

July 5, 2026
Communion



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Thanks be to God through
Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, with my mind
I am a slave to the law of God,
but with my flesh
I am a slave to the law of sin.
Romans 7:25*

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. Kristin Franke
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(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. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Mini Coffee Hour

Today, 9:55 am

Garden Rooms

In lieu of Hands-On Summer, stop by our Garden Rooms for sweet treats, coffee, and fellowship between services!

Youth Park Night

Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Turtle Park, 45th & 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).

College Bible Study

Wednesday, July 8, 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).

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Sunday, July 12, 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!

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.

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- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ OPENING SONG God of the Ages Daniel Roberts and George Warren

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms and deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Stoltzfus

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Our Father in heaven,
we thank you for leading us into your light.
We bless you for sending your Son our Savior
to call us from death to life.
We acknowledge that we were dead in sin before his call,
but have been made alive by him.
Yet we confess that old habits are hard to throw off,
and that sin and sinful patterns remain in our lives.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Guard us against this enemy within.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us live daily the new life Christ calls us to live.

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 Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

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Rev. Lisa Larsen

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SCRIPTURE

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Youth Ministries Intern

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A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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SERMON

The Battle Within

Rev. Kristin Franke

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. Larsen

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

▲ OFFERING SONG

Battle Belongs

Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, you see my victory.

When all I see is a mountain, you see a mountain moved.

And as I walk through the shadow, your love surrounds me.

There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you.

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high.

O God, the battle belongs to you!

And every fear I lay at your feet. I'll sing through the night.

O God, the battle belongs to you.

And if you are for me, who can be against me?
For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for you.
When all I see are the ashes, you see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross, God, you see the empty tomb. *Chorus*
O God, the battle belongs to you.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Larsen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation My Worth Is Not In What I Own Fernando Ortega

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love... at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed... at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in him, no other, my soul is satisfied in him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die. Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us... at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ... at the cross. *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid... at the cross. *Chorus*

Prayer of Response and The 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 May the Peoples Praise You Getty and Townend

You have called us out of darkest night, into your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!

All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.

May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Franke

▲ 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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE An American Suite: Variations on Amazing Grace David P. Dahl
CHIMES Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

▲ HYMN 478 *verses 1-3* Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda anima*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 478, verse 4

Angels, help us to adore him, ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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RESPONSE

Stuttgart

Choir

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

Congregation

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
As the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

But Thanks Be to God

G. F. Handel
Messiah

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

With Mary Ellen Cain and Luke Schmidt

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Music Meditation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Ken Medema

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, and the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind; Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness; false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound; make me, keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley
Dr. Michael Denham

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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 dwulf@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.

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: 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

EVENTS & 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).

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) for more information and to sign up. We are especially looking for readers at the **8:45 am service**.

Thank you for praying for our Middle School and High School youth while they get ready for their travels! For more information, contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

The Great Escape Camp

July 13-17

Stevens, Pennsylvania

Our Middle School youth will travel to Pennsylvania for a full week of fun adventures, building friendships with other youth, and growing in faith in Jesus Christ.

High School Mission Trip

July 20-26

El Batey, Dominican Republic

Our High School youth 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.

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**

Overwhelmed and not sure where to turn?

Rev. Lisa Larsen is available to meet with you to think through difficult situations. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

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 pray for:

McGilvary College as they develop leaders for ministry in churches, schools, and hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

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 today are given to the glory of God and in commemoration of our Nation's 250th anniversary.

The flowers in the Narthex
are given to the glory of God
by Larry and Nita Vorisek
in loving memory of our dear friend,
Brent Stuart York (6/6/1936 - 5/21/2026).

“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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