

October 9, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Therefore God also highly exalted Jesus
and gave him the name
that is above every name.*

Philippians 2:9

Transitional Senior Pastor
Associate Pastors

Rev. Allan Poole
Rev. Donna Marsh
Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Lisa Larsen

Parish Associates

Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Music

Dr. Michael Denham (Director)
Todd Fickley (Organist)
Joanna Zorack-Greene
(Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve)
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6-week Small Groups Start This Week Register Now!

Join a fall six-week small group Bible study on *Faith for Facing Change*, to explore how God can move us from stress to grace. Groups begin meeting starting today, on Sundays after church and Tuesday or Thursday evenings. In-person and online options are available. For more information or to register, please [click here](#) or visit the [Small Groups page](#) online.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making Today after Both Services

Our tradition of 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making combines with family, children and youth for an exciting day of double the fun and serving! We'll have sandwich making after both worship services, taking the place of children's and youth Sunday School as well as the Adult Parents Gathering. All sandwiches will be donated to McKenna's Wagon, through which Martha's Table delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. Come out and serve!

Wednesday Evenings: Fellowship & Bible Study

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall or online on Wednesday evenings now through November 16 as Dr. Quinn Fox presents *Apocalypse Now: The Challenge of the Book of Revelation for Following Jesus Today*. There will be an informative study with lively discussion.

- **6:15 pm:** Optional dinner together- you're invited to bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship! Beverages provided.
- **7:00 pm:** Dr. Fox's presentation begins in person and online.

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) for the details and the online link.

October 15 Church Conference *The Third Way: Christian Discipleship in Polarized Times*

Mark your calendars! Today, much of Christianity's cultural power and influence has eroded, resulting in culture wars within the church that reflect the same issues as in secular society. On October 15, 9:00 am-noon, in Stone Hall, our speaker, Jerry Sittser, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Whitworth University, will lead us in an exploration of a "third way." If you need childcare, please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org by Wednesday, October 12. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) for more information or to join us online.

October 16, 9:55-10:45 am, Stone Hall *How We Grow Through Loss*

Jerry Sittser, bestselling author of *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss*, will help us to see how we can learn to live with loss, whether grieving the loss of loved-ones, or recovering in the aftermath of an unprecedented pandemic. This will be in place of our regular Adult Sunday School classes, which will resume on October 23.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Monday, October 17

- 12:00 pm: Luncheon in Stone Hall
 - 1:00 pm: Speaker in-person & online
- The October luncheon will feature our Transitional Senior Pastor Allan Poole as he shares his wide range of experiences leading to his call to NPC. To RSVP, please call 202.537.7584 or email Jim Anderson at janderson@nationalpres.org. If you would like to watch online, join us at 1:00 pm on our [Watch page](#).

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG Wide as the Sky Matt Redman

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! (2x)

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. (2x)

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! (2x)

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

Hands up! God, we lift your name high! (4x)

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. (2x)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, our Judge and Savior,

set before us a vision of your purity,

and let us see our sins in the light of your holiness.

Forgive our self-contentment, disobedience and pride, O Lord.

Let your love consume all that hinders us from pleasing and serving you.

As your holiness is our judgment, so are Christ's wounds our salvation.

From William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

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

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

Kristin Franke
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Allan Poole

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:13-15

Janice Sessing

¹³Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

SERMON

Rev. Poole

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 SOLO

Lead Me to the Cross

Brooke Ligertwood

Savior, I come, I quiet my soul, remember
redemption's hill where your blood was spilled, for my ransom
And everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss

Chorus: *Lead me to the cross where your love poured out*

Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down

Rid me of myself, I belong to you, Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried, human

The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen
And everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss **Chorus**

Lead me to your heart (x3) **Chorus**

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

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 Battle Belongs Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

When all I see is the battle, you see my victory.
 When all I see is a mountain, you see a mountain moved.
 And as I walk through the shadow, your love surrounds me.
 There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with you.
Chorus: *So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high.*
O God, the battle belongs to you!
And every fear I lay at your feet. I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to you.
 And if you are for me, who can be against me?
 For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for you.
 When all I see are the ashes, you see the beauty.
 When all I see is a cross, God, you see the empty tomb. **Chorus**
 O God, the battle belongs to you.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Partita on "Nicaea"

Charles Callahan
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 138 *verses 1-3* Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 138, *verse 4*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, our Judge and Savior,

set before us a vision of your purity,

and let us see our sins in the light of your holiness.

Forgive our self-contentment, disobedience and pride, O Lord.

Let your love consume all that hinders us from pleasing and serving you.

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▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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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

Kristin Franke
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

Rev. Poole & Rev. Marsh

Listing of Names

Baptism: Jane Evans, Henry Evans, Shannon Landers, Shanwai Lin

Confirmation: Evan Atchison, Abigail Boerstling, Storey Burton, Alexa Buss,
Miles Green, Riley Johnson, Jamie Levinson, Sasha May, Martha Lauren Nichols,
Clay Norment, Meredith Puryear, Eleanor Schmitt, Sophia St. John

Congregational Prayer *in unison*

God of love,

we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ,

through membership in this church family.

May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.

Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment

in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit.

So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us,

in joy and in trust, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.

Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.

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Rev. Allan Poole

SCRIPTURE

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Elder Donna Duss

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

SERMON

Rev. Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

Choir

Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

Congregation

Holy, holy, holy! My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Spiritual

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus. Lord, I want to be more holy. Lord, I want to be a Christian...

▲ 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 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.

▲ HYMN

Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught

Tallis' Ordinal

Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught

First clear the cluttered heart.

Make room to breathe the living thought

Those well-worn words impart.

Dismiss the fear that this world drifts

With no one in command.

Our pulse and breath are signs and gifts

Of God's attentive hand.

Refine and test each passing aim

Against this final one:

Have our lives hallowed heaven's name,

And has God's will been done?

Thomas H. Troeger

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Stoltzfus

▲ POSTLUDE

“The People Respond - Amen!” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) page.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages—*children, youth, and parents will be making sandwiches in Stone Hall this week, for Martha's Table*
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Adult Sunday School Classes

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Adults Classes page](#) online to read the full description and for the online link.

Class Title	Teacher(s)/Facilitator(s)	Location
<i>Hebrews—Looking to Jesus; Going On To Maturity</i>	R.V. Seep	Chapel, In-person and online available
<i>The Discipleship Journey</i>	Quinn Fox and other church staff	Garden Room A
<i>Talking about Race: Gospel Hope for Hard Conversations</i>	Peggy Lewis, Nancy Fox, Lewrene Glaser	Room #209
<i>Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come</i>	Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner and others	Garden Room C
<i>Parent Gathering—resumes Oct 16</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall in the Education Building

Youth Sunday School—resumes Oct 16

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Youth page](#) online for more information about Sunday School and other youth events. Youth grades 6-12, please come to the Multipurpose Building for Sunday School. We'll meet there briefly then split to smaller groups by age.

Children's Sunday School—resumes Oct 16; Nursery open as usual

Please [click here](#) or visit our [Children's page](#) online to read about our Children's Ministry.

- The Nursery rooms are available for all infants to walkers, up to age 4, 8:30 am-noon, including during the Sunday School hour.
- Children ages 2-3 years have their Sunday school program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Classes for age 4 through 5th grade are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School). Children meet in age-specific groups to learn about God through Bible stories, discussion, crafts, games, and more!

Parents of youth and children are invited to join us for the Parent Gathering in Jones Hall in the Education Building for a reflection on the Scripture and to support one another in raising children to know Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our [Events page](#) online.

Today, October 9

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Serving Sunday - Sandwich Making for families, children and youth (in place of Parent Gathering and children & youth Sunday School)
- 9:55 am: Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Monday, October 10

- NPC offices closed for holiday

Wednesday, October 12

- 6:15/7:00 pm: Fellowship & Revelation study

Friday, October 14

- 7:00 pm: Club 45

Saturday, October 15

- 8:30 am: Online Small Group Men's Prayer
- 9:00 am: Church Conference: *The Third Way*

Sunday, October 16

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School
- 9:55 am: *How We Grow Through Loss* in place of Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Make a House a Home for a Homeless Family

Help transform an empty house into a home for a family transitioning from homelessness on October 29. As part of a 7 to 15 member team, you can help clean, assist with move-in, arrange furniture, make beds, stock the pantry, organize the kitchen and share a welcome home meal with the family. "Welcome Home" events are organized by LightHouse DC. If you're interested in serving, please contact Elder Jennifer Richwine, Serve Council Chair, (336-391-2642, richwjl@gmail.com) for more details or [sign up here](#).

Senior Pastor Search Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will be meeting and interviewing candidates in person over the next few weeks. As the PNC seeks to discern God's call to the next Senior Pastor of NPC, prayer is an important part of the process. The PNC invites you to pray with and for them, and the final candidates, so that, together, they will sense God's will for our church. You can check their webpage by [clicking here](#).

Deacons

Did you know we have servant leaders who want to care for you? Our Deacons are ready to listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you when you are ill and support you through a difficult time. Please email Lisa Larsen at LLarsen@nationalpres.org or call the Care office at 202-537-7540 for more information.

Job Opportunities

- Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)
- AV Engineer (Part time)
- AV Assistant (Part time)

For more information or to apply, please [click here](#) or visit our [Jobs page](#) online.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH IS BACK!

*King of Kings and Lord of Lords
Our Coming Savior
in Handel's Messiah*

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra
Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm

For the first time in three years, [reserve your place](#) in the Festival Choir! Rehearsals for this musical masterpiece begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 5, with registration at 9:30 am.

Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday Rehearsals

November 5, 12, 19 and December 3,
10:00 am–1:00 pm

Performance Weekend Rehearsals

Friday, December 9, 7:00-10:00 pm
Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Please [click here](#) for more information or call the NPC Music Office at 202-537-7553.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Friday, October 14 at 7pm

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact jmeek@nationalpres.org or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

Youth Group Dinners

Interested in supporting NPC's youth as they grow spiritually by feeding them physically? [Sign up here](#) to provide a simple dinner for a youth group night, and get a chance to meet the youth in a casual setting! Parents are also welcome to stay after dinner for a Youth Parent Discussion Group for conversations about faith and family.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- [Click here](#) or visit our Children's Ministry page for kids up to 5th grade.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.

National Presbyterian School

NPS offers special consideration for NPC family applicants to Nursery (3 years old) through Sixth Grade. Choose from a mix of virtual and in-person opportunities to explore our school. NPC applications for PK3 and PK4 are due November 21; Kindergarten and older are due January 13. For more information visit www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kh Harvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.

National Presbyterian School

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 15, 2:30-5:00 pm
You are invited to join NPS for a fun afternoon of inflatables, crafts, pumpkin painting and more! In addition, a beautiful assortment of fall flowers will be available for purchase at Fall Festival. Tickets are \$25 per child, and adults are free of charge. Please [register here](#), and contact [Lisa Johnson](#) at NPS with any questions.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) to sign our online guest-book.
- [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](#)

Prayers

We pray for:

Those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,
llarsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537.

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.

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.

You can . . . Support the general ministry of National

- Go to nationalpres.org/giving,
- text "NPC" to 833.414.9444 or
- scan the QR code below:



Support the Capital Campaign

- Click [here](#) to give a one-time gift.
- Click [here](#) like to setup a recurring gift through the end of the campaign (12/31/2023).

Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7484.

Coffee Hour After Worship

Please come to Stone Fellowship Hall after each worship service for great coffee and fellowship. It's good to be back together!



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