

September 12, 2021



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

Psalm 40:1

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- FALL SCHEDULE KICK-OFF

Starting this morning, September 12th...

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

New time! 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

NPC Responds to Crises in Haiti and Resettlement of Afghan Refugees

With your help, NPC is responding generously to urgent crises in our world.

- A special offering has been received for Haitian earthquake victims. It is being sent to Salvation Army and our longtime partner, Foundation for Peace, which operates in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Thank you!
- NPC is giving \$10,000 to help with the arrival and resettlement of Afghan allies and their families here in the DC area through Lutheran Social Services - National Capital Area, the primary resettlement agency for Afghans coming to the DC area. Please visit their website at lssnca.org for ways to volunteer.

Seeking Candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee

Following Dr. Renwick's announcement that he will retire in September 2022, the next step to find our future senior pastor is to put together a search committee. NPC's Church Nominating Committee welcomes your input as it seeks to discern a slate of candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Learn more on the website at nationalpres.org/pastor-nominating-committee.

PNC members should be people of clear and vibrant faith, committed to NPC, diverse in many ways, and should be team players who are able to do this job well. [Please share your ideas here](#) or on our webpage and please pray for this important process!

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG Across the Lands Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice:
Let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

Chorus

*You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone;
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea.
Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. *Chorus*
3. With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home. *Chorus*

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

Gracious God,
when we think of ourselves
and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives,
we thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior.
Grant us true repentance for our sins.
Grant that, at the foot of the cross, we may find our burdens rolled away.
Please strengthen us by your Spirit, so that in the days to come,
we will live more as we should; through Christ our Lord we pray.

William Barclay

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Renwick

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE *read responsively* Psalm 40:1-5, 11, 13, 17 Matthew Tirajoh
I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
**You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you.**
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.
**Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**
Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.
**As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Dr. Renwick
Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed to the Chapel for Children's Sunday School

SERMON The Beatitudes: Poor Me! Dr. Renwick
Luke 15:11-24; Matthew 7:1-25

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Quinn Fox
There is an offering plate in the narthex to receive your tithes and gifts.

▲ OFFERING SONG How Great Is Our God Chris Tomlin
1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice!
He wraps himself in Light, darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

Chorus

*How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age he stands and time is in his hands:
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.
The God-head, Three in One—Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*
Name above all names. Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing; how great is our God! *Chorus*

▲ 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. 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

Close To Thee

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1. Thou, my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.
2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
3. Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;
Then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord with thee.
Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,
Then the gate of life eternal, may I enter, Lord with thee.
Gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.
All along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Fanny Jane Crosby

▲ 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

Chorale Prelude on "Down Ampney"

Herbert Sumsion
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

- ▲ HYMN 487 *verses 1-3* When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*
When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

- ▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Donna Marsh

- ▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 487 verse 4
Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Marsh

Gracious God,
when we think of ourselves
and of the meanness and ugliness and weakness of our lives,
we thank you for Jesus Christ our Savior.

Grant us true repentance for our sins.
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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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 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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 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;
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I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
 and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud,
 to those who go astray after false gods.
**You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds
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CHORAL RESPONSE *Aus tiefer Not*

Fore'er my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit.
 On God my soul shall rest: God's Word up holds my fainting spirit.
 God's promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support;
 I wait for it with patience. Martin Luther

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

There is an offering plate in the narthex to receive offerings.

OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me. He heard my complaint.

O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord!

with Sheri Jackson and Tess Ottinger, sopranos

▲ 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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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 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Solid Rock"

Craig Phillips
Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Kickoff Picnic Today at 5:00 pm

Join other NPC families in the Youth House parking lot for a catered picnic, games and short info meetings about this fall's youth and children's programs! For more information, email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org.

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Join us online at 7:00 pm on September 15 as Dr. Quinn Fox launches his series titled: *Planets in Peril: The Science Fiction Novels of C.S. Lewis*.

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online - September 20

Please join us online on Monday, September 20 at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Reverend John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter of the National Capital Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church USA, speaking about *Presbytery, Congregations and Life in General*. Visit [Events](#) online for more information and the link to join.

Food & Clothing Drive - September 25

Help us pack the truck! 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, September 25, we are collecting food and clothing for Central Union Mission. Invite your friends and neighbors and donate or serve. For [more information](#) or [to volunteer](#), please visit our Events page.

Join a One Blood discussion group

Begins the week of October 3
Have you read *One Blood*? 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. Watch for further details in the weeks ahead. There is still time to get a free copy of the *One Blood* book. If you are interested, please reach out to kteems@nationalpres.org.

Renovation 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 more information about our project, please visit [Building Project](#) on our website.

New Spaces! New Faces!

New Welcome Team!

As our renovated church opens up, we will 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. Please email Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@nationalpres.org for more information.

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? We are looking for more musicians to volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at: jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

- **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.

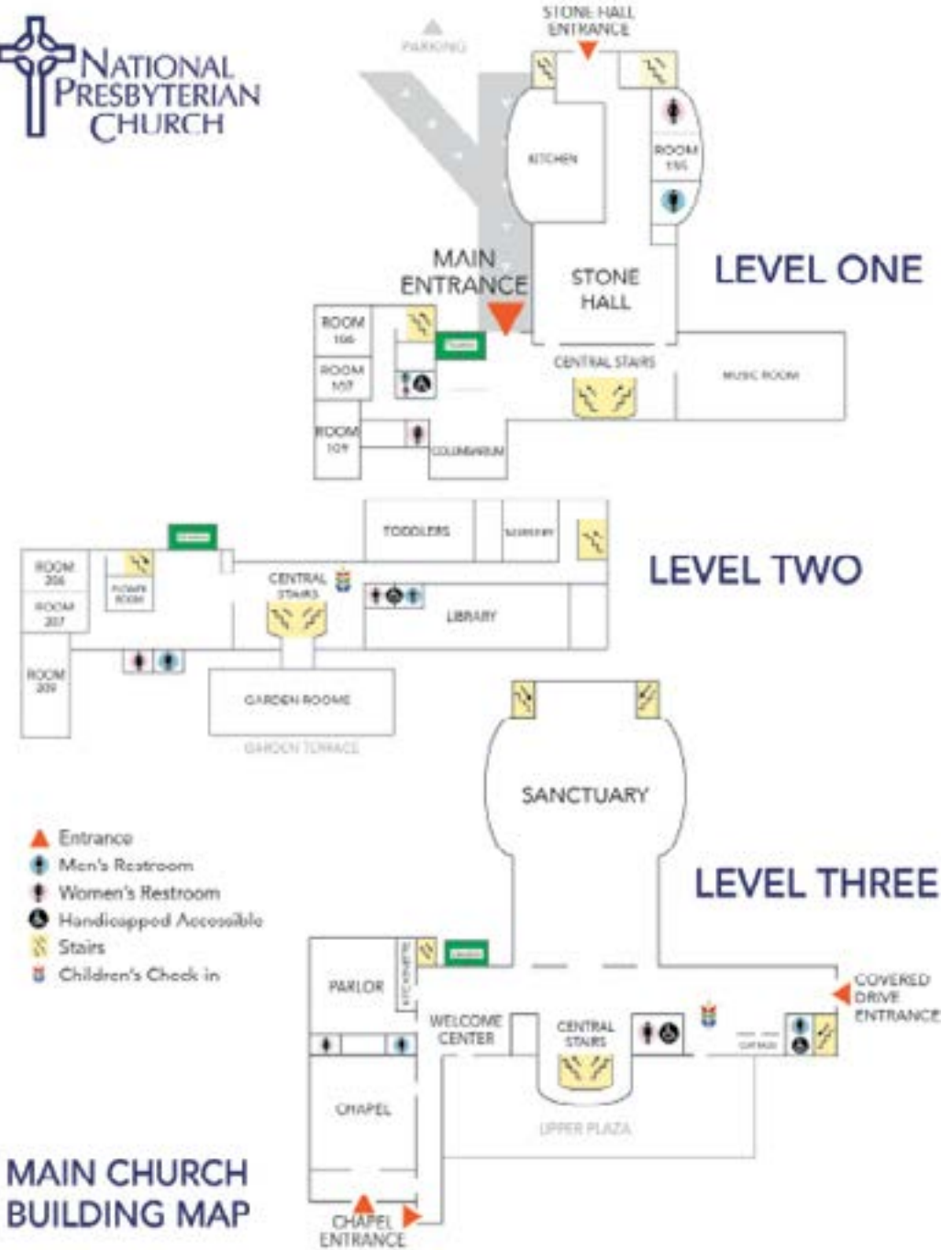
Adult Sunday School Classes

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** - 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.

Prayers

We pray for: Lucille Strain

We pray for our mission partners including: Martha's Table as they provide nutrition, literacy and clothing to our neighbors in need.

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 with grateful hearts to the glory of God by Donald and Marcia F. Bini in loving memory of their Mothers, Hilda E. Bini and Ione S. Freeman, remembering their September birthdays.



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SEPTEMBER 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

LOOKING SHARP!

As major construction nears completion in the next few weeks, you'll begin to see new furnishings and fixtures around the Church building.

Part of the capital project includes **NEW SEATING** in the **Welcome Center**, in the **Nursery**, and around the building's **hallways**. As soon as areas are "accepted" by the construction team, new furniture will be added. Eventually several loveseats, side chairs and tables will be scattered around the building. In addition, wooden benches and pews that have been in our hallways will be cleaned, and then the benches will be recovered and the pews will have new cushions. You will certainly have many places throughout the building to rest a minute, catch up with your friends, or just take in our new construction.

In the planning phase, many congregants requested that our "tired" chairs and tables used in class rooms and Stone Hall be replaced. Every meeting room in the Church Building will soon have **NEW MEETING ROOM TABLES AND CHAIRS**. The only exception is the Parlor, which was recently renovated. The new furniture will be the same throughout the building, minimizing custodial staff effort to move, set up and store equipment.



New furniture for our little lambs in the Nursery!



Sample of our maple Library stacks.

New maple wood **LIBRARY 'STACK' SHELVING AND CIRCULATION DESK** will be installed later this month in our new space on the second floor. The family-friendly Library will feature a children's corner. Once the stacks are in place, books from the Admin Building's Culbertson Library will be moved over to our new Library.

Room, closet, bathroom and all code-required emergency **SIGNAGE** has been replaced with **bronze placards**. And you might notice the rooms in the Church building have been 're-numbered' to reflect a logical sequence which starts with our new main entrance and moves through each floor. The new numbering sequence would prove helpful to first responders in the event of an emergency. Stone Hall level rooms are now numbered beginning with "100"; former Mezzanine / second floor rooms begin with "200"; and Sanctuary level rooms begin with "300".



New bronze signage



Our beautiful terrazzo stair treads.

CENTRAL STAIRS NEARLY COMPLETE!

The "spine" of our construction project – our new **CENTRAL STAIRCASE** – is almost ready for your use! After the steel structure was inspected and approved in August, work commenced to install the terrazzo treads, finish the walls and install wood handrails affixed to glass "walls" that provide a safety barrier and enable light to fill the entire three levels.



Glass walls installation.

MISSION COMMITMENT



One Million for Mission, One Story of Making a Difference

As we watch our exciting new facilities take shape, we have the joy of watching new ministry relationships take shape. This month, **NPC Elder Delores Ziegler** tells us her story of serving and Kingdom building through our capital campaign local mission partner **Little Lights**:



A student meets her mentor in-person for the first time!

While the construction team has been going strong to complete the building project by early Fall, I have had the pleasure and privilege of volunteering this summer with one of our mission partners, Little Lights. Little Lights is an award-winning Christian ministry which mentors and tutors children who live in several DC public housing projects. I volunteered as a 'Zoom Hero' (glorified name for a summer tutor) with a delightful young 3rd grader, heading to the 4th grade. It is gratifying and inspiring to see a program that is so invested in the education of and ministry to some of the poorest children and families in our community. I am overjoyed that our Capital Campaign supports this endeavor, and that our Building for the Next 50 Years includes reaching out to help our neighbors.

Thank you, Delores, and thanks to each of you who are making our million for mission possible!

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, October 17
Renovation Dedication!**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Look sharp now!
God has chosen you to build his holy house.
Be brave, determined!
And do it! | 1 Chronicles 28:10

With these treasured words, David provided hope, faith and sustenance to his son, Solomon, as he set forth to build the First Temple in Jerusalem. They were confident that the Lord had chosen them to do this work and the Lord would faithfully be with them throughout the construction.

Three thousand years later, we're a month away from completing our major construction. We've relied on God's providence that he would be with us throughout the construction and that, eventually, funds would be given to support it. We have been richly blessed with an inspiring project and an incredible \$11.3 million received thus far! We do need more funds to meet our goal. If you have not yet given – *or if you can increase your commitment* – **be brave, be determined, and do it!**

For assistance or questions about the campaign, please email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484. Or to make a gift now, please [click here](#). To increase your commitment or give at a later date, please [click here](#).

Email Us: BuildingTogether@nationalpres.org

Capital Project Steering Committee

John Neely (Chair); Mary Jo Pera (Vice Chair), John Lawlah, Susie Westrup, Diane Stewart (Facilities Director), David Renwick (Senior Pastor/ex officio)