

July 12, 2026

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who
are in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:1



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Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. Kristin Franke
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
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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, 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!

Club 45

Today, 5:00 pm

Youth House

Rising 4th & 5th graders, Club 45 is just for you! Come grow in faith and friendship through fun games, Bible study and more. We meet from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Youth House on six Sundays this June & July. For more information, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

Youth Group

Today, 6:30 pm

Youth House

Bring a friend to youth group Bible study and games. For more details, contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, July 12

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Hands-On Summer
- 10:00 am: Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
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Monday, July 13 - Friday July, 17

- Middle School Camp: The Great Escape

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Venezuela Relief

In response to the devastating earthquake in Venezuela, Serve Council approved a \$10,000 donation from our Disaster Relief Fund to the Salvation Army, which is already on the ground providing emergency assistance, food, shelter, and spiritual care to individuals and families affected by this disaster. If you would still like to help, you can make a donation online through NPC or write a check with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line. Every gift helps provide hope and practical assistance to those recovering from this tragedy. Thank you for your generosity and for continuing to keep the people of Venezuela in your prayers.

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:



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 Who You Say I Am Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but he brought me in: O his love for me! O his love for me!

Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me!

Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!

You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! (2x)

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most merciful Father,

you forgive the sins of those who truly repent.

We therefore come before your throne

in the name of Jesus Christ.

For his sake alone, O Lord, have compassion on us,

Forgive us, we pray, that our sin might not be a cloud between you and us.

John Colet

15th Century English Theologian

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, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY

Rev. Franke

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-11
Pew Bible Pages 918-919

Deacon Jeanne Su

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Sasha May and Evan Atchison
Children's Ministries Interns

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SERMON

No Condemnation

Rev. Craig Meek

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

Living Hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night!
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

*The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope. (2x)*

▲ 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

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.

His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *Chorus (2x)*

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Franke

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

Sawyer Perrins

Prayer of Response

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Franke

▲ Congregation standing, as able

*Please come forward after worship for confidential prayer
with one of our Deacons or Stephen Ministers.*

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Voluntary No. 1 in D Major

William Boyce
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ HYMN 376 *verses 1-3* Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 376, verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Amen, amen.

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, truth divine, make my conscience wholly thine;
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

Orlando Gibbons

Samuel Longfellow

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Rev. Lisa Larsen

OFFERTORY

Arise. My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the Throne my surety stands.
My name is written on his hands.
Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."
My God is reconciled, his voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise!

Charles Wesley
with Heather Green, violin

▲ DOXOLOGY

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Old Hundredth

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me, who caused his pain, for me, whom him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

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David German
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 service. To maintain a safe environment, we have age guidelines for each room, using the child's age as of September 30, 2025. Babies-17 months are in Room 207. Early Toddlers (18 months-2 years old) are in Room 230. 3s and 4s are in the Toddler Room (Room 231).

Library Hours: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Our NPC Library, located on the second floor, is open from 9:00 am-1:00 pm on Sundays. Stop in to say "hi!" We've got books for all ages and ministries to enrich your faith journey and further our mission of leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus together in God's world.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer Choir Rehearsal: 10:00 am

Summer Choir rehearses only on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am to sing for the 11:00 am service. Love to sing? We would love to welcome you! For more information contact the music office at dwulff@nationalpres.org.

Hands-On Summer: 9:55 am

This summer all are invited to participate in family-friendly hands-on bible study and service together! We'll meet in the Garden Rooms from 9:55-10:45 am, and all ages can participate. Each week we'll start with Scripture that will lead us into our project.

Today: Trail Mix

Trail mix prep for NPC

Mission Partner, Martha's Table

July 19: Summer Mission Trip Craft

Craft prep for NPC's Youth Summer

Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

July 26: Journal-Making for All Ages

Reflecting and responding to God's written Word

Summer Speaker Series: 9:55 am

Throughout the Summer, NPC invites guest speakers from across the DMV area to discuss with us matters related to faith and practice in the present-day. Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall next week at 9:55 am and bring your questions!

Today: Jessica Moerman

Creation Care & Christian Faith

July 19: Margaret Kibben

Bridging the Gap between Faith and Fear

July 26: James Ziglar

Immigration - Past and Present

August 2: Tremper Longman

Biblical Reflection on Immigration

August 9: Francis Collins

The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust

August 16: Jennifer Wiseman

Dark Matter and Bright Stars

August 23: Kristin Franke

Summer Trip/Events Report

August 30: Paul Miller

To Be Announced

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food For our Neighbors

The NPC Food Pantry cares for neighbors facing food insecurity affecting nearly 40% of DC residents. Ongoing collections will support students at University of the District of Columbia and families at Central Union Mission. As you shop this week, consider picking up a few extra items to share and drop in the wooden bin just inside the main entrance from the parking lot. For suggested donations, visit the [NPC website](#).

Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee seeks your recommendations of persons to serve as Elders, Deacons, board members for the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information about these positions and to submit recommendations.

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

The Great Escape Camp

July 13-17

Stevens, Pennsylvania

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

High School Mission Trip

July 20-26

El Batey, Dominican Republic

Our High School youth will be taking a trip to serve with our Mission Partner, Foundation for Peace, in the Dominican Republic. They will be doing construction work, leading VBS, and worshipping alongside the local church.

Join Our Team!

Associate for Youth Ministries

NPC is hiring an Associate for Youth Ministries. The ideal candidate has a heart for reaching middle school and high school youth with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This position will be responsible for all aspects of weekly youth programs and special events, as well as maintaining the relational outreach and connection aspect of the Youth Ministry.

Ministry Internship Hub

This fall, NPC is running a Ministry Internship Hub, and hiring 4-6 ministry interns in a variety of areas. These internships are open to any college-aged students interested in serving part time at NPC, and exploring conversations about leadership and spiritual development. Primary hours of work will be Sunday mornings, with an additional group supervision meeting to be scheduled during the week.

For more information and to apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs, or email Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).



**Called
to Care**

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

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 mourn:

the passing of Janet Risseeuw.

We pray for:

Evangelical Theological Seminary as they train pastors and lay people in biblical and theological studies in Croatia.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, careoffice@nationalpres.org 202-537-7537.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Risseeuw Family in loving memory of Janet Risseeuw

“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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