

Session Observer Guidelines at National Presbyterian Church

The Session of National Presbyterian Church desires close communication with the congregation. In that spirit we open our meetings regularly to observers.

The *Book of Order* says:

“The session may invite members of the congregation to attend and observe its meetings if it so desires, without restricting its right to meet in executive session whenever circumstances indicate the wisdom of doing so.”
(G-10.0201)

The session at NPC chooses to open its meetings to observers, in accordance with the following process, while reserving the constitutional right to decide when meetings in executive session are required.

1. Active members of National Presbyterian Church may attend meetings of Session as observers. Beginning in January 2008, observers will be welcome on a quarterly schedule that is announced at the beginning of the calendar year by email, church bulletin and Information Table (see below).
2. Session may close any of its meetings (choose to meet in executive session) or parts of any of its meetings. A decision to close a meeting previously scheduled to be an open meeting shall be announced to the congregation in as reasonably a timely manner as possible.
3. Session may open to member observers any of its meetings beyond those scheduled on a quarterly basis if it so chooses.
4. Those who wish to observe one of the meetings of session scheduled to be open to observers will notify the church office by Wednesday of the preceding week so that adequate accommodations may be made.

Schedule of 2009 Open Session Meetings

March 23 - June 22 - September 28 - November 23