I want what you want, Lord, and nothing less! *Chorus*

You are my strength and comfort. You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.

Your ways are always higher. Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go you've not already stood! *Chorus*

I will trust in you. (2x)

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation Behold the Lamb Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
 the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
 the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
 he drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,
 as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
 our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth.
 As we share in his suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
 And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King.

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Franke

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 Living Hope Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!
 In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night!
 Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope. (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION AND 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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Sasha May
Children's Ministries Intern

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RESPONSE

Trust in Jesus

Choir

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

Congregation

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, more from sin and self to cease;
And from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Kristin Franke

OFFERTORY

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and trust the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. George Matheson, alt.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Franke

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Instrumental Meditation

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar
Heather and Tessa Green, violins

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Franke

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Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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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

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,

Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.

Almighty great I AM by earth and heav'n confessed,

We bow and bless your sacred name forever blest.

The goodly land we see, with peace and plenty blest,

A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.

There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,

And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

God by himself has sworn, we on his oath depend.

We shall on eagles' wings upborne to heav'n ascend.

We shall behold Christ's face, we shall Christ's pow'r adore,

And sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high.

"Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.

Hail Abraham's God and mine! we join the heav'nly lays:

All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

O love that will not let me go.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Franke

▲ POSTLUDE Divertimento on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

A. D. Miller
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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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.

Please note: This is our final week of Sunday School.

Our Summer Schedule will begin on June 21.

See page 2 for more information.

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**

Deacons

Our deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen, pray, visit, and encourage you. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Love one another.

John 13:34

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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!

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](#).

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.

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 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, call our Finance Office at 202-537-7495, or email our Director of Finance and Administration at lskrine@nationalpres.org.



Prayers

We celebrate with:

London and Daniel Jones
on the birth of their son.

We mourn:

the passing of Donna Duss.

We pray for:

the NPC Mission Trip team as they partner with the Smiles Foundation in Romania to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those experiencing need.

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 from the National Presbyterian School in celebration of the NPS Class of 2026 graduation on June 3, 2026.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Pieter Bottelier by his family.

“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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