

October 16, 2022
National Presbyterian School Sunday



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet,
and there were loud voices in heaven,
saying, "The kingdom of the world has
become the kingdom of our Lord and of his
Christ and he will reign forever and ever."*

Revelation 11:15

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

National Presbyterian School Sunday

We are glad to celebrate that the National Presbyterian School is a mission of National Presbyterian Church. This morning we welcome Malcolm Lester, Head of School; Rev. Todd Sutton, NPS Chaplain and the NPS Chorus as they help to lead our morning worship.

Today, 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

Tomorrow, 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](#).

Lunch & Learn

October 23 at 12:15 pm

You're invited to join us on October 23 in the Garden Rooms at 12:15 pm to hear from our missionary partners in the Middle East. They have a fascinating story about how God is at work in a strife-torn area and how they share God's love there in word and deed. To join us online, please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) for more information.

Pumpkin Carving Party

Friday, October 28, 7:00 pm

Families are invited to come carve pumpkins. Please bring your own carving tools. Pumpkins will be provided. Paint and paint brushes will be provided for children who want to paint a pumpkin instead. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) to RSVP.

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, richwijn@gmail.com) for more details or [sign up here](#).

Congregational Meeting

October 30 after 11:00 am Worship

The Session of NPC has called a Congregational Meeting for October 30, following 11:00 am worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) and to vote on nominees for the office of elder, deacon and board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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. Todd Sutton
Chaplain, National Presbyterian School

▲ OPENING SONG Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us.

By the cross you came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

Chorus: *Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!*

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive! **Chorus**

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! **(3x) Chorus**

PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Lisa Larsen

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God, your will is done even without our prayers.

Yet we pray that it may also be done by us.

To this righteous end,

Frustrate and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose,

Even those of our own hearts.

Forgive, we earnestly pray, our every disobedience and sin.

May we not hinder the hallowing of your Name,

Or discredit the coming of your kingdom.

Strengthen and keep us steadfast in your Word

And in true faith even to the end.

Martin Luther

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. Larsen

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 Chaplain Sutton

*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, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY Rev. Larsen

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:16-30 Malcolm Lester
Head of School, National Presbyterian School

¹⁶When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON "Thy Kingdom Come... on Earth, as It Is in Heaven" Dr. Quinn Fox
Mark 1:14-15

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

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

OFFERING SONG Living Hope Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us! How high the mountain I could not climb!

In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.

Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore
through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. (2x)

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Poole

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

In Christ Alone

Keith and Kristyn Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied—
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand:
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

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PRELUDE Andante from Organ Concerto Op 4, No 1 G. F. Handel
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Todd Sutton
Chaplain, National Presbyterian School

▲ HYMN God's Providence Is Sure *Leoni*

God's providence is sure, and ever will remain;
God's purposes endure from age to age the same.
No other can prevail, though enemies be strong,
For sovereign majesty and strength to God belong.

God's providence is sure, though people live in sin;
God's purposes provide a cure: To change within.
Though, striving, we may fail, we are not left alone,
The righteous will prevail with God on heaven's throne.

God's providence is sure, as spoken by the Son;
God's purposes endure in Christ: The vict'ry's won!
He came to seek and save, preventing human loss;
Our Savior God redeemed us all on Calv'ry's cross.

God's providence is sure, for Christ will come again;
God's purposes endure for those who follow him.
The trumpet call will sound! Forever we shall be
Transformed, immortal, raised on high eternally.

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Leoni*

God's providence is sure: The Kingdom will remain;
God's purposes endure; the Son of Man shall reign.
We bless the great I Am, our God of Ancient Days;
We come to worship and to sing unending praise!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

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And in true faith even to the end.

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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

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.

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SERMON

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RESPONSE

Waiting

Soloist and Choir

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come;

Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come!

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come;

Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come!

Congregation

Come, Savior quickly, come; come, Savior quickly, come;

Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Allan Poole

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

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

Arr. Donald Moore

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,

'tis the gift to come round where you ought to be;

And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shant be ashamed.

To turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning we come round right.

Traditional Shaker Tune and Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel

National Presbyterian School Chorus, Directed by Anne Hancock

▲ 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

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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 252

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Jerusalem

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Fox

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ POSTLUDE

La Marche

G. F. Handel

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
- **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>How We Grow Through Loss</i> (Regular classes resume next week, October 23)	Jerry Sittser	Stone Hall
<i>Parent Gathering</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall in the Education Building

Youth Sunday School

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

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, October 16

- 8:30 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering, 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: *Faith for Facing Change* Small Group drop-in in Room #209
- 12:30 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109
- 6:30 pm: Youth group
- 7:00 pm Youth Parent Small Group

Monday, October 17

- 12:00/1:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 22

- 8:30 am: Online Small Group Men's Prayer

Sunday, October 23

- 8:30 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: New Members Reception
- 12:15 pm: Lunch & Learn
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

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!

Job Opportunities - Join Our Team!

• **Care Ministries Program**

Coordinator

(Full time & part time options)

If you care deeply about people and have strong organizational and administrative skills, we need your gifts! NPC has a variety of programs for older adults, the military community, grieving families, and church members going through difficult times. Our Care Ministries Program Coordinator will do intake and manage information for these, as well as coordinate meetings and events. S/he will also support our Pastor for Congregational Care and be a part of a warm, wonderful staff team. Read the full position description [here](#). To apply, send a cover email and resume to Executive Pastor Marsh at dmarch@nationalpres.org.

- AV Engineer (Part time, contract)
- AV Assistant (Part time, contract)

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

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one care for those who are experiencing challenging times, such as the death of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce, loneliness, chronic illness, unemployment, spiritual crisis, a new job, and more. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet with you confidentially one hour per week by phone or Zoom. Your identity and your conversations are held in confidence. Please email Lisa Larsen at LLarsen@nationalpres.org or call the Care office at 202-537-7537 for more information.

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

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.

National Presbyterian School Visit Opportunities

We offer a mix of virtual and in-person events to explore our school. NPC families receive special consideration for all grades – PK3 through Sixth Grade. For more information visit www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or 202.537.7508.

LARGE GROUP EVENTS

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Our November speaker will be David Montgomery. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Women's Brunch

Saturday, November 5, 11:00 am

All women are invited for a delicious brunch, faith-building conversation and fellowship! Childcare is provided. Please register for brunch and childcare by October 30 by [clicking here](#).

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](#)

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.

Prayers

We grieve the death of:
Christy "Cece" MacVaugh.

We pray for:
Dick Tingley and Jim Bomkamp.

We pray for:
International Justice Mission,
as they seek justice for the poor.

How may we pray for you?
Please submit prayer requests to
the NPC Care Office,
llarsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
to the glory of God.



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