

August 9, 2026

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*And how are they to proclaim him
unless they are sent? As it is written,
'How beautiful are the feet of those
who bring good news!'*

Romans 10:15



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Rev. Lisa Larsen
Rev. Craig Meek
Rev. 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, 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!

Mini Coffee Hour

Today, 9:55 am

Garden Rooms

In lieu of Hands-On Summer, stop by the Garden Rooms for coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship. For additional info, contact Jill Meek (jmeek@nationalpres.org).

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

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, August 9

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:55 am: Mini Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am: Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: 50-Year Member Celebration
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Tuesday, August 11

- 7:00 pm: Youth Park Night

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:00 pm: College Bible Study

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Celebrating 50-Year Members With Gratitude!

Today we honor those who have been members at National Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more. They have seen many changes, and have remained faithful to God's work in and through our church. Please join us for a reception in Stone Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am service.

Became Members in 1976:

William Gearhart

Sandy Sharpe

Charles Glendinning

Paula Glendinning

Became Members Prior to 1976 (Listed in Order of Date Joined):

Irene Stadick

Marianne McCulloch

Diana Schwanhausser

Margaret Johnson

Jo Carlberg

Susan Smink

Elizabeth Cardosi

Mary Romano

Rick Gorrell

Darlene Johnson

Frances Atchison

Christine Quinn

Susan Harmon

William Budke

Jim Vis

Larry Quinn

Susan Wright

Carol Knouse

Barbara Bomkamp

Daniel Armstrong

Gene Thompson

Kristy Chikes

Jim Bomkamp

Priscilla Huffman

Ann Bailey

Joan Sharkey

Jane Peterson

Ed Kindred

Roma Samuel

Kristin Green

Nancy Schultze

Ronald Carlberg

Sharon Buchet

Emmett Bittick

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG

Cornerstone

Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone! Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all!

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

My anchor holds within the veil! *Chorus*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne! *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,

and did send your blessed Son to preach peace

to those who are far off and to those who are near.

You have also called us to be a servant people,

but we do not always live according to our calling.

We are sometimes silent when we should speak.

We are not brave when we could be bold.

Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive our sins and our faithless reticence.

Grant that, through our witness, others may seek after you and find you.

Bring the nations into your fold. Pour out your Spirit abundantly,

and hasten the coming day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Larsen

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and

buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Larsen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 10:5-15
Pew Bible Page 921

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Larsen

*Kindergarten to 5th graders may exit with leaders for Children's Chapel.
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SERMON

Beautiful Feet

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

*You may bring your gift forward during the offering song,
or place it in an offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary.*

▲ OFFERING SONG

Salt and Light

John and Jan L'Ecuyer

You make me want to be like you, your holiness I will pursue, I want the heart of Jesus.
Show me the meaning of your grace, I want to give the world a taste of the love of Jesus.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.

Reveal your glory in my life.

For I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.

Make me salt, make me light.

As a city on a hill, a lamp on a stand, mold me in your image, the work of your hand.

Make me salt, make me light, let your holy fire ignite.

Reveal your glory in my life.

For I am not ashamed to lift up your holy name.

Make me salt, make me light.

▲ 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ CLOSING SONG

What A Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.

My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus. (3x)

▲ 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 a member of our prayer team.*

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Prelude from Symphonie No. 2 in D Charles-Marie Widor
CHIMES Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 475 O That I Had a Thousand Voices *O dass ich
tausend Zungen hatte*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Larsen

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE *Azmon*
O for a thousand tongues to sing our dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of our God and King, the triumphs of God's grace. Charles Wesley

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Larsen

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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 Rev. Larsen
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CHORAL RESPONSE

Forest Green

O God of righteousness and grace, seen in the Christ, thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal thy face, by whom thy will is done:
Inspire thy heralds of good news to live thy life divine,
Till Christ is formed human hearts, and every land is thine.

Henry Hallam Tweedy

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

From St. Paul, Op. 36

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Dr. Hylton

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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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 391

Take My Life

Hendon

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Azmon

Our gracious Master and our God, assist us to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Charles Wesley

Dr. Stoltzfus

Grand Chœur in G major

Théodore Salomé
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 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-years-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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer Choir, 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.

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 at 9:55 am and bring your questions!

Today: 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

Natural Law and the Christian Public Witness



**Called
to Care**

Like to cook?

Families with new babies or members with health challenges would welcome meals. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

For I was hungry and you gave me food.
Matthew 25:35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:



Youth Park Night

Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 pm

Turtle Park, 45th & Van Ness NW

All NPC youth are invited to Turtle Park on Tuesdays to play sports and games, and to hang out with youth staff. Bring a friend! For questions, contact Rev. Kristin Franke at (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

College Bible Study

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 pm

Youth House

Looking to connect with your peers and learn more about the Bible? Check out our Summer Bible study for ages 17-22, dinner will be provided! For more information please contact Meghan Thompson (meghanmct123@gmail.com).

Food For Our Neighbors

The NPC Food Pantry cares for DC neighbors facing food insecurity. Please donate items in the bin inside the main entrance. 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. Please visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information about these positions and to submit recommendations. Paper recommendation forms are available in the narthex.

Join Our Team!

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).

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 celebrate with:

Patricia and Kwaku Labi
on the birth of their son.

Rachel and Jonathan Rajaseelan
on the birth of their son.

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
and in loving memory of Alice Smith, our beloved mother and grandmother.

“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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