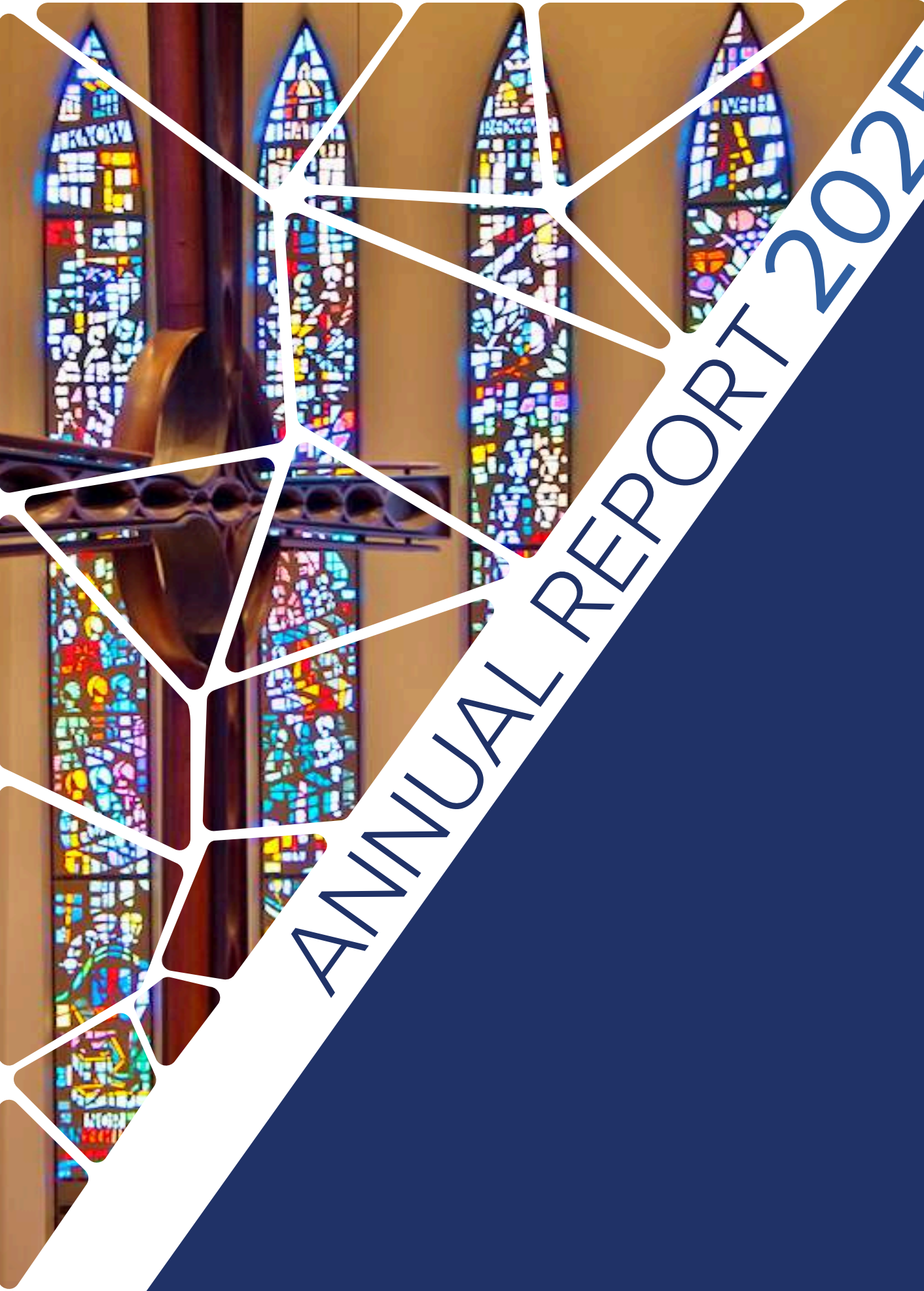


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ANNUAL REPORT 2025



LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS
OF JESUS CHRIST TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD.

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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Psalm 90:1

Dear NPC Family,

For more than two centuries, Presbyterian worship and witness have shaped Washington, DC, and National Presbyterian Church continues in that living story. In 2025, we have seen clear signs of God's presence among us—reminding us that the same faithful God who sustained those before us is leading us still.

A Year of Faithful Witness

Across our church, faith is taking root and growing. Our children, youth, college, older adult, and young professional ministries are forming disciples and deepening community. Many of you have served faithfully alongside our ministry partners, extending Christ's love throughout the city.

Again and again, we see that discipleship is lived not only in worship but beyond our walls in daily acts of service. Whether walking with those who grieve, mentoring the next generation, or serving neighbors in need, you are embodying the gospel in visible and meaningful ways.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As we move forward in 2026, we do so with clarity and purpose. Our Session-approved Strategic Plan calls us to be a lighthouse of hope, a place of deep biblical teaching, and a community of radical hospitality. God is not finished with us. He is calling us forward.

With Gratitude

I am grateful for our staff and for our Elders and Deacons, whose faithful leadership makes this ministry possible. And I am grateful for you. You are the living stones of this church, bearing witness to the grace of Jesus Christ.

With confidence in God's faithfulness, we step into the year ahead—trusting that the One who has been our dwelling place will continue to guide us.

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton Sr.

Senior Pastor

National Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

The most wonderful truth is that God wants to be found—by grace through faith—in worship and every activity of Christian discipleship. Worshiping helps us grow individually and corporately in grace and knowledge of the Lord through glimpses of God in the faithful preaching of God’s powerful Word, and its reverberation through music and every other act of worship.

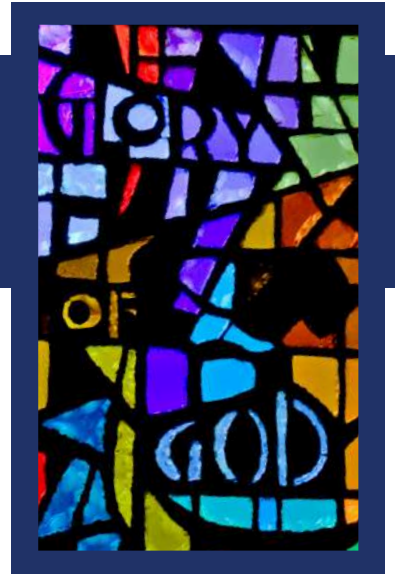
We want everyone gathered for worship to gain deeper understanding of the biblical message preached, and deeper appreciation for the One to whom the preaching points.

In the music we bring every week to the Lord, seeking perfection is never our goal, but striving for excellence, aesthetic relevance, and beauty is. Entertainment is never our goal, but “edification” is—a weighty biblical word from the world of construction that means “to be built up.” Mere performance is not our aim, but a “sacrifice of praise” is.

We’re blessed each week by our contemporary band and singers, by a broad range of songs, hymns, and spiritual songs in two distinct services, by the blended voices of many generations lifting their hearts together to the Lord, and seasonally by members of our congregation and the larger community joining forces in our Festival Choir to sing grand choral masterpieces like Handel’s *Messiah*, Brahms’ *Requiem*, or Mendelssohn’s *Hymn of Praise*.

It’s absurd to think that we ever could become expert worshipers. But thinking clearly, creatively, and biblically together about the most important thing we’ll ever do together is an opportunity, responsibility, and privilege worth cultivating.

In the end, even our best efforts at worship fade in the face of God’s glory, and are accepted only by God’s grace. We appropriately might think of our best efforts at worship as rudimentary childhood expressions lovingly taped to God’s refrigerator door. Great artwork? Probably not. The delight of our heavenly Father? Absolutely! And in his eyes, the promise of things to come.



MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS





MINISTRIES CARE

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

In Care Ministries, we want members of NPC to feel seen and cared for and equipped to care for others. We met weekly with our dedicated volunteers, Ginny Beeson, Gretchen Asmuth, and Elise Atkins, to determine care coverage and best support options for those on our watch. We continued home, hospital, and retirement community visits, helped bereaved members plan memorial services and inurnments, and managed the Columbarium.

CARE IN ACTION

Our Prayer Ministry prompted one member to write, *"You have made me feel less isolated and created a real sense of community, as you do for so many in our congregation. I am deeply grateful."*

A member said the grief workshop was *"everything I had hoped for,"* and that the volunteer leaders were *"so sympathetic, so understanding."*

A participant of the Job Loss and Support ministry said that one of the initial online meetings was *"the most Zoom powerful prayer gathering"* they had ever been a part of.

A senior member who received a birthday card signed by all staff sent his *"delight and gratitude for your warmth and care and friendship."*

CARE HIGHLIGHTS

PRAYER MINISTRY:

- Began a Sunday Prayer Ministry to offer in-person prayers with Deacons and Stephen Ministers after worship
- Created a Prayers for Everyday Brochure
- Responded every week to pew prayer cards and online prayer requests
- Updated and distributed Care & Joy list each week

GRIEF SUPPORT:

- Offered a "Navigating the Holidays" worship to discuss coping with grief and finding comfort during the holiday season
- Sent condolence cards and Christmastime notes to the newly bereaved
- Organized a Service of Remembrance
- Held funerals, memorial services and inurnments

JOB LOSS:

- Held prayer gatherings for people experiencing job losses and transitions to share concerns and provide spiritual encouragement

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

- Provided one-to-one care to those experiencing challenging life events

DEACONS

- Cared for our members through calls, cards, visits, prayers and meals
- Hosted Meet Your Deacons events and helped with blood drive

CARE IN ACTION:

- Made home, hospital and facility visits
- Weekly care assessments and follow-up outreach
- Sent birthday cards to members 80 and older
- Home communion
- Evaluated Deacons' Assistance Fund requests



CELEBRATED
OUR
50 YEAR
MEMBERS

MILITARY MINISTRY:

- Hosted lunches with speakers
- Sponsored a Toy Drive for children at Walter Reed Medical Center

MINISTRIES CONNECTIONS

Our goal is to invite people into a deeper relationship with God and with each other. We do this by welcoming them into our community of faith and connecting them with the ministries of NPC so they can draw closer to Christ.

BY THE NUMBERS:

1380
TOTAL NPC
MEMBERSHIPS

36
NEW
MEMBERSHIPS

433
NEW GUESTS
(LOCAL & OUT-OF-AREA)



CONNECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted Easter morning outreach, including organizing 50+ volunteers to greet, usher, and hand out 900 Easter devotionals. Helped organize Easter reception, which included a photo booth, fellowship, and fantastic floral photo garden!
- Held two Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes and new member receptions, welcoming 36 new members to the NPC family.
- Expanded outreach to online viewers (DC and out-of-town) through regular email check-ins and phone calls. Sent cards, 278 Advent calendars, 52 prayer books, and 177 gift devotionals to those unable to attend Easter service in-person.
- Designed and managed NPC annual *Labor Day Care, Prayer, Dare* event, where hundreds of people participated in hands-on projects to demonstrate God's love to others.
- Managed logistics for Christmas Eve outreach by organizing volunteer ushers, setting up a photo reception, and working with volunteers to hand out 900 ornaments to visitors.
- We bid farewell to Leslie Saum, who retired after faithfully serving as the NPC Director of Connections Ministries for nearly 20 years. We are grateful for her vision, boundless energy, and dedication to NPC and this ministry. We welcomed Carol Han as interim Director of Connections Ministries in November 2025.

WAYS WE WELCOME



PERSONAL GREETINGS



PASTORAL LETTERS & EMAILS



PERSONAL POSTCARDS



GIFT BIBLES



GIFT DEVOTIONALS



WELCOME KITS



PHONE CALLS & TEXTS





MINISTRIES SERVE

In 2025, Serve Ministries mobilized our congregation to make a meaningful local and global impact through service, generosity, and partnership.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

A powerful day of hands-on ministry across our community and beyond:



PACKED 20,000 DEHYDRATED MEALS

for distribution to countries experiencing food insecurity



COLLECTED 7 PALLETS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING

for Central Union Mission and hundreds of diapers for YoungLives DC



CREATED DOZENS

of flower arrangements and handwritten cards for neighbors



TUTORED STUDENTS

at the Unique Learning Center



PARTNERED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

to renovate a home in NE Washington, DC



READ WITH REFUGEE FAMILIES

and provided a Free Little Library and books





SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Our congregation prepared over 4,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, helping feed unhoused communities throughout Washington, DC.



INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION – GHANA PARTNERSHIP

Members of the Serve Council traveled to Ghana to partner with International Justice Mission (IJM):

- Supported and participated in a Pastors Conference equipping churches to combat child labor trafficking
- Engaged in a Survivors Network Conference, empowering survivors to share their stories and build advocacy networks
- Visited the IJM Ghana office and met with the Moderator of the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church to advocate for IJM's work and encourage co-sponsorship of a nationwide Justice Conference



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP

Participated in three home builds in NE Washington, DC

Honored with the Lifetime Partnership Award from Habitat for Humanity DC-NOVA



DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

Provided financial support to the Salvation Army for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts in the Caribbean



INTERNATIONAL FLEX FUNDING & YEAR-END GIVING

Through Flex Funds and year-end generosity, our International Committee supported impactful global initiatives:

- Provided funding to seminaries and Christian education around the world
- Contributed to relief efforts in Lebanon and Gaza
- Helped fund prosthetic limbs for children injured in Gaza, restoring mobility and hope
- Sponsored an evangelistic outreach concert in the Balkans
- Supported microfinance programs in Colombia



FALL FOOD, CLOTHING & BLOOD DRIVE

Filled an entire moving truck with donations for families in need across the DMV

Donated 40 units of blood to DC hospitals through the Red Cross



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Collected 5 pallets of food to support individuals and families experiencing food insecurity during the holiday season



MISSION GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Raised \$60,000 to support the work of 20 nonprofit partners locally and globally



TUTORING & REFUGEE SUPPORT

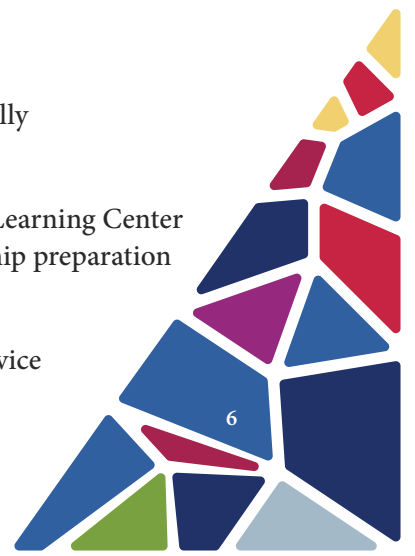
Continued tutoring students in the Shaw neighborhood through the Unique Learning Center

Walked alongside refugee families by assisting with resettlement and citizenship preparation



ADULT SERVICE PROJECTS

Adult Ministry gathered throughout the year for fellowship and hands-on service projects benefiting local mission partners





GROWING TOGETHER ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

On Sunday mornings, adults gathered in a variety of formats ranging from small group conversations, to large group studies and discussions, to interactive lectures.

JANUARY 2025

- *Just War Theory: A Brief Orientation for Christian Thinking*
- *Becoming Jesus' Disciples: The Examples of those who Did*
- *Fear Not*
- *Tools of Creation: Complex Adaptive Systems, Emergence, and Biological Agency*
- *Parent Gathering*

SPRING 2025

- *The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed after 1700 years*
- *Ephesians and Philippians*
- *The Dangerous Act of Loving God and Neighbor*
- *The Gospel According to Mark*
- *Parent Gathering*

AUTUMN 2025

- *Galatians and James*
- *Discovering the Gospel of John*
- *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference*
- *Parent Gathering*

SMALL GROUPS

NPC small groups are discipleship communities in which we grow in Christ-likeness together. They include ongoing small groups, both online and in-person, which meet on the NPC campus and in neighborhoods throughout the DMV. Small groups offer Bible study, sermon discussion, prayer, fellowship, and support.

Lenten Small Group Study

Our Lenten small group conversations followed the sermon series "Spiritual Medicine from the Psalms." Each week in-person and online groups explored together through the Psalms different revelations of who God is and how God responds to our needs to restore us to spiritual health and well-being, no matter our circumstance.

Fall Six-Week Study

Our Fall six-week study based on the sermon series on *Prayer, Compassion, and the Healing Power of Christ*, encouraged fresh encounters with God's healing presence through the work of God in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The study incorporated opportunities for prayer, care, and service, in coordination with our Care and Serve Ministries.

GUEST SPEAKERS

THE HON. LYDIA GRIGGSBY, U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FOR MARYLAND

“Justice, Service and Father: A Fireside Chat with a Federal Judge”

ERIKA SALKIN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION AT WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY

“Civil Discourse and Free Expression”

JOHN HEATHERSHAW, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER, ENGLAND

“Global Security and Christian Theology”

TREMPER LONGMAN III, PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT WESTMONT COLLEGE

“Living With Confidence and Hope in Turbulent Times: The Message of Daniel 7”

JOHN ALGER, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

“Challenges Facing Higher Education”

BILL AND DANA WICHTERMAN, NPC MEMBERS

“Stewards, Not Owners: The Joy of Aligning Your Money with Your Faith”

MATTHEW DUSS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY

“A Time for Peace... in Ukraine”

JAMES DUFF, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS

“The Rule of Law in Times of Turmoil, An Historical Perspective”

MARGARET KIBBEN, CHAPLAIN TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

“Faith in Turbulent Times”

MAE ELISE CANNON, ORDAINED PASTOR IN THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, FORMER SENIOR DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH FOR WORLD VISION-US

“Peace and Justice in the Middle East: A Christian Perspective”

CHERIE HARDER, PRESIDENT OF THE TRINITY FORUM, WASHINGTON DC

“Finding Calm Amidst Life’s Storms”

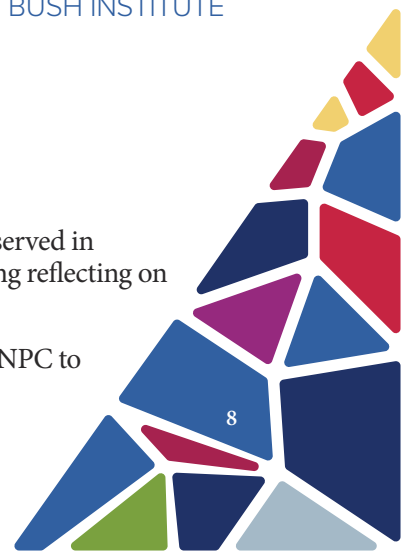
NICOLE BIBBINS SEDECA, KELLY AND DAVID PFEIL FELLOW AT THE GEORGE W. BUSH INSTITUTE

“Faith and Foreign Policy”

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, NPC ran a pilot program, the Ministry Internship Hub. Four college-aged interns served in Children’s and Hospitality ministries at NPC for the fall semester, including a weekly meeting reflecting on Christian leadership.

Beginning in November, NPC hosted monthly lunches for college-aged students attending NPC to provide a welcoming space for them after worship.





GROWING TOGETHER WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

WINTER RETREAT

In February, the Women's Ministry hosted our first in-person retreat since 2019. Christian author Karen Wright Marsh spoke on our yearlong theme of *"Exchanging Perfectionism for God's Presence and Peace."*

In addition to her inspiring presentations, the retreat day included time for worship and song, engaged small group conversations, fun skits from "The Martha Stewart Show," and hands-on activities in dance, floral design, visual arts, and prayer. These allowed for some creative imperfection as an invitation to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and community.



SPRING BRUNCH

As follow up to our retreat goal of releasing perfectionism, Lisa Larsen, Margaret Gardner and Susan Fickling led the ladies in an exploration of Psalm 100 through movement, conversation, reflection, and prayer. Together, we stepped into renewing confidence in God as the source of our security and identity, building strength in community as upheld by the Holy Spirit, and freedom in Christ to be more loving, giving, and forgiving of ourselves and others.

SUMMER ALL-CHURCH DINNER NIGHT

In coordination with the Children's, Family, Youth, and Small Group programs, Women's Ministry hosted an all-church dinner with small group discussion, which brought together around 200 people in mid-July for a fun Sunday night.



FALL BRUNCH

For our October gathering we were led by Christian writer and mentor Connally Gilliam in *"Living the Unexpected Life."* Drawing on Isaiah 54:10, Connally spoke to how God's unfailing love for us will not be shaken, no matter our expectations, our failings, or whatever upends us.

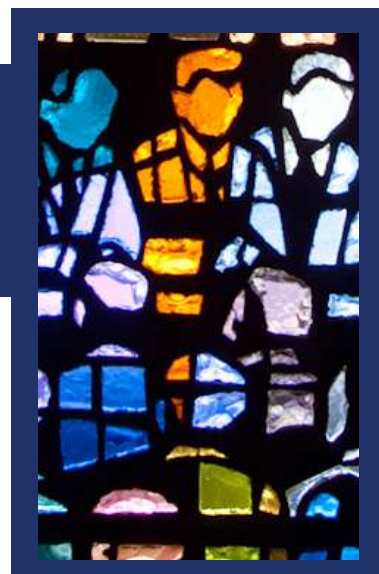
In the Fall, we also began the work of developing a vision and mission for a newly formalized Women's Ministry Committee.



GROWING TOGETHER MEN'S MINISTRIES

NPC's men gathered throughout the year in Stone Hall to share a meal, connected with one another through meaningful conversations, and learned from engaging and inspiring speakers.

Each month, we heard from a speaker who shared his journey with Christ to inspire and challenge us to be more like our Savior.



JANUARY

Lou Woods

“The Impossible Possibility”

FEBRUARY

Todd Sutton

“Faith-Full Families”

MARCH

Doug Holiday

“Vital Elements in a Life Rich with Meaning”

APRIL

Gregg Gochnour

“Making Each Day Count for Him”

MAY

Craig Meek

“My Journey to the ‘Broad Place’ ”

JUNE

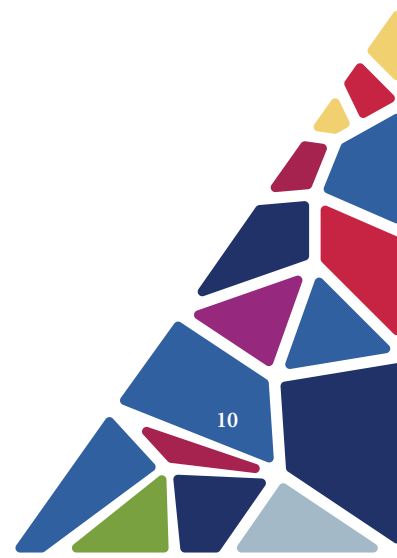
Ray Hylton

OCTOBER

Grace Inside, a Christian Prison Ministry

DECEMBER

Advent & Christmas Hymns





GROWING TOGETHER FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministries encompasses three primary areas:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A children's ministry that helps kids build a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A youth ministry that helps teens develop deeper relationships with Christ and with each other.

PARENT MINISTRY

A parent ministry that provides Scripture-centered fellowship for raising kids and youth in faith.



FAMILY MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHTS

- Each week, parents met during Sunday School for Parent Gathering, studying the Scriptures their children and youth were reading. Guest speakers included Dr. Ray Hylton, Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Lisa Larsen, Rev. Todd Sutton, Judith Hylton, and Michelle Robinson from Ligonier Camp.
- Families joined with the whole congregation for 2 All-Church Dinner evenings with small group conversations, children and youth programming, and a potluck dinner.
- Hands-on Summer brought people of all ages together for service and art projects connected to Scripture.
- Parents participated in moms' groups, book groups, and small groups together.

GROWING TOGETHER CHILDREN'S

At NPC, children experience a safe and welcoming environment to hear the stories of Scripture, participate and lead in worship, build friendships with each other, and encounter Jesus. We aim to surround children and their families with God's love and walk with them as they journey with Jesus and grow in their faith.

HIGHLIGHTS

This year we focused on offering worship experiences that engaged our heads, hearts, and hands, during Lent and Advent. Designed with kids and families in mind, we intentionally collaborated with other ministry areas and invited all generations into these joyful and tactile worship experiences:

- Interactive Lenten Prayer Stations
- All Church Advent Night

We continue to see high levels of participation in and enthusiasm around our key programs—Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Club 45, and VBS. We give thanks for our many volunteers who make all of this possible, and the families of NPC, who are committed to walking alongside each other as we follow Jesus together.





GROWING TOGETHER YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our youth ministry exists to help young people become lifelong faithful followers of Christ. During weekly programs like Sunday school and youth group, youth can learn more about God's Word in fellowship with one another and adults from the congregation. Through Confirmation, youth spend intentional time reflecting on their own faith, in conversation with mentors from the congregation.

On summer trips and retreats, youth have the opportunity to grow deeper in relationships with their church community as they encounter Christ in new experiences and places.



"Having a time every week when I can step aside from school and sports has been a great way for me to grow closer to God and to get to know people who also are on their spiritual journey."

"I think that a really important part of the youth programs, which is often overlooked, is how important the relationships formed between the adults and the kids are. When adult leaders make an effort to build a personal relationship with the kids, it makes us feel seen and included in a way no other relationship could."



BY THE NUMBERS:



11

Professions of Faith
(Confirmation)



2

Baptisms

2025 VOLUNTEERS:



9

youth group volunteers



12

Confirmation mentors



61

VBS youth volunteers



15

Sunday School teachers

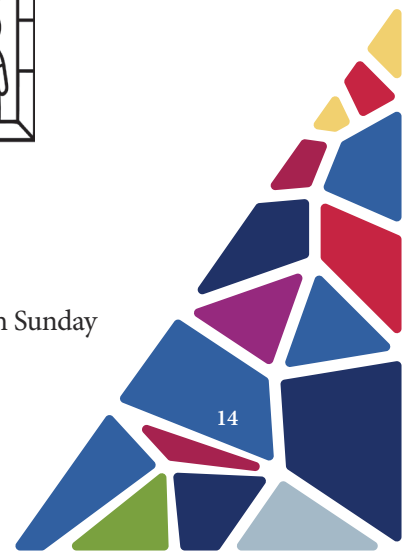


Other drivers
& meal providers



46

youth helped with Youth Sunday





LIBRARY

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Over the past year, NPC's Library has continued to resource the church's many ministries and programs by procuring quality books and learning materials that support spiritual growth and discipleship.

- We updated our circulation computer and made it easier for visitors to use the online catalogue to find the resources for which they're looking.
- In addition to continuing to supplement the sermon series and Adult Discipleship programs, we made a concerted effort to expand our collection for children and youth, grades 6-12.
- We added over 275 new books to the collection that were recommended by volunteers, members, pastors, and staff. We also added a number of donations from the congregation, pastors, and staff.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES

The History and Archives Ministry enthusiastically seeks to tell the story of National Presbyterian Church and its predecessor congregations. Our ministry meets monthly to maintain church records and artifacts and to discern how best to share with others this congregation's rich history of Christian ministry in the city of Washington, DC and beyond.



TIMELINE

The church's tradition started with stonemasons holding services during the White House's construction. By 1795, they formed St. Andrew's Church, but after the pastor resigned in 1802, a small group continued meeting until 1811.

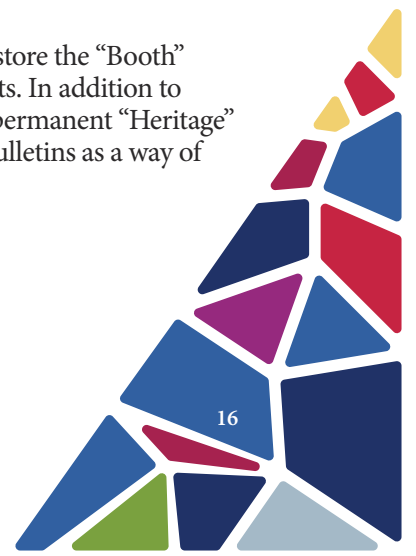
First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1812 and originally located where the U.S. House of Representatives is today. Rev. Byron Sunderland served as pastor for 45 years, advocating for abolition and allowing Frederick Douglass to speak in 1866. Commercial development in the early 20th century resulted in a merger with Church of the Covenant.

The Church of the Covenant was organized in 1885 with 53 charter members and experienced significant growth, reaching 1,800 members by 1928. It was known for strong lay leadership and pastors, with Rev. Charles Wood serving as the pastor during that time and becoming the first president of the Washington Federation of Churches.

The National Presbyterian Church's cornerstone was laid by Dwight Eisenhower on October 14, 1967, and worship began on September 7, 1969. That same year, the National Presbyterian School was established.

OUR RECENT WORK

Over the past year, we've partnered with the Facilities Council to take significant steps to restore the "Booth" stained glass windows and install them in the hallway parallel to the Chapel of the Presidents. In addition to this, we've also continued plans to transform room 109 in the main church building into a permanent "Heritage" exhibit, and we've continued to issue occasional "Heritage Briefs" on the back of Sunday's bulletins as a way of sharing with others some of the more important events in this congregation's history.





FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

Follow The Cross - The relocation of the cross to the Main Entrance of the church became an immediate beacon to all entering the campus and the church. With new lighting, the 27-foot cast aluminum cross ensures that NPC has a clear and unmistakable entrance for all who visit. A time capsule was installed inside the cross before the cross was lifted into place, with NPC children and youth adding their art and prayers for the future members of the church.

Forty-three priority capital projects totaling \$4,800,000 were developed by the Facilities Council, forming the basis of capital maintenance and improvements over the upcoming six years. This initiative was carried out in close cooperation with the School, which was developing its own capital project plan. These projects are funded through a new facilities repair fund created by the Finance Council to support ongoing capital maintenance of the church campus.

The increase in use of the facilities by outside groups continues with the addition of weekly CPR classes, quarterly AARP older adult driver's education classes, and an annual walk by Walking Warriors in support of fighting Breast Cancer. Other church organizations, such as the Rock Presbyterian and Lutheran Volunteer Corps, have held retreats and conferences at NPC. The increase in facilities use revenue is being used to support priority capital projects.

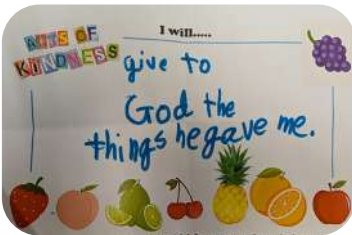
NPC campus improvements include refreshment of the concrete steps, replacement of the boiler at Agencies, repair and repainting of the chapel hallway, and installation of new security cameras around campus.

An updated Emergency Preparedness Plan was developed, including training sessions for the church staff, volunteers, ushers, and greeters. Half of the church staff received CPR certifications during the fall training sessions.

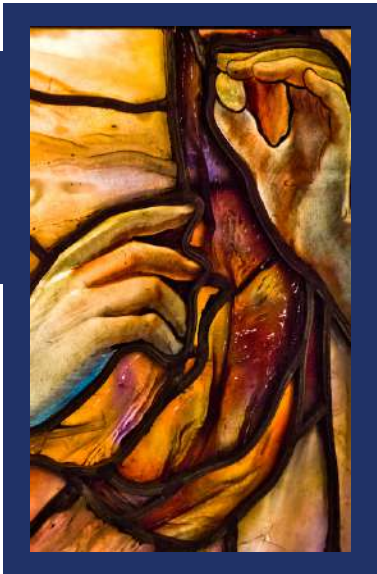


FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

We give as an act of worship and as a way of more faithfully following the example of Christ. In 2025, NPC centered our stewardship around “Generosity in Action” and spent 14 days as a congregation studying God’s Word and living it out in our communities. Together, we listened, encouraged, served, forgave, shared, praised, thanked, and prayed.



This year, our children joined their parents in coming forward to place in the basket no financial commitments but promises of how they would live out their faith in the year ahead. They are watching, listening, and learning what it means to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. There were many moving commitments shared that day, but one in particular deeply resonated: “Give to God the things He gave me.”



In a year marked by economic uncertainty and job loss, the congregation’s giving remained sacrificial, steady, and deeply worshipful. NPC started the year strong, having just fully paid off the construction loan, which meant that more funds were available for ministry. This empowered Session not only to fund program and mission priorities for the current year, but also to increase planning toward the preservation of the NPC campus so future generations can worship here. *The \$272,000 operating surplus was set aside to seed a facility repair fund that will address high-priority immediate needs.* The hope is that this fund will expand into a preservation fund that strategically addresses the longer-term campus priorities. In addition, thoughtful stewardship of underutilized space through campus rentals generated revenue that was reinvested into ministry programs and the ongoing care and maintenance of the campus.

BY THE NUMBERS

272,000
NET INCOME
SET ASIDE FOR FACILITY NEEDS

INCOME		PROGRAMMING EXPENSES	
3,763,000	288,000	773,000	550,000
FAITH GIVING	FUND TRANSFERS	WORSHIP	GROW
853,000	25,000	539,000	540,000
FACILITIES USE	OTHER	CARE	SERVE
470,000		1,708,000	1,017,000
SPECIAL INCOME		BUILDING & GROUNDS	MINISTRY SUPPORT
5,399,000		5,127,000	
TOTAL		TOTAL	



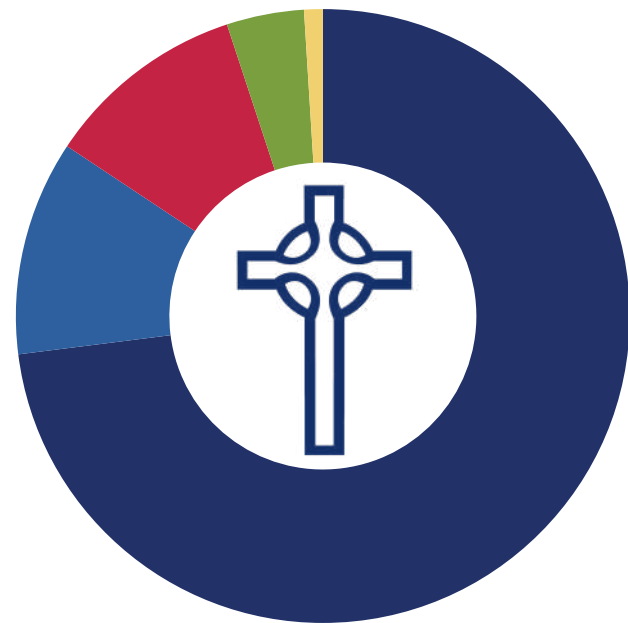


FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Similarly, the Finance Council sought ways to steward church resources more strategically. To support both long-term stability and future ministry opportunities, a more conservative investment strategy was adopted to preserve capital while also helping offset the effects of inflation and operational demands. As a result of this disciplined approach, *the investment portfolio grew from \$6,936,000 to \$7,994,000.*

A strategic priority of NPC is ensuring that a portion of every gift received is shared beyond our walls to care for neighbors in need. In 2025, *NPC gave more than \$550,000 to support local, national, and global outreach efforts.*

In addition to the mission partners supported through the operating budget, 21 organizations received financial support through our Christmas Mission Gifts program. We also responded to natural disasters around the world, organized a mission trip to Ghana, and provided care and respite to many individuals who came to the church seeking assistance and hope.



■ Operating Budget \$401,868	■ Emergency Assistance \$22,432
■ Disaster Assistance \$62,330	■ Mission Trips \$5,408
■ Mission Gifts \$58,424	

This work was further strengthened through the extraordinary foresight and generosity of eight families who thoughtfully included NPC in their estate plans and wills. Portions of these legacy gifts were invested to help sustain and strengthen the church's mission for generations to come, ensuring that future members of the congregation will continue to worship, serve, and grow in faith at NPC.

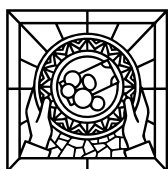
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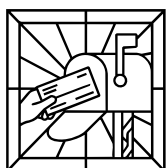
While these legacy gifts are helping secure the future of NPC's ministry, it is the faithful generosity of those giving today that fuels the daily life and mission of the church. Every act of giving, whether large or small, makes worship, discipleship, outreach, pastoral care, and service possible. Through the *faithful support of more than 1,200 families*, NPC continues to be a place where faith is nurtured, neighbors are served, and Christ's love is shared both within our walls and throughout the wider community.



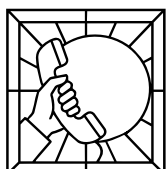
Countless gifts were received through the Sunday offering plate, a meaningful weekly act of worship that continues to connect generosity directly to gathered community and prayer.



Nearly 7,100 gifts totaling \$1.8 million were received online through www.pushpay.com/g/nationalpres. Of those, 184 families established recurring gifts, providing consistent and dependable support for the ongoing ministry and mission of NPC.



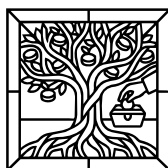
Many, including those that worship with us from outside the DMV, gave by mailing checks to [4101 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20016](#). This is an important and dependable source of support, with envelopes arriving throughout the year from members both near and far.



Some members chose to give simply by making a phone call to the church office [\(202\)537-7495](tel:2025377495), a reminder that generosity is ultimately about people and relationships, not just technology.



An increasing number of households utilized Donor-Advised Funds to support NPC, allowing families to align their charitable giving with long-term planning.



Many age 70½ and older gave through Qualified Charitable Distributions from their IRAs, turning retirement assets into meaningful, tax-advantaged support for ministry and mission.



Gifts of appreciated stock provided another tax-wise way to give, allowing donors to maximize the impact of their generosity while supporting the ongoing work of NPC.





THANK YOU

National was blessed with many dedicated leaders and volunteers in 2025, including the following:

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Dr. Ray Hylton, Senior Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Christian Formation (*retired in December*)

Rev. Lisa Larsen, Associate Pastor for Care Ministries

Dr. Nancy Fox, Parish Associate (*retired in December*)

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AND THANK YOU!

Because of your generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Your membership, participation, service, gifts and commitments** all support Christ's ministry in and through National. Your faithfulness is priceless, and National is grateful for you.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

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