

August 30, 2026
Kickoff Sunday

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.*
Romans 12:21



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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!

Youth & Children's Sunday School

Today, 9:55 am

Sunday School for youth and children returns today for another great year of growing in God's Word and fellowship. Parent Gathering will also restart today. For exact locations of each class, please check the children and youth newsletters.

Kickoff Picnic

Today, 5:00 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

You're invited to say farewell to summer and kick off the Fall with your NPC church family at a picnic dinner! There's still time to [RSVP](#) today. Contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org) for more information.

Single Worship Service

Sunday, September 6, 10:00 am

For Labor Day Weekend, we will worship together during one service.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 6, 11:15 am

Upper Plaza

After the single worship service, we welcome our neighbors and friends to celebrate the Labor Day weekend outside. Enjoy ice cream, lemonade, and fellowship!

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

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- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering
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Sign Up for Small Groups

Short-term small groups for the Fall will start on September 13! Each group will meet weekly until October 31 and discuss the sermons from Sunday mornings at NPC. We have groups available who will meet online and others who will meet in-person in the DMV area. If you're interested in joining us, please fill out the interest form on the [Small Groups page](#) of [NPC's website](#). For more information, contact Rev. Craig Meek (cmeek@nationalpres.org).

New Member Class

Beginning September 13

Interested in becoming a member? We invite you to attend our 5-part class to learn about the NPC community and the life of the church! These one-hour classes will be on Sundays at 9:45 am throughout the Fall. Please RSVP by completing the [form](#) available on our [events page](#) or contacting Kemet Rakiatu (krakiatu@nationalpres.org) for more information.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ OPENING SONG Across the Lands Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice:
let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ryone;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea,
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. *Chorus*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.

Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.

From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious, gentle, and condescending God,
God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort,

We confess before you the evil of our hearts.

We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward
anger, jealousy, revenge, ambition, and pride.

These often give rise to discord and bitterness between us and others.

Too often we thus grieve and offend you.

Long-suffering God, forgive these and all our sins, we pray.

Permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers,
overcoming evil with good, as befitting the children of God;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Johann Arndt

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. 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Franke

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21
Pew Bible Page 923

Deacon Sarah Fosdick

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Franke

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

SERMON

Overcoming Evil with Good

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. 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 SONG Wide As The Sky Matt Redman
*Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.
Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high! (2x)*
Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away, until there's only you.
Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place. (2x) *Chorus*
Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!
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- ▲ 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!

Rev. Larsen

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.

Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;

ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending;

ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *Chorus*

Oh I'll worship your holy name. Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

Dr. Hylton

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia in C minor, BWV 562

J. S. Bach

CHIMES

Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays;

Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,

Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.

You Creator, Christ our Savior, all are yours who live in love.

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to your joy above.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Franke

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn to Joy

Morning stars, awake the chorus; mortals, join with every part,

For what joy is set before us as Christ's love joins heart to heart!

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Henry van Dyke, alt.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

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.

Baptism

Colin Andrew Moore
Son of Erin Henderson Moore and Kellen Andrew Moore

Prayer of Response

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SERMON Overcoming Evil with Good Dr. Hylton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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CHORAL RESPONSE Ubi caritas Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice in it and be glad. Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Rev. Lisa Larsen

OFFERTORY Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus. Lord, Lord, I want to be more loving.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Spiritual

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larsen

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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 335

Though I May Speak

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▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

Maurice Duruflé

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Sonata de primo tono

José Lidon

Mr. Fickley, organ

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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 worship service. To maintain a safe environment, we have age guidelines for each room. Babies and crawlers are in Room 207. Strong walkers & 2-year-olds are in Room 230. 3-years-olds & 4-year-olds are in 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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 6

- **10:00 am:** Single Worship Service
- **11:15 am:** Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 13

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Children, Youth, & Adult Sunday School
- **9:55 am:** New Member Class
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Fall 2026 Adult Discipleship Classes

For information about room numbers, dates, and more, check our [website](#).

First Corinthians: R.V. Seep

The Prophet Isaiah: Craig Meek, Margaret Gardner, & Ginny Harrington

The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Ginny Beeson & Lewrene Glaser

Wrestling with Life & Faith (Ages: College - 30s): Kristin Franke

Parent Gathering

New Members Class: NPC Staff

The Art of Marriage: Judith Hylton, Jennifer and David Schottke

After the Revolution: Religion in the New Republic: Charles Hambrick-Stowe

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Nominations Open September 6

Mission Gifts for Christmas is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God's grace by financially supporting organizations and missionaries serving locally and around the world. Nominate and represent a 501(c)(3) organization or a missionary affiliated with a 501(c)(3) to be featured in our December Mission Gifts for Christmas event and catalog. For more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

The men's ministry will host our monthly breakfast. Please join us for a hearty meal and great fellowship.

Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, September 13, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

Our speaker will be Rev. Dennis Hysom, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies (PFC). Lunch will be served and all are invited.

Volunteers Needed

Fall Food, Clothing, & Blood Drive

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to serve our community by volunteering or collecting nonperishable food and gently used winter clothing for those in need and by helping respond to the national blood shortage. The Food & Clothing Drive will be held from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (drive-thru and drop-off), and the Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Sign up to volunteer on our [website](http://www.nationalpres.org), or for more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Chancel Choir

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sunday mornings at 10:15 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. We would love to welcome you! Wednesday rehearsals begin September 9. For more information contact the music office at 202-537-7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org.

Join Our Team!

Communications Intern

NPC is looking for a college student interested in real-world communications experience, beyond the classroom. With a flexible schedule and a rate of \$20/hr, this student will work directly with the Communications Manager.

For more information and to apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs, or email Sam Skolnick (sskolnick@nationalpres.org).



**Called
to Care**

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

*Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.*

Isaiah 1:17

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:

Our missionaries in the Middle East as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, careoffice@nationalpres.org

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Elizabeth Wenger Stone, former Director of The Library and Archives, by Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

“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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