

November 13, 2022  
Stewardship Dedication Sunday

Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*  
Matthew 6:13

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

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Music

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

Ministry Directors



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is 2023 Stewardship Dedication Day!**  
***Grateful Hearts, Alive in Christ, for the Sake of God's World***

Will you commit to supporting God's work in and through NPC in 2023?

During today's service, we will joyfully gather to offer our commitments to support the ministries at National in the coming year. If you would like to read more about how you can participate, [click here](#) to visit our webpage at [nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023](http://nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023) or scan the QR code to make your commitment online.

If you would like help with the details of your plan to give, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, [Leah Skrine](#).



**Military Ministry Meeting & Lunch**  
**Today at 12:15 pm Garden Rooms**

All are invited! Our speaker on will be retired Army Colonel Edna Cummings, an expert on the 6888th Postal Battalion, the only all-African American, all-female unit sent overseas during World War II.

**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!

**Lunch & Learn**

**November 20 at 12:15 pm**

Please join us in the Garden Rooms and on Zoom as we hear from our ministry partners at University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova and enjoy a delicious lunch. For more information and the Zoom link, please [click here](#).

**Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**November 21 at 12:00 pm Stone Hall**

Mr. Peter A. Byrd, Co-chairman of the Archives and History Committee, and a former United States Capitol tour guide, is our featured speaker. His presentation: *Frederick Douglass and His Impact on National*, will share with us Douglass' major address given at the former First Presbyterian Church here in DC. To make a reservation, please call 202.537.7584 or email [janderson@nationalpres.org](mailto:janderson@nationalpres.org).

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*  
*Hymn 281*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it, that you may enter in.

It is in ruins; please repair it, I pray.

It is displeasing to you; I know and acknowledge this.

But to whom can I call for help, to clear and repair it, but you?

Deliver me from my secret faults, O Lord.

Forgive my sins, and spare your servant.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

## SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:10-17 Elder COL Glenn Schmitt, USA, Ret.

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

## SERMON

Rev. Donna Marsh

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

## CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

*Please come down the center aisle, leave your commitments  
in the baskets at the chancel and return to your seats by the side aisle.*

## OFFERING SONG

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suff'ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.  
Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.  
Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.  
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance see his love forever proved.  
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.  
Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.  
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.  
Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

*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!*



# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Allegro

J. S. Bach

*Concerto for Two Keyboards Alone, BWV 1061a*

Todd Fickley and John Varcoe, Piano

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 562 *verses 1-3*

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*Melita*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 562, *verse 4*

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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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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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

Dr. Fox

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SERMON

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Cheshire

In God alone protection rests, who brings deliverance sure;  
Our rock of strength is found in him, our refuge most secure.  
Examine how temptation breeds inside the mind's dark maze,  
Acknowledging that our lives need deliverance from its ways.

Fred R. Anderson, alt (1), Thomas H. Troeger, alt (2)

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

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in the baskets at the chancel and return to your seats by the side aisle.*

OFFERTORY

A Hymn to God the Father

John Ness Beck

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which is my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin through which I run  
And still do run, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.  
I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore.  
Swear by thyself that at my death thy Son  
Shall shine as he shines now and heretofore;  
And having done that, thou hast done. I fear no more.

John Donne, 1572-1631

*Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

▲ 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

Rev. Larsen

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.

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Ar hyd y nos*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In your need I will deliver; I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you've learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you've heard my dear Son's story; here you've touched him, seen his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love, and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Jaroslav J. Vajda, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue

J. S. Bach

*Concerto for Two Keyboards Alone, BWV 1061a*

Todd Fickley and John Varcoe, Piano

▲ 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 November 20</i>	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall in the Education Building

## Youth Sunday School—resumes Nov 20

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 Nov 20, 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).

## Wednesday Evenings: Fellowship & Bible Study

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall or online on Wednesday, November 16 as Dr. Quinn Fox concludes *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.

# FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## **This Coming Week at a Glance**

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

### **Today, November 13**

- 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
- 12:00 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 16**

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

### **Friday, November 18**

- 7:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

### **Saturday, November 19**

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting
- 10:00 am: Messiah rehearsal

### **Sunday, November 20**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Parent Gathering
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Lunch & Learn mission update
- 5:00 pm: Youth Family Service Night

## **Thanksgiving Worship and Food Drive Thursday, November 24, 10:00 am**

You are invited to join us for a peaceful worship service full of thanksgiving! We'll also be collecting food donations for local mission partners that serve the hungry in Washington DC. This is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for God's bountiful provision and our concern for the hungry in our city. All ages (8 and up) can bring nonperishables, help receive gifts of food during the worship service, help pack up donations after the service, or deliver donations to a local missions partner after Thanksgiving. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online to sign up to volunteer.

## **Advent Family Night**

### **Sunday, November 27, 5:00 pm**

Start the Advent season on a fun, family-friendly, and faith-centered note! Join us for this much-loved annual event. We'll begin with a short time of worship, then make crafts you can enjoy all season, and have dinner together. Please [click here](#) to let us know you're coming—this helps with ordering dinner and craft supplies.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Job Opportunities with National Presbyterian Church**

- Care Ministries Program Coordinator (Full time & part time options)
- 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.

## **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!

## **Flowers to Share!**

Have you noticed the little flower bud vases at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

## **Prison Fellowship Angel Tree**

Angel Tree is back by popular demand! Your participation in Prison Fellowship Angel Tree gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message as a tangible representation of love. More information coming soon.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## **Youth Family Service Night**

**November 20 at 5:00 pm**

All youth and their families are invited to serve together, as we make vegetarian lasagna to be distributed by Martha's Table on McKenna's Wagon then enjoy a potluck dinner afterwards. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## **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.

## **NPS Priority Applications Due Soon**

Applications from NPC families receive special consideration. NPC applications for Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 are due November 21. Kindergarten and older are due January 13. For more information visit [www.nps-dc.org](http://www.nps-dc.org) or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, [kharvey@nps-dc.org](mailto: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 guestbook.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Home page at [nationalpres.org](http://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:

Those in our congregation who are military and security personnel.

### We pray for:

Friendship Place, as they provide care for people experiencing homelessness.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,  
[llarsen@nationalpres.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org) or call 202.537.7484.

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.



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