

February 15, 2026

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7



Senior Pastor
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Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Kristin Franke

Parish Associate
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Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)

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!

Retirement Reception for Quinn and Nancy Fox Today at 12:15 pm Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us in celebrating both Quinn and Nancy Fox at a farewell celebration after the 11:00 am service.

Grace McFarlane Bottelier & Friends Jamaica Hurricane Relief Concert Today at 3:00 pm Sanctuary

Enjoy an afternoon of music for piano, strings, flute, organ, and voice while fundraising for ongoing hurricane relief efforts in Jamaica.

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm

We will begin the Lenten season with scripture, prayers, Communion, and for those who desire, the imposition of ashes, as a sign of our unity with Christ and with one another. This season is a time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth leading up to Easter.

Lenten Small Groups Begin February 18 Last Chance to Register!

Interested in growing in discipleship in community with others? Join a short-term small group discussion of our Lenten sermon series on Encountering God. In-person and online groups will explore Old and New Testament texts that show us how to realize God's presence more fully in our lives. Please [register online](#) for a group.

Week at a Glance

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Sunday, February 15

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for adults
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Retirement Celebration for Quinn & Nancy Fox
- 3:00 pm: Jamaica Hurricane Relief Concert

Ash Wednesday, February 18

- 7:00 pm: Imposition of Ashes & Communion

Sunday, February 22

- 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: Mission Trip Meeting
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Spring Women's Ministry Retreat Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am Stone Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a beautifully paced day of rest, renewal, and rich connection as we gather around this year's theme, *Loved Beyond Measure*, an exploration of God's faithful, fulfilling love for us. Our retreat speaker, Elizabeth Fitch, brings a warm, grounded presence shaped by a life that has woven together small-town roots and big-city experience. We'll enjoy great music, a delicious lunch, and the gift of unhurried time together. Visit the [Events page](#) to [register](#) and 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. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood,
magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus*

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from

magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, in our sin we turn to you for cleansing and forgiveness.

Because we often sin and have to ask for pardon,

help us forgive as we would be forgiven;

neither mentioning old offences committed against us,

nor dwelling upon them in thought and heart.

Help us to love each other freely as you freely love us;

for the sake of your Son our Savior.

Christina Rossetti

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
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. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9
Pew Bible Page 955

Elder Glenn Schmitt

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Melanie Lenhard
Associate Director of Children's Ministry

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

SERMON

A Community Shaped by Christ's Peace

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

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

*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!

Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high. Hands up! God, we lift your name high!

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Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place. Jesus, take your place.

▲ 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!

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John Soldner

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Lila Grace Donaldson

Daughter of Kelsey Link Donaldson and Justin Vance Donaldson

Isabel Marie Stubblefield

Daughter of Emily Kristin Stubblefield and Aaron Grey Stubblefield

Katherine Julia Smith

Daughter of Kay L.R. Smith and Addison Haynes Smith

Prayer of Response

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Maryton

Teach us thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;

In peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let us live.

Washington Gladden

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

Rejoice!

Craig Courtney

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;

Your festive banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Be anxious for nothing; but in ev'rything by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all

understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say rejoice!

Go on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Philippians 4:4, 6, 7

With Phil Sargeant and Janna Ryon, oboes

- ▲ 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 THE 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 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*
- ▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Hylton
- ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.
- ▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Stoltzfus
- ▲ POSTLUDE Voluntary V in D G. F. Handel
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 a retirement reception in honor of Drs. Quinn and Nancy Fox.*

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NOTES

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- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For Adults
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- **3:00 pm:** Hurricane Relief Benefit Concert

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 new 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. 3's and 4's 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.

Children's Sunday School

Resumes February 22

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

Resumes February 22

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*)
- **Financial Peace University**, Megan Schmoll & Leah Skrine (*Garden Room A*)
- **The Listening Life**, Ginny Beeson & Lewrene Glaser (*Room 209*)
- **Parent Gathering Resumes February 22** (*Jones Hall, National Presbyterian School*)

Visit our [website](#) for descriptions and more information.



**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

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Recognition

Sunday, February 22

New Member Recognition Sunday is February 22. In addition to welcoming our newest members into the church family, we invite everyone to wear name tags, and come meet our new members at a reception after the 11:00 am service in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Serve Summit:

Come Learn. Come Connect. Come Serve.

Sunday, March 8, 12:30 pm

Garden Room C

All are welcome and invited to enjoy a delicious meal and learn about the many transformational mission partnerships and service opportunities that National Presbyterian Church is engaged in—locally, nationally, and around the world. Discover meaningful ways you can become involved and make a difference as we celebrate the impact of the Serve Ministry and explore the exciting work God is doing throughout our community.

Last Chance to Sign Up:

Romania Mission Trip

June 5-14

Interested in joining a mission trip to Romania June 5–14, 2026? NPC will partner with the Smiles Foundation Outreach Team to care for vulnerable communities. The deadline to sign up is today. For additional details, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Ordination of Associate Pastor

Kristin Franke

Sunday, March 15, 3:00 pm

Sanctuary

The National Capital Presbytery joyfully invites you to the Service of Ordination for Kristin Franke as Associate Pastor for Next Generation Formation at the National Presbyterian Church. The church nursery will be open for infants-PreK. Following the Service, there will be a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Call for Praise Band

Do you play drums, guitar, bass, another instrument or sing? Our Contemporary Worship Band is looking for volunteer musicians to join our rotating roster. Participation does not need to be weekly and is Sunday mornings only. You are welcome to "try it out" if interested. If you love music and are interested in serving through worship, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to our fabulous band leader Joanna Zorack-Greene (jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org) for more information.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

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 & get connected:



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 Serve Director 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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by John and Robyn Soldner in loving memory of John's parents Wilbert and Helen Soldner.

Your Giving Makes a Difference

Because of your generosity and faithfulness last year, our church was able to balance the budget and continue fulfilling the mission God entrusted to us. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and for your partnership in God's work. We give thanks for you and for all that was accomplished together in 2025.

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:

those with dementia
and those who care for them.

We pray for:

Bethlehem Bible College,
as they prepare Christian leaders
to serve churches and communities
in the Middle East.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests
to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202-537-7540.

Per Capita

The National Capital Presbytery has set the per capita rate at \$48.56 per person, which is the amount NPC pays for each active member in our congregation. You may scan the QR Code below if you would like to contribute to this cost.



Call for Singers
NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FESTIVAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Palm Sunday

5 PM March 29, 2026

MUSIC OF FELIX MENDELSSOHN

"AS THE HART PANTS," OP. 42, NO. 1

"HYMN OF PRAISE," OP. 52

Two of Mendelssohn's most brilliant and beloved choral works, characterized by composer Robert Schumann as the very highest expressions of sacred music.

Rehearsal Schedule

Preliminary Saturdays 10 am to 1 pm

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

Performance Weekend

Friday, March 27, 7 pm to 10 pm

Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday, March 29, 3:30 pm Call followed by the 5 pm Concert

Scores \$20

[Pre-Register Online](#) or Call Music Office at 202-537-7553

"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 worshipping with children nearby, please welcome and encourage them as they grow in their faith.



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