

September 26, 2021



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Happy are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

Matthew 5:5

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick

Associate Pastors Rev. Donna Marsh
Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Katie Francis

Parish Associates Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*)
Todd Fickley (*Organist*)

Joanna Zorack-Greene (*Contemporary Music Leader*)

Ministry Directors Kristin Franke (*Youth & Families*)

Terry Kumnick (*Children*)

Leslie Saum (*Connections*)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our [Watch](#) page.

9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School

For more information about Sunday School for all ages, please see page 10.

We have:

- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- Children's Sunday School for ages 2 years-5th grade
- Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students
- Adult Sunday School in-person or online

11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our [Watch](#) page.

Children's Check-In and Check-Out

These new protocols will help keep our children safe and provide a secure environment. Please visit one of our two check-in stations when you arrive in the main building (see map). If you have question about check-in and check-out procedures, please visit our [Children's Ministry page](#) or contact Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@nationalpres.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you!

To everyone that participated in the Food & Clothing drive yesterday benefitting Central Union Mission!

Join a *One Blood* Book Discussion Group

Begins the week of October 3. Have you read *One Blood* by John Perkins? A 6-week fall small group discussion opportunity will enable a deeper engagement of the book, the Scripture it references, and the questions it raises. For more information, visit our [Events page](#). You may [click here](#) to join a discussion group or [click here](#) for a free copy of *One Blood*.

Mission Gifts for Christmas Nominations

Mission Gifts for Christmas nominations are open now through October 9 using the [online form](#). Nominate an organization or missionary for Mission Gifts, our annual church Christmas Party of generosity in Stone Hall on December 12 and 19. 25 to 30 organizations will be selected to represent NPC's three mission priorities:

- Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior,
- Caring for the vulnerable, and
- Building up the global church.

This year's area of special focus will be issues "In the News." Mission Gifts for Christmas is a wonderful NPC tradition supporting local and global organization and missionaries that help others in our hurting world. For more information please visit [Mission Gifts](#) online.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love Matt Papa

1. Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love too vast and astounding to tell,
forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
2. Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand,
the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.
You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

3. What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.
That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Donna Marsh

Blessed Lord Jesus, who was tempted in all things, as we are,
have mercy on us in our frailty, and forgive our sins.

In our weakness give us your strength.

Support us in times of temptation. Make us bold in times of danger.

Help us do your work with meekness and good courage,

and to continue as your faithful children and servants to the end.

Brooke Foss Westcott

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. Marsh
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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE *read responsively* Psalm 37:1-11a

Elder Fred Byus

One: Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

All: **for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noontay.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land...

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

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Meek, Not Weak
Matthew 7:1-5, 12-14

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

▲ OFFERING SONG

Wide as the Sky

Matt Redman

Chorus

*Hands up, hearts open, wide as the sky. We lift you high. We lift you high.
Hands up, hearts open, wide as we cry, God, we lift your name high!*

Verse

Let all the other names fade away. Let all the other names fade away,
until there's only you.

Let all the other names fade away. Jesus, take your place.

Jesus, take your place. *Chorus*

Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high.

Hands up! God, we lift your name high!

Our God, we lift you high. We lift you high.

Hands up! God, we lift your name high! *Verse*

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

▲ 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

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

All Because of Jesus

Steve Fee

Verse

Giver of every breath I breathe. Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, to you be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend your worth.

King over all the universe, to you be the glory.

And I'm alive because I'm alive in you.

Chorus

*It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
that covers me and raised this dead one's life. It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.*

Repeat of Verse

Chorus

Every sunrise sings your grace, the universe cries out your praise.

I'm singing freedom all my days now that I'm alive. *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Peace May Be Exchanged (from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 442 *verses 1, 3 & 5* The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; the cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

Samuel J. Stone

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth,
We bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth;
One holy people gathered in love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited, by grace we make Christ known.

Timothy T'infang Lew
translated from the Chinese by Mildred A. Wiant

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Blessed Lord Jesus, who was tempted in all things, as we are,
have mercy on us in our frailty, and forgive our sins.
In our weakness give us your strength.
Support us in times of temptation. Make us bold in times of danger.
Help us do your work with meekness and good courage,
and to continue as your faithful children and servants to the end.

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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. Marsh

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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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Tisha Schestopol

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.

Baptismal Vows and Baptism

Annabelle Margaret Fager

Daughter of Laura Jean Fager and Charles Bradley Fager

Lydia Abigail Rose

Daughter of Emily Anne Rose and Soren Jacob Rose

Prayer of Response

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Deacon Mark Angehr

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***All:* for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

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Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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**He will make your vindication shine like the light,
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The Beatitudes: Meek, Not Weak
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Dr. Renwick

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RESPONSE

Repton

Choir

Lord, give to us that quietness, that makes our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace – the beauty of thy peace.

Congregation

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!
O still, small voice of calm!

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

OFFERTORY

Broad Is the Road

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Broad is the road that leads astray, and thousands walk together there,

Windham

But wisdom shows a narrow path with here and there a traveler.

“Deny thyself and take thy cross,” is the Redeemer’s sure command:

Nature must count her gold but dross if she would gain the heav’nly land.

Lord, let not all my hopes be vain; create my heart entirely new;

Which weakened faith could ne’er attain, which false pretenders never knew.

Broad is the road that leads astray, and thousands walk together there,

But wisdom shows a narrow path with here and there a traveler.

Isaac Watts, alt

▲ 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.

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

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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 376 *verses 1, 2 & 4* Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

The People Respond—Amen

Dan Locklair

Mr. Fickley

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Capital Project Dedication - Save the date!

Mark your calendars! On October 17, we will dedicate and celebrate our renovation: *Building Together for the Next 50 Years!* For information about our project, please visit [Building Project](#) on our website.

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Join us online at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays as Dr. Quinn Fox continues his series titled: *Planets in Peril: The Science Fiction Novels of C.S. Lewis*. We will continue our discussion of *Out of the Silent Planet*.

World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, October 3, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion in the sanctuary or from your home. [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion](#).

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Use your gifts to bless our children by becoming a Teacher, Room Aide, Host Docent, or Check-in/out Host. For more information contact Terry Kumnick at: tkumnick@nationalpres.org

Children's Song Leader Needed

Do you love children and love to sing? We are looking for a special person to lead our children in songs of praise to the Lord on Sunday mornings! Please contact tkumnick@nationalpres.org for more information or if you'd like to help.

Want to join a great staff team?

Visit our [jobs page](#) to read about our job openings for the following:

- Director of Serve Ministries
- Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor
- Communications Contractor (part time)
- AV Assistant

Call for Musicians!

Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? Volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at: jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org

New Spaces! New Faces!

New Welcome Team!

As our renovated church opens up, we need many smiling faces to greet, usher and connect with folks on Sundays. Join our dynamic new Welcome Team and be part of the excitement. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Serve at Church](#) page and sign up today! Training provided. You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at LSaum@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7494.

Trying Times take their toll – we are here to support. The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that may help on topics like isolation, anxiety, and difficult conversations. Use them on your own or share with a friend. Find these resources on the Care webpage or reach out to Liz at lmartin@nationalpres.org in the Care Office if we can help.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **Children ages 0-5th grade:** Visit any check-in station when you arrive to check in your children, then bring them to the Nursery, Toddler Room or Sunday School. There are 3 check-in stations: 1) inside the covered driveway entrance in the main church building, 2) outside the Nursery & Toddler Rooms on the 2nd floor, 3) and inside the main entrance of the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).
- **Ages 0 to 4 years: 8:45 am-12:00 pm:** During our Sunday programming, our NPC Nursery and Toddler Rooms will be available for children ages 0-4 years old. Our nurseries are located on the second floor of the main church building. To find them, take the elevator to the second floor. After exiting the elevator, turn left and walk past the central staircase. You will find a volunteer with a check-in station for the nursery before the door.
- **Ages 2 years-5th grade:** We are offering Sunday School classes for ages 2 through 5th grade. 2 & 3 year old classes are held in the Toddler room and all other classes are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).
- **Youth Grades 6-12:** Sunday School starts together at the Multipurpose Building then we split into our smaller groups.

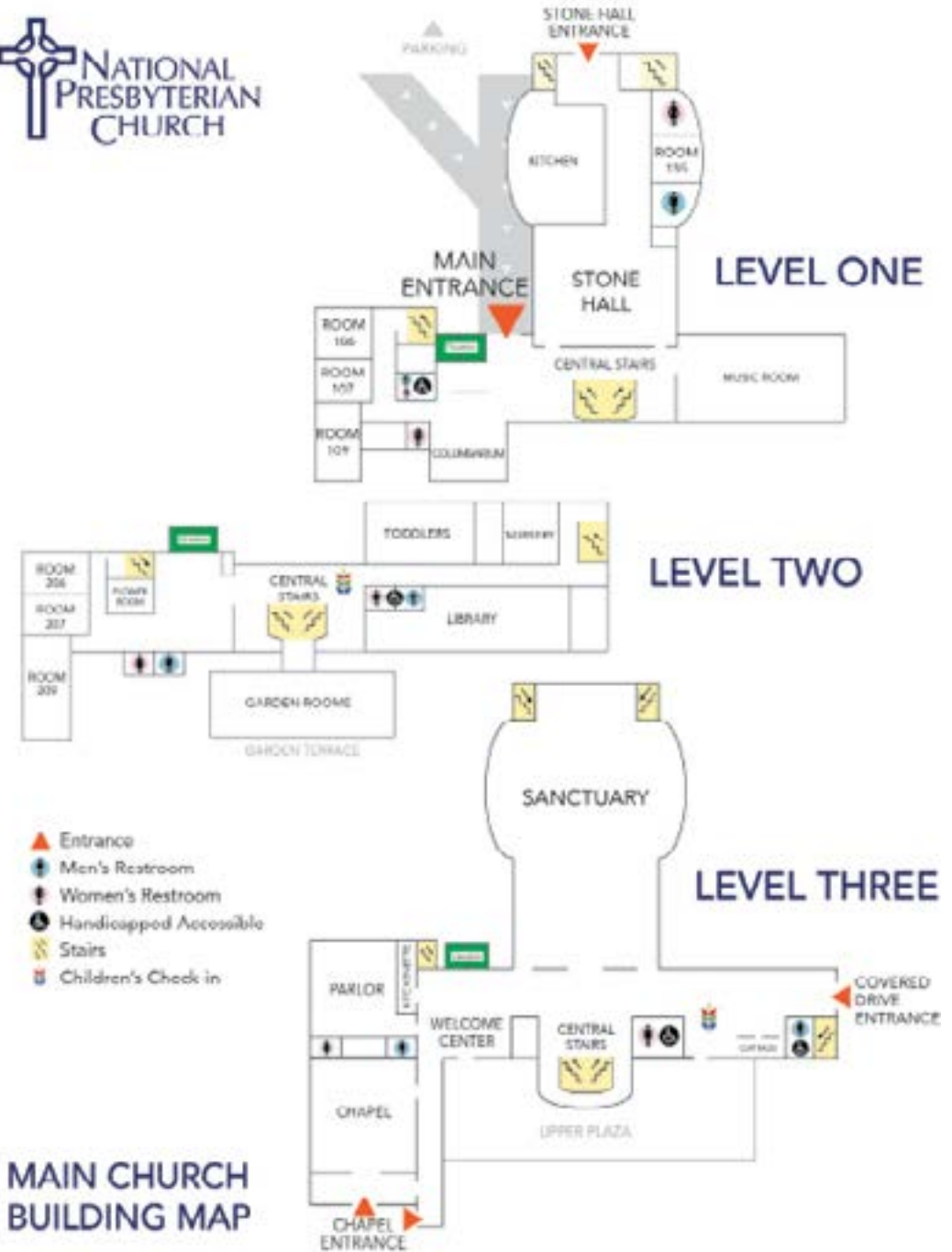
Adult Sunday School Classes

Below is a list of our great fall classes.

To read the full class description and for Zoom links, please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online.

- **Protestant Christian Traditions** in the Chapel & online | Teacher: R.V. Seep. This course intends to be an invitation to theological generosity and an opportunity to understand the various Protestant traditions as they understand themselves.
- **God's Many-Colored Kingdom: Bridging the World's Divides** - temporarily online | Teacher: Nancy Fox. Using *Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World*, we will explore together what it means to follow Jesus in our world of conflict, injustice, racism and need.
- **Exploring John's Gospel** in Garden Room A | Teacher: Currie Renwick. We will read about and discuss the wonderful signs that John shares in his gospel!
- **One Blood Book Discussion** in Room #109 | Facilitator: Elder Peggy Lewis (Chair, Race Task Force). A conversation about race using John Perkins' book *One Blood* for those who would like to engage in conversation about the book, and the greater issue of racial reconciliation.
- **The Story Behind "The Story:" God's Plan of Redemption Through History** in Garden Room C | Teacher: Quinn Fox. This year we will explore in depth the identity and character of God and his saving plan for humanity in Jesus Christ that is revealed in the pages of the Bible.
- **Parent Gathering** in Jones Hall in the Education Building | Facilitator: Margaret Gardner and others. Join parents of similar ages and stages for fellowship for a small group reflection on the Scripture teaching your children are learning.

MAP OF NPC MAIN BUILDING



Welcome back!

While there's still a lot to do, our renovation project is almost at an end and we have lots of new spaces! This map, along with the campus and parking map, are both available for closer inspection and download on the [Find Us](#) page of the website.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Here are some easy ways to connect with us:

[Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook. [Click here](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.

Follow us on social media!

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Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 202.800.9121 between 12-1 pm. A Stephen Minister or Deacon will be prepared to take your call. If all lines are busy, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and you will receive a return call.

Join us for in-person worship (and we're still online)!

Ready to come back to church? Please do! Masks are required of all, but there is no pre-registration required, and no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt
by her brother,
Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

Prayers

We pray for:

Students, parents and teachers returning to the classroom.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Ted and Joy Carr with ProVision International in Southern Africa as they mentor and minister to provide Christian leaders with the resources needed to care for communities affected by poverty, HIV/AIDS, and a lack of leaders.

How can we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.



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Faith Giving	\$1,748,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 651,000
Other Income	\$ 469,000
Total Income	\$ 2,868,000
Total Expenses	\$ 3,144,000
Balance	\$ (276,000)

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