

July 19, 2026

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*For in hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen?*
Romans 8:24



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(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!

Today in worship we are joined by Margaret Kibben, DMin Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives

Chaplain Margaret Kibben serves as the 62nd Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives. She served as a U.S. Navy chaplain for 35 years, and was the Navy's 26th Chief of Chaplains, the Marine Corps' 18th Chaplain, and Deputy Chief of Chaplains. She earned her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Master of National Security and Strategic Studies degree from the Naval War College. She has served as a senior fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace, and on several military and civilian boards. She is a long time friend of National Presbyterian Church and we are blessed to have her in the pulpit this Sunday!

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, board members for the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information about these positions and to submit recommendations.

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, July 19

- 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
- 5:00 pm: Club 45

Monday, July 20 - Sunday, July 26

- High School Summer Mission Trip

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Club 45

Today, 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. For more information, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

High School Mission Trip

July 20-26

El Batey, Dominican Republic

We invite prayers for our High School youth, who will be taking a trip to serve with our Mission Partner, Foundation for Peace, in the Dominican Republic. They will be doing construction work, leading VBS, and worshipping alongside the local church. For more information, contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG O How Good It Is Keith and Kristyn Getty

O how good it is when the family of God
dwell together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruit of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word
til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

O how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging. *Chorus*

O how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Meek

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
acquittal. For the sake of your goodness and mercy, O Lord, forgive our sins.
We need your guidance and your steadying hand, that lifts us when we fall,
and that sets us on a firm path. Draw us to yourself with your kindness and love,
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 Apostles' Creed Rev. Meek

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. Meek

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:12-25
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Megan Schmoll

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Meghan Thompson
Youth Ministries Intern

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

SERMON

Adopted Into Hope
Dr. Margaret Kibben
Acting Chaplain, United States House of Representatives

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. Lisa Larsen

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

OFFERING SOLO

Another In the Fire

Hillsong United

There's a grace when the heart is under fire,
another way when the walls are closing in.
And when I look at the space between where I used to be, and this reckoning.
I know I will never be alone.

*There was another in the fire standing next to me,
there was another in the waters holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding of how I've been set free.
There is a cross that bears the burden
where another died for me. There is another in the fire.*

All my debt left for dead beneath the waters,
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore.
And should I fall in the space between what remains of me, and this reckoning.
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world,
and I know I will never be alone.

There is no other name but the Name that is Jesus,
he who was and still is and will be through it all.
So come what may in the space between all the things unseen, and this reckoning.
I know I will never be alone.

*There'll be another in the fire standing next to me,
there'll be another in the waters holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding how good you've been to me,
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle 'cause I know that's where you'll be.*

There'll be another in the fire. (4x)

Elle Schmitt, soloist

▲ 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!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larsen

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

Good, Good Father

Anthony Brown

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like.

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.

You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father. It's who you are. It's who you are. It's who you are.

And I'm loved by you; it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide.

But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide,

Because you know just what we need before we say a word. *Chorus*

You are perfect in all of your ways. You are perfect in all of your ways.

You are perfect in all of your ways to us! *(2x)*

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think.

As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,

as you call me deeper still into love, love, love! *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Kibben

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer
with a member of our prayer team.*

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 647 J. S. Bach
CHIMES Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 483 *verses 1-3* Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Meek

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 483, verse 4
Thus all my gladsome way along I sing aloud thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri
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As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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Dr. Robert Betz

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RESPONSE

In Babilone

Choir

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.

Congregation

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

OFFERTORY

In My Father's House

Craig Courtney

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door,

In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for.

In my Father's house, solace can be found, comfort will surround the bruised and broken,

In my Father's house, children live in peace, strife and hatred cease and love is spoken.

In my Father's house...in my Father's house.

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door,

In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for.

In my Father's house, blessings all abound, lost and lone are found, and truly wanted.

In my Father's house, children free from fear, know they can draw near, where they all are welcomed.

In my Father's house...in my Father's house.

In my Father's house, you will find a place in the warm embrace of an open door,

In my Father's house, leave the past behind, come inside and find what you're longing for.

In my Father's house, pardoned from all sin, free from what has been, life can start again.

In my Father's house, prodigals come home, no one walks alone, come and enter in.

In my Father's house...in my Father's house.

Pamela Martin, alt.

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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

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Catherine

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.

We've come with all our hearts and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own

Not through some merit, right, or claim but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to see your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair

And offer all that faith can do while you are making all things new. Brian Wren, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Kibben

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Craig Courtney

In my Father's house...in my Father's house.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C major, BuxWV 174

Dieterich Buxtehude

Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer
with a member of our prayer team.*

*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
- **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

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 Rehearsal: 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.

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: Mission Trip Craft Prep

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

July 26: Journal-Making

Reflecting and responding to God's
written Word

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: 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

Food For Our Neighbors

The NPC Food Pantry supports neighbors facing high food insecurity in the DMV. Ongoing collections benefit students at the 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 place them in the wooden bin just inside the main entrance from the parking lot. For suggested donations, visit the [NPC website](#).

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dan McNerney

July 26, 8:45 am & 11:00 am

Rev. Dan McNerney will be visiting from Winnetka, IL, to preach during both services. He is the Executive Director of Encountering the Logos Ministry, a parachurch organization founded in 2022. He leads in-person Bible studies in the Chicago area, as well as online Bible studies, seminars, and retreats. Learn his story [here](#), before seeing him in person!

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).



**Called
to Care**

The Care and Joy List

Would you like to be on or receive our Care and Joy list, for those who want our congregation to pray for them? careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for everyone.*

1 Timothy 2:1

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 mourn:

the passing of David Mack.

We pray for:

our Youth Mission Trip participants as they serve with our mission partners, Foundation for Peace, in the Dominican Republic.

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 celebrate the 90th birthday of Senator Elizabeth Dole given by Stewart McLaurin to honor her life of leadership and service.

“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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