

February 8, 2026
Installation Sunday

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*Still, I think it necessary to send to you
Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker
and fellow soldier; your messenger
and minister to my need.*

Philippians 2:25



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Parish Associate
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Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Kristin Franke
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
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!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today, February 8, 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!

Mission Briefing: Lebanon

Today, February 8, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

All are invited to the Garden Rooms following the 11:00 am service for lunch and a special Mission Briefing focused on Lebanon from our Mission Partners, Dustin and Sherri Ellington, who serve in Beirut at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. Come learn how Christ is moving through their ministry and how our church can support the work God is doing to raise up the next generation of pastors and church leadership in the Middle East.

Retirement Reception for Quinn and Nancy Fox

Sunday, February 15, 12:15 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

Join us in expressing our gratitude to both Quinn and Nancy Fox by mailing or bringing cards to our office. We also invite you to join us on February 15 for a farewell celebration after the 11:00 am service. And finally, we will honor Quinn with a traditional departure gift known as a Love Gift. If you wish to take part, make a notation "Fox Love Gift" on your online transaction or personal check. These pass-through gifts are not tax deductible.

Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see the [Events page](#) on our website.

Sunday, February 8

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Mission Briefing
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

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- 3:00 pm: Jamaica Hurricane Relief Concert

Grace McFarlane Bottelier & Friends

Jamaica Hurricane Relief Concert

Sunday, February 15, 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.

Lenten Small Groups

Register Today! Groups begin

February 18

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 by February 8.

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.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *Chorus*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Meek

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God, in disobedience and sin, we often worship only who we wish you to be.

Forgive, amend, and transform us, we pray.

Show us how to worship you in the way we treat others:

not as posturing adversary, but as advocate,
not in accusation, but with encouragement,
not as confronting foe, but as comforting friend.

Make us open-hearted and open-handed, congenial, generous, mature.

May others see in us a people devoted to Jesus Christ,
comfortable in our own skin, and at liberty to freely give of ourselves.

May they see in us true imitation of our Lord,
and a clear view of the Holy Spirit's ministry,
coming alongside us day by day, and in our deepest needs.

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. Lisa Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:19-30
Pew Bible Page 954

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
 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

Ordinary Saints, Extraordinary Service

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. 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 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*

▲ 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!

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 At the Cross Chris Tomlin
There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down!
At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life!
I'm in awe of you. I'm in awe of you!
Where your love ran red and my sin washed white,
I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!
There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down! *Chorus*
Here, my hope is found. Here, on holy ground. Here, I bow down! Here, I bow down!
Here, arms open wide. Here, you saved my life! Here, I bow down! Here I bow! *Chorus*
I owe all to you. I owe all to you, Jesus!

▲ 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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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prelude Through All Major Keys
Op. 39, No. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Meek

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alice Parker
Farabee

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free,
From the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb.
I'll praise God and you praise God, and we'll all praise God together;
We'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done, and we'll bless his name forever.

John Leland

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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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;

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CHORAL RESPONSE I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
A Beloved Children's Hymn

Grand Isle

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient, and brave, and true,
Who worked and served and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
*You can meet them in school, or at work, or at sea,
In church, or wherever you happen to be,
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too!*
They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of millions still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

SERMON

Ordinary Saints, Extraordinary Service

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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RESPONSE

Holy Spirit

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, alt.

Sung first by the Choir, then the Congregation

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all we do;
Let your blessings of encouragement wing our words and ground our attitude:
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness to sow the path of peace.
Turn our service into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all we do.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

OFFERTORY

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.
Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.
Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die.
Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.
Johanna Anderson

▲ ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Dr. Hylton

Litany of Ministry

There are different gifts,

But it is one and the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

▲ 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

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.

▲ HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;

As thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;

And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow

In kindly and consoling word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where;

Until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Frances Ridley Havergal, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Hall

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;

Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;

Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;

Grant us in all our ways to honor thee.

William Foulkes, alt

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Nicholas Lemmens

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 Coffee, Cookies, & Community.*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School For All Ages
- **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 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

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*)
- **Financial Peace University**, Megan Schmoll & Leah Skrine (*Garden Room A*)
- **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**

May we pray for you?

If you would like to request prayer or feel called to join our prayer team, contact careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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).

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.

New Member Recognition

Sunday, February 22

New Member 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

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.

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.

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. For more information and to apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs.

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:



Let us know you are here!

Whether in the Sanctuary or 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,

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:

our eyes to look to you rather than our circumstances.

We pray for:

John Wagner as he works through Young Life to spread the Gospel to teens in New York and in cities across the globe.

How may we pray for you?

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

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dianne and John Tingley in loving memory of their parents, David and Audrey Rhea, and Ethel and Stuart Tingley.

“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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