

2017 ANNUAL REPORT





But you are...members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

—EPHESIANS 2:19-22



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his letter to the Ephesians (4:15), the Apostle Paul calls the newly forming church to "grow in all aspects into Christ who is the head." Two thousand years later, we are still called to continually grow in relationship with and service to God made known to us in Jesus Christ. In 2017, National grew and stretched in new ways — even as we entered our 222nd year, and our 50th here on Nebraska Avenue!

Much stands out for me in looking back to 2017, and think of its ongoing impact into 2018.

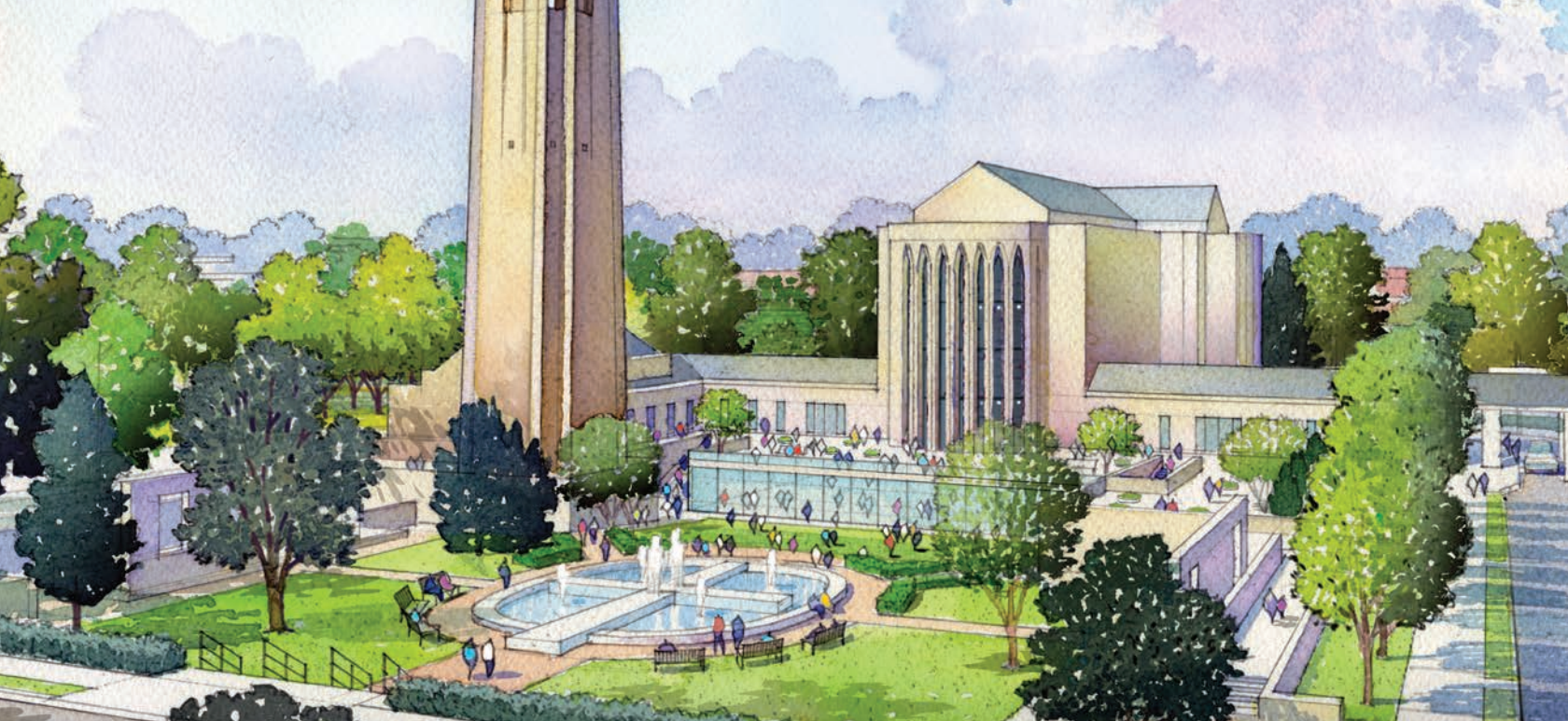
For example, more than 500 members and friends of the congregation attended one of our 20 focus groups in the fall to learn of our facilities plans and expansion of our mission. This interest and support was remarkable—and so it should not have been surprising, come March 2018, to see our Capital Campaign get off to such a robust start. 2017 also saw a great number of our people team together to support a refugee family that has now received a new beginning in our country. As mid-2018 approaches, our family is approaching the goal of self-sufficiency.

While these significant efforts go on, our more routine ministries are filled with life. For children, youth, and families, our ministries continue to provide firm foundations of faith and support. Through prayer, service projects, and increased support of local and international mission partners, we were able to bear witness to God's love and grace in numerous ways. Classes, small groups, and guest speakers challenged and uplifted us. Our 2014 Strategic Plan continues to provide vision and guidance for our Session as we worship, demonstrate God's love, proclaim and embody the Gospel, grow spiritually, and sustain NPC—*together*. None of this can happen by ourselves alone.

As you read through the stories and progress of our church in the past year, our church leaders hope that you get a sense of the Holy Spirit working through each of us as the body of Christ. We pray that in these stories, you will find new and wonderful ways to "grow into Christ who is our head" by saying "yes" to God's call in your own life.

DR. DAVID RENWICK
Senior Pastor

JOHN GREGG
Clerk of Session



Focusing On Our Future



After years of research, focus groups, and study, the Facilities Master Planning Team unveiled their initial facilities plan to the congregation in the fall of 2017. Throughout September and October, the congregation was invited to attend a presentation to learn more about the plans that will serve our congregation and city well into the future.

The 2017 Facilities Master Plan recommends addressing a long list of deferred maintenance, improving access and flow through the church with new elevators and a central staircase, unifying the campus with new classroom space and garden access from the mezzanine level, and so much more.

In addition, two mission projects, one local, and one international, will be supported with significant funding that will enable us to say clearly what our church has accomplished for God in the world in a substantial way.

It is now our turn to take hold of this vision at National and lead people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ...for generations to come.



Celebrating 50 Years



The roots of our congregation in DC go back to

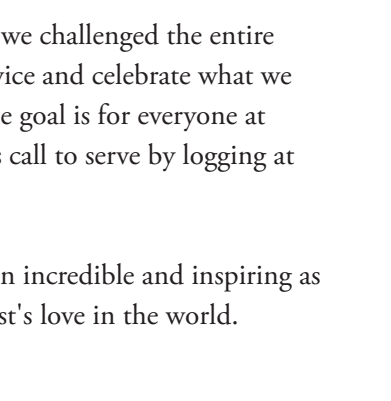
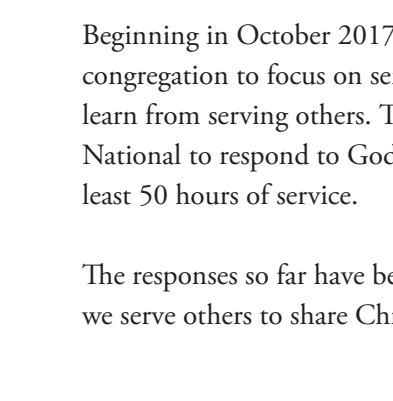
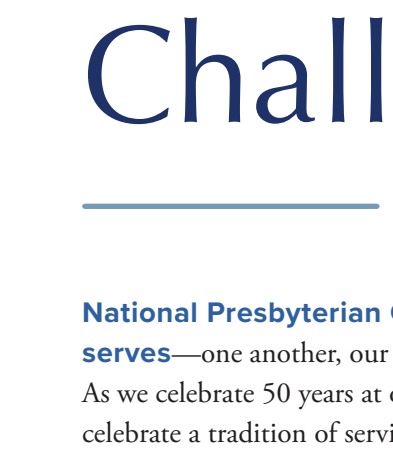
1795—over 220 years ago. But on October 14, 1967, National Presbyterian Church marked a special milestone: the laying of the cornerstone of our current church campus on Nebraska Avenue. The move was a bold one. The congregation stepped out in faith, moving from a space-limited downtown location, to a multi-acre campus with room for parking and expansion of ministry.

On October 22, 2017 we celebrated their faithfulness to God's calling as we commemorated 50 years of ministry at our church home.

Over the past 50 years, thousands from the DC metro area have been welcomed to National Presbyterian Church. Missionaries have been sent throughout the world, children and youth have grown up to know and cherish the love of God shown to them through Jesus Christ, the Good News of the gospel has been shared with our city, and hearts and voices have lifted up to praise God in worship.

This rich heritage of worship continues today. When we gather week by week to worship God made known to us through Jesus Christ, we do so as a community of faith, fostering a welcoming, hospitable, and accessible atmosphere for all. Our worship services are consistently uplifted by joyful music from the Chancel Choir, Contemporary Praise Team, and the Grace Chimes Handbell ensemble. Beautiful floral arrangements given for the glory of God grace the church every Sunday.





50 Hours of Service Challenge

National Presbyterian Church is a church that serves—one another, our community, and the world. As we celebrate 50 years at our current campus, we also celebrate a tradition of service.

Beginning in October 2017, we challenged the entire congregation to focus on service and celebrate what we learn from serving others. The goal is for everyone at National to respond to God's call to serve by logging at least 50 hours of service.

The responses so far have been incredible and inspiring as we serve others to share Christ's love in the world.

"I love going into the Shaw neighborhood and serving those who are hungry. The men who line up for food also help us unload, set up the tables, and are so grateful for our ministry to them. Then they help us clean up. God told us we are to 'feed the hungry' and I love the opportunity to do this for real."

—GINNY BEESON



"I serve as a prep cook at Miriam's Kitchen, a social services agency in Foggy Bottom that serves 150 meals every Monday through Friday at breakfast and dinner."

—BOB PAYNE

"I've taught Sunday School for many years and love interacting with kids. I learn at least as much as they do and continue to grow in my faith as I share what God is teaching me. I also love supporting other teachers and NPC's families."

—BETTY ELLIOTT



"I went with friends to give out hot chocolate, cookies, brownies, granola bars to people who live in Anacostia. When they approached to receive the goodies, we asked them how we could pray for them. Not one person said no! My favorite person was a young girl with a 18-month-old son who had just gotten her first home and would no longer be living in the shelters."

—ANYA JOHNSON

"It is a joy to work on the sandwich making project at NPC—to have so many people work together to serve the homeless in our city."

—JOHN BERNBAUM



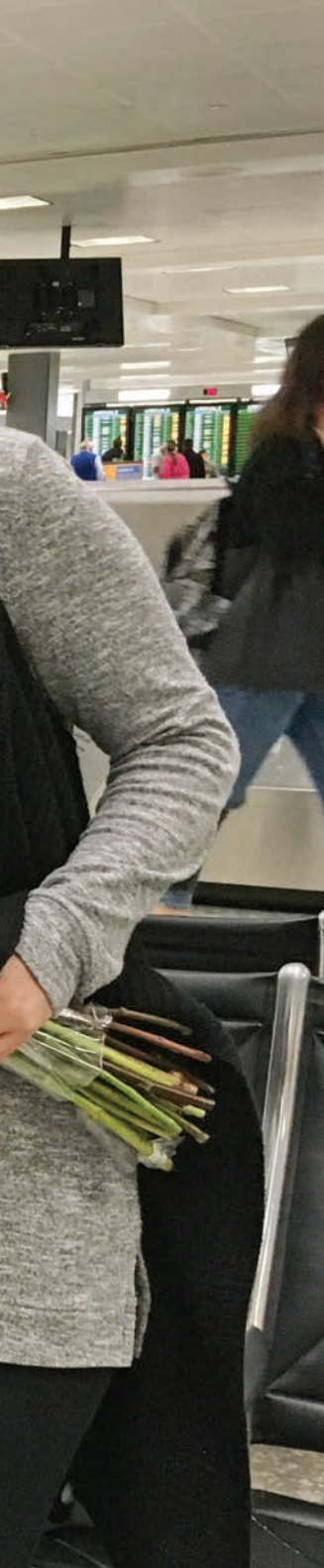
"I helped the kindergartners at Ashlawn Elementary change into their Halloween costumes and led them on the school's annual parade through the Sunrise Bluemont Park Assisted Living Center. I loved seeing the excitement on both the residents and the children's faces. Seeing them bring joy to each other was a true blessing."

—MELANIE LENHARD



"I'd like to say thank you—for me, Sif, Ribar, and Rizan—thank you for all of your help. We feel and appreciate the love of the NPC family."

—LAILA ZEIDO



Welcoming the Zeidos

On May 11, 2017, Sif, Laila, Ribar, and Rizan stepped off of their plane and into Dulles International Airport. There to welcome them was a group from National who had been praying and preparing for months for safe arrival of this refugee family. Less than 10 days after arriving in DC, the Zeidos celebrated Ribar's 10th birthday and moved into their new apartment with the help of a group of volunteers from National.

Over the course of the year, the Zeidos have been able to settle into life in America and gain the important skills, training, and knowledge needed to live independently. Our church family has lifted them up in prayer and stepped forward in service to make their transition as easy as possible. Dedicated volunteers from National helped the Zeidos locate and furnish their new home, enroll Ribar and Rizan in school, learn English and settle into the community, find work, and navigate confusing public transportation and medical insurance.

In addition to logistical and practical support, we have been able to share fun new experiences and everyday life with the Zeidos: trips to the zoo and to a soccer game, teaching Ribar and Rizan to swim and ride bikes, and sharing meals and stories in each others' homes.

In welcoming the Zeidos, we have had an unparalleled opportunity to demonstrate God's love and grace, show what it means to be the body of Christ, and invite a family seeking refuge into our lives, our church, and our hearts.

Engaging Families in Faith

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? Each week throughout the summer, parents, grandparents, youth, and children joined together for a new Sunday School program in Jones Hall beginning with a fun question that sparked conversation across generations.

These "Faith on the Big Screen" Sundays brought the gospel message to life by showing how popular family-friendly films express truths about our faith.

Families learned new ways of sharing and discussing their faith together, and met new friends in the church in the process.



"We gained a whole new appreciation of how the Bible comes to life on the big screen... It was a novel and engaging way for families to bond with each other and with others during church and prompted many conversations throughout the summer and beyond. We are looking forward to more Family Hours this summer!"



Mentoring Our Youth

Each year, new confirmands explore a deeper understanding of their Christian faith. This year, each confirmand was paired with a mentor to help guide and encourage them in their journey of discipleship with Jesus Christ. Mentors and confirmands met regularly through the course.

Youth were also encouraged in two new small groups, one for high school boys and one for high school girls. Between 5-8 youth met weekly in each group to discuss their lives and their faith, and to pray for one another.

"Being a confirmand mentor was a wonderful opportunity to connect with one of our high school youth through the sharing of our faith journeys. I was inspired by the faithfulness of the youth in our church." —BRYCE PIPPERT



Supporting Children

In our children's ministry, 4th and 5th grade are a time of transition—kids are growing up, and their friendships and connections within the church are vital as they prepare to enter our youth ministries and navigate new schools.

New Children's Ministry Director Cate McCrory recognized the importance of this time in the life of our children and expanded Club 45, a group of 4th and 5th-grade students that gather together to build relationships and connect with God through Scripture, service, and fun.

Younger kids enjoyed our new "Worshiper in Training" bags, full of fun things to help children engage in worship with their families.

Faithfully Embracing Change

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther changed the course of history when he posted his famous “95 Theses.” Later, Luther summed up the central teaching of the Protestant Reformation—justification by faith alone (obtaining a right and permanent relationship with God through faith). This is the wonderful Good News that we still believe.

On Reformation Sunday weekend 20, as we acknowledged the transformational work of the past, we considered the changes we face as the church in the years ahead.

Leading us was Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger of Fuller Seminary, a PC(USA) professor, pastor, and author of the award-winning book, "Canoeing the Mountains," on how the church can best embrace the unknown future. Dr. Bolsinger called us to remember that one of the memorable challenges of the sixteenth century Reformation was for the church never to be static but to be “reformed, and always being reformed, according to the Word of God,” even as we face a future “without a map.”

Sunday School classes, guest speakers, and additional conferences reflected on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and what it still means in our church and our lives today.





Reaching Out with Christ's Love

"Love each other as I have loved you,"—this is Jesus' calling for our lives individually and as a church family. Deacons, Stephen Ministers, At Home Ministry volunteers, and pastors provided emotional and spiritual support throughout the year to members and friends of the church experiencing difficulty in their lives. Connections Ambassadors welcomed new guests each week with a warm smile and conversation. Thousands of Bibles and devotional book gifts were received by those coming through our doors.

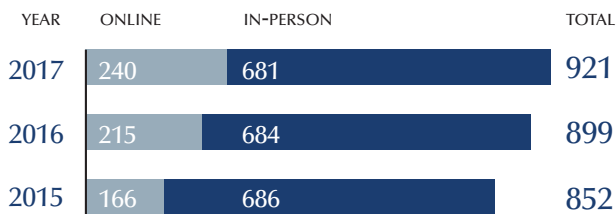
In 2017, we began a new effort to better know and care for one another: "Known by Name" Sundays. On these Sundays we had the opportunity to receive communion personally, and spend time getting to know those in our church family.

**"Serving as
a Sunday
Ambassador
makes me feel
'connected' and
part of the church
family, and I would
like others to feel
the same."**

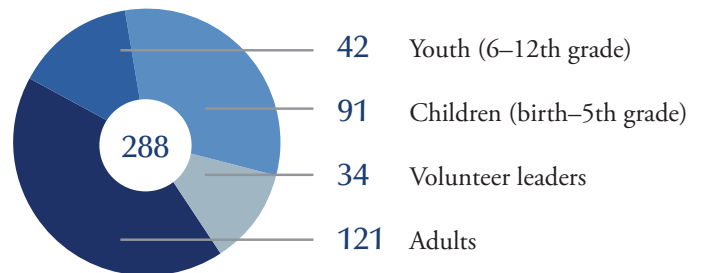
—MARILEE DAVIES

BY
THE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance



Average Weekly Sunday School



571

Personalized
letters to
first-time guests



140+

Individuals
received care
and prayer



17,400

Books and
other resources
available in our
libraries



27

Small
groups with
approximately
250 people
participating



47

New members
in 2017; 1,574
total members
as of Dec. 31,
2017



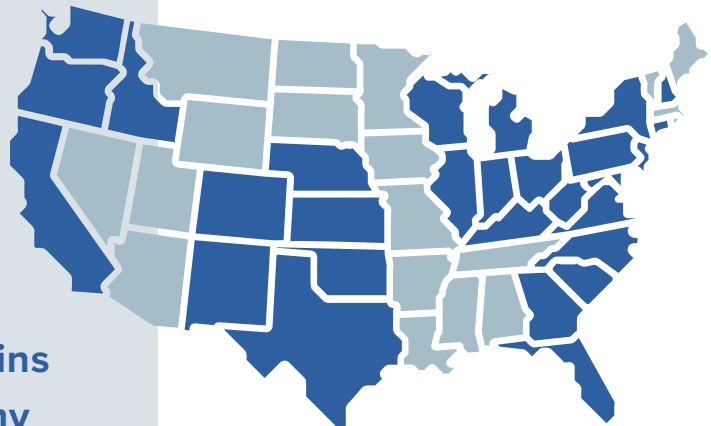
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Children and
adults baptized

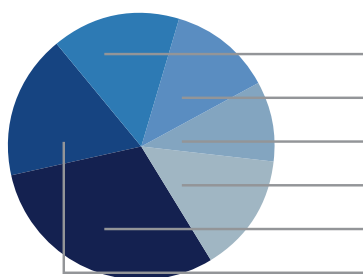
Livestream Worship

29 States 6 Countries

"I so value my connection to NPC which provides the online streaming that I watch each and every week...I live in the mountains of Idaho and am 60 miles from my home church...which is a 1 hour+ trip to attend worship."



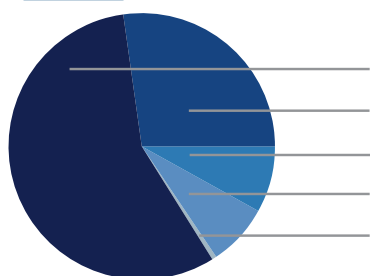
2017 Operating Expenditures



Personnel, administration, and governance expenditures are included in each ministry area.

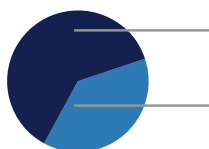
	2017	2016
Worship	\$778,000	\$754,000
Grow	\$609,000	\$605,000
Care	\$482,000	\$471,000
Serve	\$720,000	\$621,000
Building & Grounds	\$1,490,000	\$1,560,000
Ministry Support	\$859,000	\$789,000
TOTAL	\$4,938,000	\$4,800,000

2017 Income



	2017	2016
Faith Giving	\$2,856,000	\$2,744,000
Facilities Use	\$1,372,000	\$1,324,000
Special Income	\$411,000	\$372,000
Fund Transfers	\$382,000	\$375,000
Other	\$14,000	\$16,000
TOTAL	\$5,035,000	\$4,831,000

Faith Giving



Pledges	\$1,775,000	Contributed by 341 families and individuals
Non-Pledges	\$1,081,000	Contributed by more than 670 families and individuals

NET INCOME
\$97,000

NET INCOME
\$31,000

Giving for Mission

\$383,375

Distributed to mission partners and ministries

\$85,594

Raised through Mission Gifts for Christmas to support charities in DC and throughout the world

\$8,055

Raised for the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

\$49,052

Donated by the congregation to hurricane relief through the Salvation Army

Investments

The investment portfolio began 2017 with a value of \$5,756,000 and ended with a value of \$6,574,000.

Legacy Gifts

In 2017, National was blessed by bequests from the following donors:

- Mary Kruegel
- Emmet Mittlebeeler
- Caroline Van Mason
- Amy Lee
- Barbara Bradshaw Behr

Thank You!

National was blessed with many dedicated leaders and volunteers in 2017, including the following:

PASTORS

Dr. David Renwick, Senior Pastor
Dr. Quinn Fox, Associate Pastor for Grow
Rev. Evangeline Taylor, Associate Pastor for Care
Rev. Donna Marsh, Associate Pastor for Serve
Dr. Nancy Fox, Parish Associate

STAFF * = part time

- J. Theodore (Jim) Anderson*
(Library/Archives/Older Adults)
- Robin Clement (AA for Membership)
- Betty Conn (AA to Senior Pastor)
- Sarah Crumley* (AA for Facilities)
- Dr. Michael Denham (Music)
- Kristin Franke (Youth)
- Hilda Labrada Gore* (Contemporary Worship)
- Carolann Haley (Asst. to Music)
- Rubelio Interiano (Asst. for Facilities)
- Melanie Lenhard* (Associate for Grow) *beginning in April*
- Liz Martin (AA for Care)
- Cate McCrory (Children) *beginning in June*
- Bill McNett (A/V & Operations)
- Jill Meek (Children) *through July*
- Janet Meyers* (Bookstore)
- Jessica Mullery (Communications)
- William Neil* (Organist)
- Holly Novak (AA for Grow) *through August*
- Susan O'Banion (AA for Serve)
- Kemet Rakiatu (Administrator for Membership and Connections)
- Leslie Saum (Connections)
- Leah Skrine (Business Manager)
- Mary Ann Smith* (Bookkeeper)
- Diane Stewart* (Facilities)
- Kristi Teems (AA for Grow) *beginning in September*
- Amy Thompson* (Family Associate)
- John Marienau Turpin (Serve)
- Katharine Wystrach (Office Manager)
- Facilities Contractors*
 - » Able Services
 - » Stone House Group

- IT Contractors*
 - » Fernando Sabio (IT)
 - » Jay Gordon (IT)

SESSION

- John Gregg (Clerk)
- Mills Williams (Assist. Clerk)

CLASS OF 2018

- Aaron Doty
- Margaret Gardner
- Adele Jackson
- Ellen Lawler
- Bryce Pippert
- Dave Schottke
- Mills Williams

CLASS OF 2019

- Thea Bournazian
- Fred Byus
- Jonathan Dickey
- Dan Huthwaite
- Kim Jensen
- Mary Beth Nethercutt
- Nancy Peterson
- David Schauer

CLASS OF 2020

- Beth Bartholomew
- John Bernbaum
- Dennis Burgart
- Rich Davies
- Nancy Piho
- Lucille Smiley

DEACONS

- Kathy Byus (Moderator)

CLASS OF 2018

- Alfreda Robinson Bennett
- Annette Burgart
- Joanna Chai
- Nancy Chapman-Colb

- Lewrene Glaser
- Ed Kindred
- Ellen Warren

CLASS OF 2019

- Laura Atchison
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- Jan Childress
- Roger Coy
- Gregg Gochmour
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- George Kabwe
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- Dolores Slaugh
- Bryan Smith
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- Paul Waymack
- Gus Wessels

CLASS OF 2020

- Betsy Burke
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- Renee Dragics
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- Janet Gordon
- Marianne Gray
- Claudia Hamblen
- David Nickels
- Gerri Hall Nickels
- Alan Prebyl
- Jennifer Prebyl
- Megan Schmoll
- Martha-Rosalind Stainton
- Jeanne Su

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- Kristy Chikes (Chair)

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- Nora Szeto (Chair)

CHANCEL CHOIR

GROW COUNCIL

- Nancy Peterson / Fred Byus (Chairs)
- Nancy Piho (Vice-Chair)

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

- Nancy Piho (Chair)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- Jana Toner (Chair)

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

- Joanne Lesher (Chair)

ADULT NURTURE MINISTRY TEAM

- Fred Byus (Chair)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- Amy Thompson

MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- Gregg Gochnour (Co-Chair)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MINISTRY TEAM

- Kim Jensen (Co-Leader)
- Richard R. Pera (Co-Leader)

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- Dorin Munteneu (Chair)
- Grace Endreus (Vice-Chair)

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- J. Theodore Anderson

CARE COUNCIL

- Lucille Smiley (Chair)
- Kim Jensen (Vice-Chair)

AT-HOME MINISTRY/ CHAPEL PRAYERS

- Al Duncker (Chair)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

- Glenn Schmitt (Chair)

CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

- Kim Jensen (Chair)

CARE OF YOUTH

- Eileen Doty (Chair)

WHOLENESS AND HEALING

- Mary Romano (Co-Chair)
- Lucille Smiley (Co-Chair)

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- Adele Jackson (Chair)
- John Bernbaum (Vice-Chair)

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- Anne Shelburne (Chair)
- Joanne Lesher (Vice Chair)

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- Jane Gore (Vice-Chair)

FINANCE COUNCIL

- Richard Davies (Chair)
- Aaron Doty (Vice-Chair)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- Jonathan Dickey (Chair)

FACILITIES COUNCIL

- Dan Huthwaite (Chair)
- Mills Williams (Vice-Chair)

FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING TEAM

- Mary Jo Pera (Chair)

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

- Mills Williams (Chair)

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

- David Mack (Chair)

LEGAL COMMITTEE

- Mills Williams (Chair)

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Mary Beth Nethercutt (Chair)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Lew Crenshaw (Chair)

PERSONNEL COUNCIL

- Dave Schottke (Chair)
- David Schauer (Vice-Chair)



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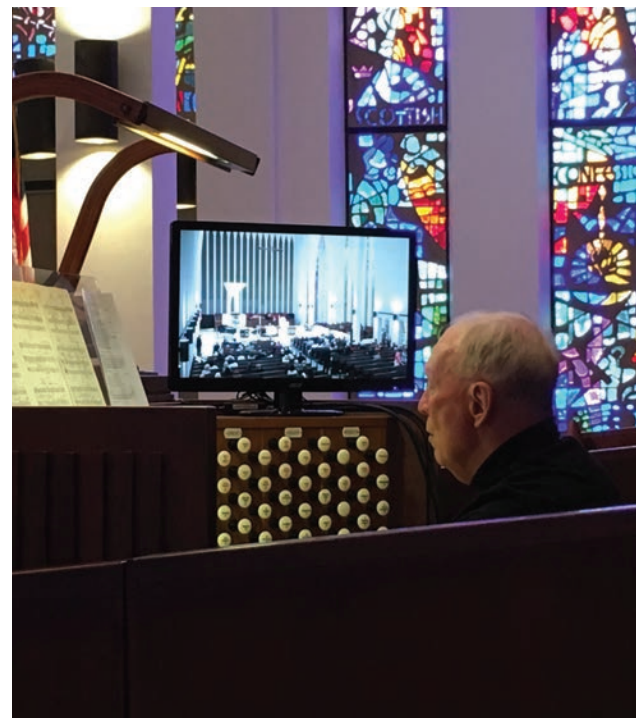
We are grateful for the ministries of Rev. Evangeline Taylor, Jill Meek, Bill Neil, and Holly Novak.

Rev. Evangeline Taylor, Associate Pastor for Care Ministries, retired on December 31, 2017. In her nine years of ministry at National, Evangeline touched countless lives in the congregation, especially at times of change and loss. Her tender care certainly will be missed.

Jill Meek, Director of Children's Ministries, had her last day at National on July 30, 2017. Jill and her husband Craig moved to Edinburgh, Scotland, for Craig to begin graduate studies. Jill's passionate care for the children in our church will be remembered as they continue to grow in their faith.

Bill Neil, Organist, filled our Sanctuary with beautiful music for many years. His last day on our organ was December 31, 2017, bringing glory to God through music once more.

Holly Novak, Administrative Assistant for Worship and Grow Ministries, contributed 15 years of compassionate, skillful support to the senior pastor's office during times of transition, and with our Grow ministries.



Affiliated Organizations

The National Presbyterian School (NPS) offers quality faith-focused education for over 300 boys and girls from age 3 to Grade 6.

The Fund for Charitable Giving is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which provides a variety of planning and giving arrangements to assist individuals with their charitable giving.

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



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