

October 18, 2026

Welcome to NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*'They answered, 'The emperor's.'
Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the
emperor the things that are the emperor's,
and to God the things that are God's.'*

Matthew 22:21



Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Parish Associate
Music

Ministry Directors

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
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!

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.

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.

Schedule at a Glance

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

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

Saturday, October 24

- 12:00 pm: Women's Brunch

Sunday, October 25

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

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1, 12:30 pm Chapel

All are invited to this worship service in which we remember those who have passed away in the previous year. Anyone who has lost a loved one may find peace and comfort in attending. The Columbarium will be open following the service.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Franke

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, you were rich, yet for our sakes became poor.

You have promised that whatever is done for the least of your brethren,
you will receive as done to you.

Forgive our sins of self-centeredness and pride,

Forgive our sinful inattention to those around us.

Help us look beyond our own needs to minister to the needs of others.

Help us remember that our neighbor is our very great concern
because our neighbor is your very great concern.

Extend through us the blessings of your kingdom to our neighbors and the world.

From St. Augustine

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Franke

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22 Alex Beehler
Pew Bible Pages 803-804

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Corrie Berg
Seminary Intern

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

SERMON Living Publicly in a Complicated World 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 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 Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly Pat Barrett
It all comes down to this, what you require of me.
Love my neighbor as myself, and you above all things.
*Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly, with you God.
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly, with you God.*
It all comes down to this, to be your hands and feet.
Good news to all the world; the truth will set us free. *Chorus*
It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing,
it's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven. (2x)
Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.
Faith just like a seed the only way it grows. *Chorus*

- ▲ 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!

Rev. Larsen

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.

I Will Follow

Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan

Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay.

When you move I'll move, I will follow.

All your ways are good, all your ways are sure: I will trust in you alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life: I will trust in you alone.

Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay; when you move, I'll move: I will follow you!

Whom you love, I'll love; how you serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow you!

Yeah, I will follow you—yeah!

Light into the world, light into my life: I will live for you alone.

You're the one I seek knowing I will find all I need in you alone—in you alone! *Chorus*

Yeah, I will follow you— yeah!

In you there's life everlasting. In you there's freedom for my soul.

In you there's joy, unending joy! And I will follow! *Chorus (2x)*

Yeah, I will follow you, yeah! (3x)

Dr. Hylton

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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

Songs used by permission: CCLI #100655 and #17315

NOTES

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Fugue and Finale

Felix Mendelssohn

CHIMES

Sonata No. 6

Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristin Franke

▲ HYMN 460 *verses 1-3* Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Franke

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 460, verse 4

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name you,
While in essence only One; undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Franke

O Lord, you were rich, yet for our sakes became poor.
You have promised that whatever is done for the least of your brethren,
you will receive as done to you.
Forgive our sins of self-centeredness and pride,
Forgive our sinful inattention to those around us.
Help us look beyond our own needs to minister to the needs of others.
Help us remember that our neighbor is our very great concern
because our neighbor is your very great concern.
Extend through us the blessings of your kingdom to our neighbors and the world.

From St. Augustine

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 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. 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 22:15-22
Pew Bible Pages 803-804

Ed Blanton

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Corrie Berg
Seminary Intern

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

SERMON

Living Publicly in a Complicated World

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the Sanctuary.

HYMN 293

This Is My Father's World

Terra beata

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

OFFERTORY

Behold Now, Praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by nightstand in thee house of the Lord,
even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

From Psalm 134

▲ 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

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.

▲ HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

St. Catherine

Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.

Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.

We've come with all our hearts and minds your call to hear, your love to find.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,

Not through some merit, right, or claim but by your gracious love alone.

We strain to see your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair

And offer all that we can do while you are making all things new.

Brian Wren, (alt)

Dr. Hylton

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Grand March

Felix Mendelssohn
Mr. Fickley, organ

▲ 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, Cookies, and Community.

Songs used by permission: CCLI #100655 and #17315

NOTES

This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page, leaving small margins at the top and bottom. There are no vertical margin lines, text, or other markings on the page.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **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

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

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

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](#).

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)



**Called
to Care**

Prayer Cards

May we pray for you? Prayer cards are in the guestbook and may be left in the collection plate or the prayer box in the Welcome Center.

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Jeremiah 29:12

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serve Our City: Little Lights
Saturday, November 7, 10:00 am
Offsite

You are invited to provide a safe, fun, and encouraging space for their students to spend their unstructured weekend hours. Whether it's playing games, making a craft, or helping with homework, this will be an excellent opportunity to encourage our city's youth! Anyone 16 and over can join! 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! For more information contact the music office (202-537-7553 or dwulff@nationalpres.org).

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.

NOTES

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 Judy Preysnar.

We pray for:

Bethlehem Bible College, as they prepare Christian leaders to serve churches and communities in the Middle East.

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 by Kristin Forsberg Green
in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg,
who was born on October 21,
and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg,
who joined him in heaven on October 21.

“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.



4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
WWW.NATIONALPRES.ORG



[/NATIONALPRES](https://www.facebook.com/NATIONALPRES)

[@NATIONALPRES](https://www.instagram.com/NATIONALPRES)