











November 15, 2026

Welcome to

National Presbyterian Church

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

Jesus answered, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."
Matthew 19:21

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!

First Grade Milestone
Today, during 8:45 am worship, our First Graders will lead us in the Lord's Prayer. 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.

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!

Military Ministry Meeting
Today 12:15 pm
Garden Rooms
In honor of Veterans Day, we will listen to stories from our church family. Lunch will be served, and all are welcome.

NPC & Reformed Institute Event
Today, 6:30 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall
Please join us for a co-sponsored evening with Kristin Lee, author of *We Mend with Gold: An Immigrant Daughter's Reckoning with American Christianity*. For more information and to RSVP, please go to reformedinstitute.org.

Thanksgiving Collection
Sunday, November 22
During both services, we invite you to donate nonperishable food items. Donations will support Central Union Mission and the Food Pantry at UDC. For a list of suggested donations, please visit our website.

Schedule at a Glance
For information about all of these events, please see the Events page on our website.

Sunday, November 15
- 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
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group
- 6:30 pm: NPC & Reformed Institute Event

Saturday, November 21
- 10:00 am: Festival Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 22: Thanksgiving Collection & Commitment Sunday
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Coffee, Cookies, & Community
- 5:00 pm: Youth Family Service Night

Season of Gratitude!
Please share where you've seen God, scan the QR code for more information.



Next Sunday, November 22, is Commitment Sunday. We invite you to bring your commitment cards to share how you plan to help NPC show Christ's love within and beyond our walls in 2027.

Youth Family Service Night
Sunday, November 22, 5:00 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall
NPC youth families are invited to join for an evening of prepping lasagnas for Martha's Table, followed by a potluck dinner. Please visit our website for more information or contact Rev. Kristin Franke (kfranke@nationalpres.org).

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 — Your Love Awakens Me — Phil Wickham

There were walls between us. By the cross you came and broke them down.
You broke them down. And there were chains around us.
By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive!
Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life!
I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken!
All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive!
Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.
We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! *(3x)*

Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, teach us to understand that your Son died to save us,
less from suffering than from ourselves,
less from injustice than from being unjust.
Forgive and transform us.
Christ died that we might live—but live as he lives—by dying as he died,
who died to himself. George MacDonald

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 — Matthew 19:16-30
Pew Bible Page 787

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children of All Ages — Corrie Berg, Seminary Intern

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Parents may take children Pre-K and under to the nursery.

Sermon — Letting Go to Truly Live — 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. Craig Meek

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

▲ Offering Song — Living Hope — Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night!
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope. (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 — Rev. Meek

The Lord's Prayer — Led by NPC First Graders

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 — Who You Say I Am — Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but he brought me in: O his love for me! O his love for me!
Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!
Free at last, he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me!
Who the Son sets free, O is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am!
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am!
I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am!
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am! (2x)
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▲ 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

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE — Aria — Gerre Hancock
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 375 — Lord of All Good — *Toulon*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION — Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — *Toulon*

Lord, you alone are generous and good;
In grace and mercy e'er you freely give.
Teach us your truth so oft misunderstood:
Gifts in like measure giv'n shall we receive.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison — Rev. Larsen

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less from suffering than from ourselves,
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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 — Treasures in Heaven — Robert H. Young

Treasures in heaven, treasures in heaven,
Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
Treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20

Call for Offering of Tithes and Gifts — Rev. Craig Meek

Offertory — My Song Shall Be Alway — Gary Davison

My song shall be alway the lovingkindness of the Lord.
With my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.
O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works,
and thy truth in the congregation of thy saints.
My song shall be alway the lovingkindness of the Lord. My song, the Lord. Psalm 89:1, 5

▲ Doxology — *Old Hundredth*

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Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer — Rev. Meek

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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 422 — God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending — *Beach Spring*

▲ Benediction — Dr. Hylton

▲ Choral Amen

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ — Rev. Meek

▲ Postlude — Voluntary on "Lift High the Cross" — Craig Phillips
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 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 (Room 109)

Called to Care

Stephen Ministry
Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties. careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202-537-7540

Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.
Isaiah 1:17

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church Advent Night
Sunday, November 29, 5:00 pm
Stone Fellowship Hall
All are invited to this joyful, intergenerational, hands-on evening of worship, crafts, and dinner together to celebrate Advent's beginning!

NPS Welcomes Applicants from NPC
Applications from NPC families receive special consideration at National Presbyterian School. NPC applications for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 are due November 23; Kindergarten and older are due January 8. For more information, please visit the website or contact Director of Enrollment & Marketing Robin Baker (rbaker@nps-dc.org or 202 537-7569).

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
Rehearsal Schedule
Remaining Saturday Rehearsals 10 am – 1 pm
November 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:
Foundation For Peace, a Christian ministry dedicated to forging connections between the US and materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Kenya.

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 in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.

"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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