

October 11, 2026
Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Go therefore into the main streets,
and invite everyone you find
to the wedding banquet.
Matthew 22:9*



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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!

Coffee Hour

Today, 9:55 am

Stone Hall

In lieu of our usual Sunday School schedule, we will instead be celebrating Confirmation Sunday with coffee, sweet treats, and fellowship!

Adult Tech Support

Today, 9:55 am

Stone Hall

In need of tech support? NPC Youth are here to help! Bring your tech devices and questions after worship and stop by their table!

Confirmation Sunday

Today, 11:00 am

Please join us in celebrating the confirmation of our youth! For more information, please contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 25, 12:15 pm

Sanctuary

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee. The Congregational Meeting will be in person and will not be live streamed.

Schedule at a Glance

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

Sunday, October 11

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Coffee Hour
- 9:55 am: Adult Tech Support
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 12:15 pm: Sandwich Making

Monday, October 12

- NPC Offices Closed

Wednesday, October 14

- 10:30 am: Adult Service Project

Sunday, October 18

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

Today, 12:15 pm

Stone 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!

Adult Service Project & Luncheon

Wednesday, October 14, 10:30 am

Stone Hall

Come for a morning of service and fellowship! We'll work together on a variety of projects supporting some of our local Missions Partners and helping care for the life of our church.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Kevin Rose, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ OPENING SONG Come, People of the Risen King Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice! O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*

Come, young and old from every land—men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! *Chorus (2x)*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Loving God, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done,

We have sinned in ignorance, weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We come to you in guilt and sorrow.

We turn to you once again in repentance and need.

Forgive us, we pray, and heal us, 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. 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14
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Elder John Neely

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Franke

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

SERMON

Responding in a Complicated World

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

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

Trust In You

Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every sin single dream, I lay each one down at your feet.

Every moment of my wondering never changes what you see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need your rest.

Mighty warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face you're by my side.

When you don't move the mountains I'm needing you to move,

when you don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,

when you don't give the answers as I cry out to you:

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you!

Truth is, you know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead you have not seen.

So in all things be my life and breath. I want what you want, Lord, and nothing less! *Chorus*

You are my strength and comfort. You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.

Your ways are always higher. Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go you've not already stood! *Chorus*

I will trust in you. (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

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

Mighty to Save

Hillsong Worship

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations!

Savior, he can move the mountains! My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of Salvation, he rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave!

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.

Now I surrender. Yes, I surrender! *Chorus*

Shine your light and let the whole world see

we're singing for the glory of the risen King! (2x) *Chorus*

My Savior, you can move the mountains. You are mighty to save! You are mighty to save!

Forever, Author of Salvation, You rose and conquered the grave.

Yes, you conquered the grave!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Meek

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

*Everyone is invited downstairs to
Stone Fellowship Hall after worship for Coffee Hour.*

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NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fantasia

Orlando Gibbons
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Franke

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Schmücke dich

Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, leave behind all gloom and sadness

Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render

Unto God, whose grace unbounded has this wondrous banquet founded:

Come, for now the Lord most holy stoops to you in likeness lowly.

Johann Franck

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Franke

Loving God, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done,

We have sinned in ignorance, weakness, and through our own deliberate fault.

We come to you in guilt and sorrow.

We turn to you once again in repentance and need.

Forgive us, we pray, and heal us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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.

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

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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. Franke

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sophie Hsu

Elyse Swann

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

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.

CONFIRMATION

Kate Abrams

Lake Angehr-Sun

Nathan Chandra

Mary Fawell

Sophie Hsu

Christopher Park

Charlie Pippert

Rex Roe

Andrew St. John

Reid Stelzer

Izzy Sutton

Elyse Swann

Alston White

Congregational Prayer *in unison*

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family.

May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.

Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit.

So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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Matthew 22:1-14

Holly Novak

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

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Holy Manna

Lord your kingdom invitation comes to us, a gracious sign,

As the joyful, sure fulfillment of your purpose and design.

To your banquet may acceptance quick and truly heartfelt be,

Undivided and responsive to your generosity.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

OFFERTORY Let Us Break Bread Together

John Ness Beck
Traditional Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

▲ 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

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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

Gathering at Your Banquet Table

Beach Spring

Gathering at your banquet table, we have come here at your word;

As we know, O God, your presence, let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourished by your sacred story, we now claim it as our own;

Show us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;

Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;

May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share your feast.

Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,

As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Carl P. Daw (alt)

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Meek

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Schmücke dich

Jesus, source of life and pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,

By your love we are invited, be your love with love required.

From this banquet let us measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;

Through the gifts that here you give us, as your guests in heav'n receive us. Johann Franck

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

Voluntary

Thomas Tomkins
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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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 and 2-year-olds are in Room 230. 3-year-olds and 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.

Children's Sunday School

Resumes October 18

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

Resumes October 18

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.

Fall 2026 Adult Discipleship Classes

For more information, check our [website](#).

Classes will not meet today.

20s/30s (Garden Room A)

First Corinthians (Chapel)

Parent Gathering (Jones Hall in the Education Building)

The Art of Marriage (Room 109)

The Book of Isaiah (Garden Rooms B & C)

The Dangerous Act of Loving One's Neighbor (Room 209)

After the Revolution: Religion in the New Republic (Starting Nov. 1)



Feeling anxious or burdened? Need to slow down?

Care Notes are inspirational booklets on various topics. Pick up one in the Welcome Center. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7b

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group

Sunday, October 18, 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).

Women's Ministry Fall Brunch

Saturday, October 24, 12:00 pm

Stone Fellowship Hall

The fall brunch is always a special time to gather around the table to enjoy a delicious meal, catch up with friends, reflect on our faith, and enjoy the gift of being together. Christian author and teacher, Melissa Overmyer, will speak on the shape of God's love among us. Register on our [website](#) by October 19, or for more information, please email women@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! 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:



Reserve your place in the Festival Choir!

Comfort and Joy

Our Coming Savior in

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FESTIVAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 5 pm

Rehearsals for this musical masterpiece begin 10 am on Saturday, November 7

Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday Rehearsals 10 am – 1 pm

November 7, 14, 21 and December 5

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, December 11 from 7 pm – 10 pm

Saturday, December 12 from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

For information or to immediately sign up go to www.nationalpres.org/messiah-2026.
or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.

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 John Witherspoon.

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

202-537-7537.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of Almighty God by Nancy Hartman in loving memory of her life companion, Denis Harrington, and her family, Joseph, Grace Leah and John Hartman.

“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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