



NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5: 8

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick Associate Pastors Rev. Donna Marsh

Rev. Donna Mar 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.
- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years available all morning

9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School - This Sunday Only!

- Parents and children are invited to Jones Hall for a special time of fellowship.
- Youth will meet in the Multipurpose Room for fun and fellowship.
- Adult Sunday School in-person or online

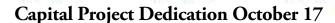
11:00 am: Traditional Worship

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - LET'S CELEBRATE!



Join us as we celebrate and dedicate our newly renovated spaces! This will be a very special time in which we remember the ways that God has blessed us throughout the journey of *Building Together for the Next 50 Years*!



8:45 am: Contemporary worship with capital project dedication

9:55-10:30 am: Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am: Ribbon cutting on the upper plaza

11:00 am: Traditional worship with capital project dedication

12:15 pm: Coffee and cookies and self-guided tours of the facility

Please <u>click here</u> or go to our Events page online to read more or to join our mission in *Building Together for the Next 50 Years*!

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-4, 13-14

Dr. David Renwick

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord you know it completely.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship the Lord our God!

▲ Opening Song

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

By thy grace may I remember, hither by thy help I've come.

And I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Oh let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Donna Marsh

O Searcher of hearts, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You see the sins which our very sinfulness hides from our eyes.

Look upon us with mercy, in our willfulness and need.

Lift us up from where we have fallen in our weakness.

Bring us back to the path you would set before us;

And strengthen us to be agents of your healing in our broken world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Dr. Renwick

Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.

Younger children may remain with parents (worship bags available) or parents may take to the Nursery.

Welcome and Announcements

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10

Laura Puryear

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Inside Out Matthew 5:21-22, 23:27-28

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

OFFERING SONG

Give Us Clean Hands

Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees, Oh, Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh, Lord, we cast down our idols.

Chorus

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.

Oh, God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks your face, oh, God of Jacob.

Oh, God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks your face, oh, God of Jacob.

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees, Oh, Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh, Lord, we cast down our idols.

Chorus ...that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

▲ 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!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Stoltzfus

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

Shout Hosanna

Kristian Stanfill

To the King of glory and light, all praises. To the only Giver of life, our Maker.

The gates are open wide; we worship you.

Come see what love has done, amazing. He bought us with his blood, our Savior.

The cross has overcome; we worship you.

Chorus

Shout hosanna, Jesus, he saves! Shout hosanna, he rose from the grave! Come and lift him up, hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven. Death could not hold him down; he's risen.

So let the saints cry out, we worship you. We worship you!

Chorus

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today.

King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name. (2x)

Chorus (2x)

▲ 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

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

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O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

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For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship the Lord our God!

▲ Hymn 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yea, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end, the wearied ones shall rest;

The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

▲ Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

John Yarrington

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

O Searcher of hearts, you know us better than we know ourselves.

You see the sins which our very sinfulness hides from our eyes.

Look upon us with mercy, in our willfulness and need.

Lift us up from where we have fallen in our weakness.

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And strengthen us to be agents of your healing in our broken world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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

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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.

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Elder Bryce Pippert

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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Response Choir

Sursum corda

You are before me, Lord, you are behind, and over me you have spread out your hand; Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Congregation

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart; try me, O God, my mind and spirit try; Keep me from any path that gives you pain, and lead me in the everlasting way.

Ian Pitt-Watson

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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OFFERTORY Create in Me John Purifoy

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me, I pray. Restore to me now the joy of salvation, and grant me a willing spirit.

Create a clean heart within me.

from Psalm 51

▲ 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.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Stoltzfus

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.

▲ HYMN 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

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O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wan'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

A BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN Hal Hopson

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

▲ POSTLUDE Little Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *Perelandra*.

Men's Ministry Soccer Outing Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm Men - join us at the DC United vs. New England MLS game! RSVP by October 12 to Scott Herndon at w.scott.herndon@

gmail.com or 863-528-9804. Ticket prices should be around \$30.

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online -Monday, October 18 at 1:00 pm

Join us online with special guest speaker Jennie Gwin, a Principal and Project Manager at Beyer- Blinder-Belle, the architectural firm that designed our new facilities. For more information click here.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 31 - Noon, In person in the Sanctuary

The session of National Presbyterian Church calls a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 31 immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders, deacons, and other officers and to hear a report by the Congregational Nominating Committee on its work to nominate a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Family Pumpkin Carving Night Friday, October 29 at 7:00 pm

Save the date for a fun night of pumpkin carving, food and fellowship! Visit our Events page online for more info and to RSVP and reserve your pumpkin.

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
- AV Assistant

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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.

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.

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.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our <u>Serve at Church</u> page!

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 three 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

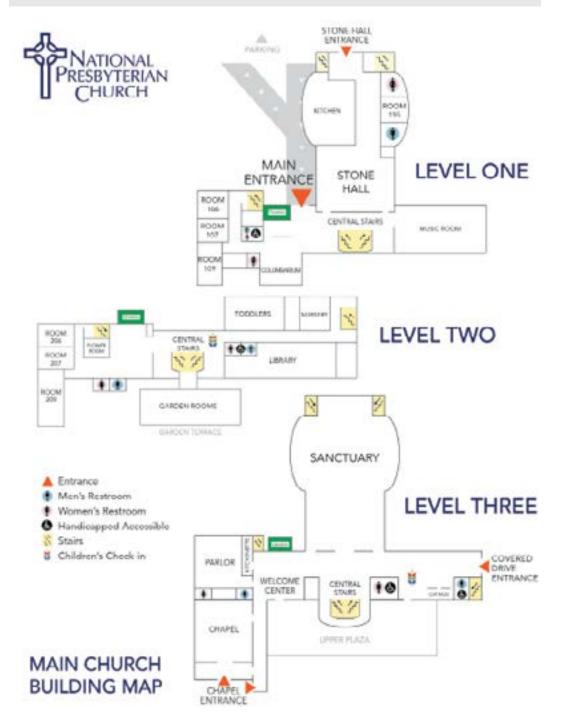
Below is a list of our great fall classes.

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 C | 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). Class is not meeting October 10 and will resume on Sunday, October 17.
- The Story Behind "The Story:" God's Plan of Redemption Through History in Garden Room A | 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 | Coordinator: Margaret Gardner and parent facilitators. Join parents of similar ages and stages for fellowship.

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 <u>Find U</u>s 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:

<u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook. <u>Click here</u> or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our enewsletter.

Follow us on social media! Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

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 <u>click here</u> or visit <u>nationalpres.org/return</u>.

Resources for Hearing & Sight Impaired

We have assistive hearing devices with operating instructions as well as large print bulletins available for those that need it. These resources are located in the resources racks in the Narthex on either side of the Sanctuary doors.

Prayers

We grieve with: The family of Lucille Strain who died September 28

We pray for our mission partners including: European Christian Mission, International as they support churches and church planters building loving communities in both Eastern and Western Europe.

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

Your Giving and Commitments Make 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. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving, text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Mr. Kang Ming Szeto by his daughter.



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OCTOBER 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE



WELCOME HOME!

Major construction is complete! Join us on **Sunday, October 17**, for our **Building Together RENOVATION DEDICATION**! Both worship services will include a capital project dedication.

Official Ribbon Cutting

10:30 am - The event will occur between the services on the Sanctuary level Upper Plaza patio.

Self-Guided Tours **12 noon – 1:15 pm**, take self-guided tours of the new spaces that are of interest to you. A "host" will be at each space to describe improvements and changes. Visit each of our new areas like the Garden Rooms, Library, Flower Room . . . see improvements at the Youth House, in our Choir Room, Sacristy and look at our beautiful boilers! See how our \$1 Million for Mission is making an enormous difference.

Hey kids! We have a special **Scavenger Hunt** for you! Come to the Nursery / Toddler Room and pick up your Scavenger Hunt bags. Accompany your parents on the self-guided tour of our new spaces and then return to the Toddler / Nursery Room with your goodies to receive a prize!



BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

Next up on the project horizon:

- Video Screens Screens have been ordered for most meeting rooms and hallways and are beginning
 to arrive and be installed. Look for more to be added in the weeks ahead.
- Interior and Exterior Wayfinding Signage —Temporary signage will be replaced with permanent signs soon.
- Landscaping The new, large planters in the front of the church will soon have trees and greenery. Our landscape architect has provided a schedule for installation to encourage optimal growth.
- Organ repairs Re-leathering will occur in 2022, a project which has not been done since the instrument was installed in 1967. A dust-free environment is necessary for this detailed work so was delayed until after major construction is complete.
- Admin Building renovations We're moving closer to our goal of centralizing staff into one building.
 The former Library (which has moved to the main church building) can be reconfigured to offer
 valuable new space for staff use.
- Additional furnishings Coming soon: Meeting room chairs, Library conference tables and chairs, outdoor benches, shades for the Stone Hall windows, and more.
- Fountain Repairs Our 50+ year-old fountain needs major repairs; we're currently assessing next steps to get the fountain operable again.
- \$1M for Mission—The final \$200k distribution to our mission partners will sent in the months ahead.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected – but they gave themselves first to the Lord.

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-5

Dear Members and Friends of National.

Thank you for your amazing and generous support of the Capital Campaign! Please join us on Sunday October 17th for worship at 8:45 and 11:00 am for the dedication of our renovated facilities to the glory of God. During the service we will be sharing the total amount of gifts received so far, as well as the opportunity for further generosity that will enable us to complete our project debt free.

Here are some details that we hope will lead to your further prayerful participation:

 HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PARTICIPATED? More than 570 families have joined NPC in not only re-imagining what our facility should look like but in helping NPC realize this dream through prayers, volunteering expertise, and of course financial support.

While a great number of families have already participated, we would like to increase participation, which also increases ownership of improvements to our church home. This is "our" church home, and the project has only been successful because of the participation not of a few, but of many.

» If you have not yet shared in this outpouring of generosity, the best time to do so is NOW!

- REMEMBER THE \$1M MISSION COMPONENT to further Christ's work in urban DC (through the organizations "Young Life" and "Little Lights"), as well as to support refugees from Syria and the Sudan in Lebanon, Jordan and Kenya? \$800,000 has already been sent to our partners. We want the remaining \$200,000 to be sent and "put to work" as soon as possible.
- WHY ARE THERE CONSTRUCTION BILLS STILL TO BE PAID? We are currently 4 3/4 years into a 6-year capital campaign with commitments scheduled through year-end 2022. With all major work completed and most construction payments due this year, there is a timing gap between payments to be made and income from commitments and gifts that are not scheduled to be received until 2022. Knowing this timing "gap" before construction, the congregation approved a loan which we have now received.
 - Your ongoing and new gifts will pay down the loan principal, will decrease interest costs, and will also help NPC to reach 2023 with little or no long term debt.

We are so grateful for all who have participated so generously – and we ask that you allow God to guide you

- To join with others if you have not already done so,
- To complete existing commitments as soon as possible,
- To move beyond your initial commitment if you are able.

As we celebrate Dr. Renwick's 11 years of service here at NPC in 2022, and begin our search for our new senior pastor, the completion of our project both physically and financially sends a powerful message about the depth of our spiritual commitment and our hope for Christ's work to flourish in and through National for decades to come. Let's send that message together.

MAKE A GIFT NOW!

Scan this QR code for safe and easy electronic giving:



Your Capital Campaign Team
For assistance or questions:
Leah Skrine
Director of Finance and Administration
lskrine@nationalpres.org

Email Us: BuildingTogether@nationalpres.org