

September 6, 2026
Communion

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

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



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

Ice Cream Social

Today, 11:15 am

Upper Plaza

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

Fall Food, Clothing, & Blood Drive

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

All are invited to serve our community by volunteering or donating nonperishables and gently used clothing. The Food & Clothing Drive will be held from 10:00 am–12:00 pm (drive-thru and drop-off), and the Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Sign up to volunteer on our [website](#), or for more information, contact Serve Director Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).

Nepal Disaster Relief

In response to the devastating flooding in Nepal, Serve Council approved a \$5,000 donation from our Disaster Relief Fund to World Vision, to provide emergency assistance, food, shelter, and spiritual care to individuals and families. If you would like to help, make a donation by scanning the QR code below or writing a check with "Nepal Disaster Relief" in the memo line. Every gift helps provide hope and practical assistance. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers.



Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 12

- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 13

- 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: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am

Stone Fellowship Hall

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

Club 45

Sunday, September 13, 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. For more information, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

Youth Group

Sunday, September 13, 6:30 pm

Youth House

Bring a friend to youth group for dinner, Bible study, and games. Parents and NPC members are invited to sign up to bring an easy meal to share. For more details, contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Highland Cathedral

arr. Charles Callahan

CHIMES

Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG

Build My Life

Matt Redman

Worthy of every song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one that could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!

*Holy, there is no one like you! There is none beside you. Open up my eyes in wonder!
Show me who you are and fill me with your heart and lead me
in your love to those around me.*

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one that could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you! *Chorus*

I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken. *(2x) Chorus*

Joanna Zorack-Greene and NPC Band

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Glory to God on high, let earth and skies reply.

Praise ye his name, praise ye his name.

Christ's love and grace adore who all our sorrows bore. Sing aloud evermore:

Worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb!

Alice Parker

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

Almighty and merciful Father, you have given us a new commandment
that we should love one another.

Lord, give us grace that we may obey it.

Toward that end, forgive our self-centered and self-serving sins,
that stand between us and you, and between us and each other.

Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing.

Direct our daily lives that we may look to the good of others in word and deed.

Hallow our friendships by the blessing of your Spirit,

for the sake of him who loves us, and gave himself for us, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Brooke Foss Westcott

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** Nicene Creed Rev. Larsen
 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:8-14 Cynthia Armstrong-Friedmann
Pew Bible Page 923

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Larsen

*Rising 1st to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
 Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.*

SERMON

Living the Gospel in Daily Life

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.

RESPONSE

Chereponi

Choir

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.
 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.
 All are neighbors to us and you.*

Congregation

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Craig Meek

OFFERING SONG

Holy Spirit

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the Risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for your purity: Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all we do:
 Love enough that covers every sin in each thought and deed and attitude;
 Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace;
 Turn our striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all we do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
 Show your power once again on earth, cause your Church to hunger for your ways.
 Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
 That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

NPC Band, Choir, and Congregation

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Meek

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Love One Another

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that ye love one another.

With Sheri Jackson and Tess Ottinger, sopranos

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Meek

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

O God, Beyond All Praising

Thaxted

Here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God,

which is the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Hebrews 13:14-15

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end.

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,

We worship and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The depth of night is passing, the dawn is close at hand,

And nearer our salvation that when we first began;

So lay aside the works of deep darkness for the right,

And let us then be girded with armor of the light;

For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,

And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

We will triumph though our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Meek

▲ SENDING SONG

1,000 Tongues

Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin

Joanna Zorack-Greene and NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

Everyone is invited to the Upper Plaza after worship for an Ice Cream Social.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

• **10:00 am:** Single Worship Service

• **11:15 am:** Ice Cream Social

Childcare

Childcare is available on the second floor of the main church building from 9:45 am until the close of the 10:00 am worship service. To maintain a safe environment, we have age guidelines for each room. Babies and crawlers are in Room 207. Strong walkers & 2-year-olds are in Room 230. 3-year-olds & 4-year-olds are in Room 231.

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

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

Fall 2026 Adult Discipleship Classes Beginning Next Sunday!

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

First Corinthians: R.V. Seep

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

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

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

Parent Gathering

New Members Class: NPC Staff

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

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



**Called
to Care**

Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC partners with the non-profit IONA Senior Services, which has a geriatric social worker available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.
Galatians 6:10

NOTES

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, September 13, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms

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

New Member Class

Beginning September 13

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

Sign Up for Small Groups

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

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Nominations Open September 6-27

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

Chancel Choir

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

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:



Join Our Team!

Communications Intern

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

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

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Newcomers and Long-timers:

Let us know you are here! Whether in the Sanctuary or worshipping online, we want to know you and care for you. Please sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- Visit our [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Get Connected Through Service!

Want to share in faith and fellowship through service?

No matter your age, skills, or ability, you can use your gifts to serve our church, our community, and our world. Scan the QR code to learn more about the opportunities below.



- View upcoming community service opportunities on our [Events](#) page or contact Jonathan Edwards (jedwards@nationalpres.org).
- Want to help on Sundays? Visit our [Serve at Church](#) page or contact Carol Han (chan@nationalpres.org).
- If you're interested in photography, we would love to utilize your skills to capture photos on Sundays. Contact communications@nationalpres.org.

Your Giving Makes a Difference

Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time.

To give now scan the QR code or text "NPC" to 833-414-9444. For other ways to give go to nationalpres.org/giving, call our Finance Office at 202-537-7495, or email our Director of Finance and Administration at lskrine@nationalpres.org.



Prayers

We pray for:

Central Union Mission, as they serve the vulnerable and hurting people in DC.

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 in loving memory of Josephine Szeto by her sister.



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