

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Happy are those who hunger and thirst
for right-relatedness
for they will be filled.*

Matthew 5: 6

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

Mission Gifts for Christmas Nominations

Mission Gifts for Christmas *nominations close this week on October 9*. Nominate an organization or missionary of your choice using the [online form](#) before the opportunity is lost.

Mark your calendar for 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.

Capital Project Dedication October 17

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 [click here](#) 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

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

Improvisations

Keaton Webb, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.

Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.

He lifted us to solid ground --to freedom from our sin.

Chorus

Oh sing my soul! And tell all he's done!

Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace.

That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. *Chorus*

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION

Dr. Renwick

Diego Marquez, *Spanish* Beverly Tam, *Mandarin* Gisele Youmbi, *Batcha*

*People will come from east and west, north and south
and will eat in the kingdom of God.*

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our light.

No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.

We labor in his fields of grace, as he leads sinners home. *Chorus (2x)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Almighty and merciful God,

we have tasted that you are good, yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us remember that we have received your mercy, and have become your people.

Strengthen us for holy living by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that we may serve you according to your calling,

proclaiming to all the world the mighty acts of God,

who calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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

Dr. Fox

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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE *read responsively*

Psalm 42:1-5

Pat Zhou

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God,

with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Hungry and Thirsty

Dr. Renwick

Matthew 5:27-30, 38-42; 6:1-2, 16-21; Isaiah 5:8-13

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

SOLO OFFERTORY

As the Deer Panteth for the Water

Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.

Thou alone art my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee.

Thou alone art my strength, my shield; to thee alone may my spirit yield.

Thou alone art my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee.

I want thee more than gold or silver, only thou can satisfy.

Thou alone art the true joy giver, and the apple of my eye.

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Song Build My Life

Matt Redman

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you! We live for you!
Jesus, the name above every other name.
Jesus the only one that could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you! We live for you!

Chorus

*Holy, there is no one like you! There is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder!
And show me who you are and fill me with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken. *Chorus (2x)*

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

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 Because He Lives

Matt Maher

I believe in the Son. I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of his blood.

Chorus

*Amen, amen! I'm alive, I'm alive because he lives!
Amen, amen! Let my song join the one that never ends because he lives!*

I was dead in the grave. I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name. He rolled the stone away! *Chorus*
Because he lives I can face tomorrow! Because he lives every fear is gone.
I know he holds my life, my future in his hand. *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

Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2

Herbert Howells
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacomb

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, wher'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies.

INVITATION TO WORLD COMMUNION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Renwick

Dorin Munteanu, *Romanian*

Beverly Tam, *Mandarin*

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and will eat in the kingdom of God.*

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ellacomb

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Isaac Watts

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

St. Peter

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, we have tasted that you are good,
yet we sin, and turn from the way of salvation. Forgive us, O Lord.
Help us remember that we have received your mercy,
and have become your people.

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that we may serve you according to your calling,
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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.

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he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Come to the Waters

Water of Life

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty; drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.

Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy, life more abundant in boundless supply.

J. M. Boice

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

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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.

World Communion Sunday

Today 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.](#)

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 begin our discussion of *Perelandra*.

Thank you to all who participated!

Last Saturday's Food & Clothing Drive benefitting Central Union Mission resulted in:

- 2 box trucks of clothing and food
- 122 cars & two bikes dropped off items
- 23 volunteers helped
- 14 bins of clothing collected
- 4 bins of food collected
- 12,600 lbs. estimated weight!

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 our guest speaker, Stewart D. McLaurin, President of the White House Historical Association discussing his most recent book, *James Hoban: Designer and Builder of the White House*. Please [click here](#) or visit [Events](#) online for more information.

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

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

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.

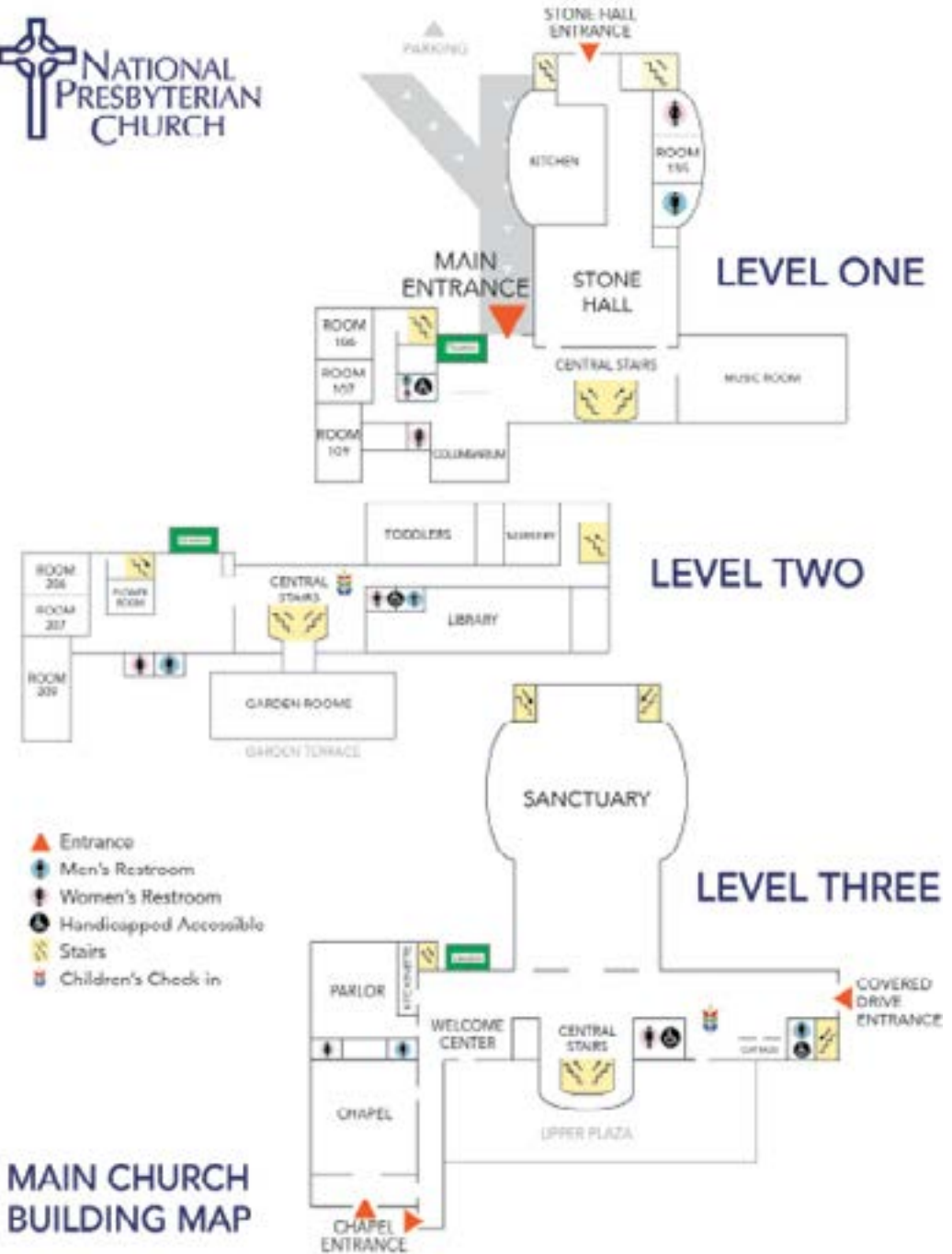
Adult Sunday School Classes

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 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!

[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 [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

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 pray for:

All who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Steve and Janice Quakenbush as they work with Wycliffe Bible Translators providing academic resources and training for Bible translators across the world.

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

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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 by the members of the former Women's Association on this World Communion Day when we partake of Holy Communion with Christians around the world.



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