

October 23, 2022
New Member Connections Sunday



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Nevertheless, not my will
but yours be done.*

Luke 22:42

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Leslie Saum (Connections)

Ministry Directors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member Recognition

11:00 am Service

Today is New Member Connections Sunday! In addition to welcoming our newest members into the church family, we invite everyone to wear your name tags, and come meet them and enjoy a lovely reception after the 11:00 am service down in Stone Fellowship Hall.

Katie Barnes, McLean, VA*
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Margaret Kaufman, Madison, WI
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Michelle Wormmeester, Bethesda, MD*

**Baptism*

If you are interested in membership here at National, or just learning more, please attend the two half-day online Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on 1/21/23 and 1/28/23. For more information, please [click here](#), or contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7578.

Lunch & Learn

Today at 12:15 pm

You're invited to join us 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 – October 29

Help transform an empty apartment for a family transitioning from homelessness. As part of a 7 to 15 member team, you can help clean, assist with move-in, make beds, stock the pantry, and share a welcome home meal with the family. This event is organized by LightHouse DC with NPC. 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](#).

Congregational Meeting

October 30 after 11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary

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.

October 30 Road/Bridge Closure Alert

The Marine Corps Marathon is next Sunday, October 30, which will result in some road and bridge closures around DC. You may want to plan an alternate route, especially if coming from Northern Virginia. Please [click here](#) to see the course map, or use the *Waze* app to plan the best route.

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 Kevin Rose, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING 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!

*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. **(2x) Chorus (2x)**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,

We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will.

We have broken your law.

We have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors.

We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive these and all our sins, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;
Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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. Fox

*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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-43

Deacon David Orcutt

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

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.

OFFERING SONG

King of My Heart

John Mark McMillan

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from! O he is my song!

Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life. O he is my song!

Chorus: You are good, good! O! (2x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves. O he is my song!

Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days! O he is my song! **Chorus**

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! **(4x) Chorus**

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. Marsh

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

Good, Good Father

Anthony Brown

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like.

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.

You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone.

Chorus: *You're a good, good Father. It's who you are. (3x)*

And I'm loved by you. It's who I am. (3x)

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide.

But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide.

Because you know just what we need before we say a word. **Chorus**

You are perfect in all of your ways. You are perfect in all of your ways.

You are perfect in all of your ways to us! **(2x)**

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak. Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think.

As you call me deeper still **(3x)** into love, love, love! **Chorus**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Nocturne in F-sharp Major, op. 15 no. 2 Frédéric Chopin
John Varcoe, piano

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *Unser Herrscher*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE Let the Beauty of the Lord Floyd Hawkins
Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us in this hour.
Let the presence of the Holy Spirit now abide with us in pow'r,
Our Father, hear now our pray'r; O hear us! Hear now our pray'r.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,

We confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will.

We have broken your law.

We have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors.

We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive these and all our sins, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
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Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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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.

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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

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NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND BAPTISM

Exchange of Vows and Baptism

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.

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Elder Faith Burton

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Thy Will Be Done

J. S. Bach

Thy will, O Lord our God, be done,
on earth as round thy heavenly throne.

Chorale from *St. John Passion*

Grant us thy patience, so to know obedience in ease or woe.

Stay thou the hand and spoil the skill of all who work against thy will.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Donna Marsh

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

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

Soloist and Choir

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Choir

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;

Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee

Congregation

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy tender love us fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

▲ 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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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 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata on Hyfrydol

Craig Phillips

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>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</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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, October 23

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: New Members Reception
- 12:15 pm: Lunch & Learn Mission Update
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Wednesday, October 26

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

Friday, October 28

- 7:00 pm: Family Pumpkin Carving Party

Saturday, October 29

- 8:30 am: Online Small Group Men's Prayer
- Welcome Home Team serving with Lighthouse DC

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Congregational Meeting

Living & Giving Generously in God's World: The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving can help!

Are you thinking about philanthropic strategies for planned giving? The NPC Fund is here to help you design or implement a Donor-Advised Fund or Charitable Trust structure to meet your giving goals. Please email NPCFUND@natpres.org or contact Rick Hawthorne at 301.452.8269 or Jonathan Dickey at 443.722.4840 for more information. You may also [click here](#) to visit our Giving webpage.

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 Donna Marsh at dmarsh@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.

Hurricane Ian Relief

In response to the devastation brought about by Hurricane Ian, Serve Council has authorized \$15,000 from our Disaster Relief budget to go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in reconstruction efforts. Anyone who would like to donate individually can do so by [clicking here](#) or following the link below. Thank you so much for your continued generosity! <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ian/>

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!

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.

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](#).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH IS BACK!

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Our Coming Savior

The National Presbyterian Church Festival Choir & Orchestra in Handel's Messiah

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.

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 pray for:

The unemployed and job-seeking.

We pray for:

McGilvary College of Divinity, as they develop leaders for ministry in churches, schools, and hospitals in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

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).

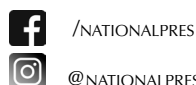
Questions? Contact Business Manager, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7484.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg, who was born on October 21st, and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg, who joined him in heaven on October 21st.



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