October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Welcome to
National Presbyterian Church

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

'And you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you free.'
John 8:32

Senior Pastor	Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.
Associate Pastors	Rev. Lisa Larsen
	Rev. Craig Meek
	Rev. Kristin Franke
Parish Associate	Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Music	Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
	Todd Fickley (Organist)
	Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)
Ministry Directors	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
Today, 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.

Kindergarten Milestone:
The Doxology
Today during 8:45 am worship, our Kindergarteners lead us in singing The Doxology. As a part of Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a "Milestone in Worship," an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith.

Youth Group
Today, 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).

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:

Schedule at a Glance
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- 12:30 pm: Service of Remembrance
- 5:00 pm: Club 45
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

Saturday, November 7
- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am: Serve Our City: Little Lights

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.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING — Improvisations — Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Craig Meek

▲ OPENING SONG — How Great Thou Art — *O store Gud*

O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, "How great thou art, how great thou art!"
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Chorus*

How great thou art! How great thou art!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Meek

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O God, your very name is holy.
In our worship today may it also be hallowed.
To this end, O blessed Father, help us in our weakness,
convict us of our disobedience, and forgive us of our sins.
As we hear your Word taught in truth and purity,
help us—your children—to lead holy lives in accordance with it;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Martin Luther, leader of the German Reformation

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 Heidelberg Catechism Rev. Meek

What is your only comfort in life and in death? *Question and Answer One*

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purposes for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

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

John David Rose

Son of Emily Anne Rose and Soren Jacob Rose

Prayer of Response

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Unison Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is fullness of light and wisdom. Enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth, for Christ's sake. Amen. John Calvin, leader of the Swiss Reformation

Sermon When Truth is a Person 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. 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 — Because He Lives — Matt Maher

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives!
Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! *Chorus*

Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone.
I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ Doxology — *Old Hundreth*

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.

led by NPC Kindergarteners

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 — Freedom — Brett Younker and Kristian Stanfill

Step out of the shadows, step out of the grave.
Break into the wild and don't be afraid.

Pre-Chorus
Run into wide open spaces; grace is waiting for you.
Dance like the weight has been lifted; grace is waiting.

Chorus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is freedom.
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom, there is freedom.
Come out of the dark, just as you are, into the fullness of his love.
For the Spirit is here; let there be freedom; let there be freedom!

Bring all of your burdens; bring all of your scars.
Come back to communion, come back to the start. *Pre-Chorus, Chorus*

Chains will fall, prisons shake at the sound of Jesus' name.
Lives made whole, hearts awake at the sound of Jesus' name. (2x) *Chorus*

▲ 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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11:00 AM WORSHIP

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PRELUDE — Toccata in C Major — Johann Pachelbel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Craig Meek

▲ HYMN 220 — All People That on Earth Do Dwell — *Old Hundredth*
Genevan and Scottish Reformation Psalters

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Meek

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE — *O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte*

All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with us our hearts' devotion, help us to sing God's praises high!
Our utmost powers can never quite declare the wonders of God's might!

Johann Mentzer, Reformation Hymn Text Writer

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Son of Patricia Labi and Kwaku Gyimah-Labi

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Choral Response — *Sola fide*

Christ paid the price to set me free: his blood poured out on Calvary's tree.
Now nothing as my own I'll call, for all is Christ's, and Christ's my all.
Now in Christ's righteousness alone I stand before God's awesome throne,
And grasp what only God could do: Be just and justifier, too. — James Montgomery Boice

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts — Rev. Larsen

Offertory — Sing to the Lord a New Song — Craig Courtney
From *Three Sacred Canticles*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.
Proclaim his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples.
Praise the Lord, bless his holy name.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for he hath done marvelous things.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with music;
Break forth into joyous singing.
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Based on Psalms 96, 98, and 100

▲ Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

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Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Pastoral Prayer Rev. Larsen

The Lord's Prayer *sung by Sheri Jackson, soprano*

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▲ Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

▲ Benediction Dr. Hylton

▲ Choral Amen Heinrich Schütz

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Larsen

▲ Postlude Chorale Prelude on Ein Feste Burg Johann Pachelbel
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-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.

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

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

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, November 7, 8:00 am
Stone Fellowship Hall
Join us for a delicious, hearty, hot breakfast and great fellowship. We will hear from Dennis Burgart, one of our military veterans and men's ministry leaders.

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).

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 worshiping 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:
NPC's youth, for God's encouragement and guidance as they grow, and for boldness to share the good news of Jesus.

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 John and Sally Cox in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary and their daughter Kate's recent engagement.

"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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