

November 20, 2022

Christ the King



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever! Amen!*

Matthew 6:13b

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

Milestones in Worship

Today during 8:45 am worship, our first graders lead us in *The Lord's Prayer*. As a part of Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a "Milestone in Worship," an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith.

Lunch & Learn

Today 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](#) or visit our [Events page](#).

Youth Family Service Night

Today 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, and then enjoy a potluck dinner afterwards. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

November 21

- 12:00 pm: lunch in Stone Hall
 - 1:00 pm: speaker in person & online
- 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. To watch online, please visit our [Watch page](#).

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 can help! Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online to sign up to volunteer.

Thank you to all who made a financial commitment for 2023!

Grateful Hearts, Alive in Christ, for the Sake of God's World

Last week, we gratefully committed to supporting God's work in and through NPC in 2023. Thank you! If you haven't yet made your commitment and would like to, please [click here](#) to visit nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023 or scan the QR code to make your commitment online.

For 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](#).



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. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Come People of the Risen King Keith and Kristyn Getty

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!

Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!

From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Chorus: *Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!*

One heart, one voice! O, church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.

For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. **Chorus**

Come, young and old from every land--men and women of the faith.

Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!

Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all! **Chorus (2x)**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you do not need our worship.

Yet you have taught us that praise is your gracious choice,
and have given us all the blessings to be found and enjoyed in Christ.

Despite this great privilege, we often turn from you in disobedience and sin,
seeking our own will above yours.

Forgive and cleanse us, Lord, and restore us to right relationship with you.

Breathe new life into our souls. We come with empty hands,
to be filled from the inexhaustible supply that is yours alone.

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

from Heidelberg Catechism

Jesus Christ has been ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher.
He perfectly reveals to us the counsel and will of God for our deliverance.
He is our only high priest, who has set us free by the one sacrifice of himself, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father.
He is our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.
He ascended to heaven, there to show that he is the head of his church, and that the Father rules all things through him.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Kyle Putnam
Associate for Youth Ministries

*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. Larsen

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 4:1-3, 8b-11; 5:9-14

Grant Franke

And then I [John] looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald...

Day and night without ceasing the living creatures sing, “Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being..”

And the elders sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slain and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.” Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Offering plates are 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! (4x)*

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

Rev. Marsh

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by NPC First Graders

First Graders: 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.

All: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ CLOSING SONG

Oceans

Joel Houston

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

Chorus 1: *And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.*

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace for I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide.

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now.

Chorus 2: *And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.*

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace for I am yours and you are mine.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,

let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. **(2x) Chorus 1**

▲ 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 Two Settings of "Our Father Who Art In Heaven" J. S. Bach
Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones *Lasst uns erfreuen*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE *Deo gracias*

A hymn of glory let us sing, new hymns throughout the world shall ring;
By a new way none ever trod, Christ takes his place: the throne of God!

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*

Lord God of heaven and earth, you do not need our worship.
Yet you have taught us that praise is your gracious choice,
and have given us all the blessings to be found and enjoyed in Christ.
Despite this great privilege, we often turn from you in disobedience and sin,
seeking our own will above yours.
Forgive and cleanse us, Lord, and restore us to right relationship with 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 from Heidelberg Catechism
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to be our chief prophet and teacher.
He perfectly reveals to us the counsel and will of God for our deliverance.
He is our only high priest, who has set us free by the one sacrifice of himself,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father.
He is our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.
He ascended to heaven, there to show that he is the head of his church,
and that the Father rules all things through him.

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Elder Peggy Lewis

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

P. I. Tchaikovsky

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Reginald Heber

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.

OFFERTORY

Blessing and Glory

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Blessing and glory, and thanksgiving! Blessing and glory be to our God!

I heard a voice, a great voice as of much people, saying in heaven, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Blessing, glory, honor, power be unto our God! Amen!"

Revelation 5

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▲ 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

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 144 *verses 1-3*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 144, *verse 4*

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne.

Thou within the veil hath entered, robed in flesh our great High Priest:

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Toccata in C Major

Georgi Muschel
Todd Fickley, Organ

▲ 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>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).

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Decatur House Tour

Friday, December 2 at 2:00 pm

The Older Adult Ministry has arranged with the White House Historical Association a tour of the historic Stephen Decatur House on Lafayette Square during the Association's annual Holiday Book Festival. For more information or reservations, please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#).

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, December 3, 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 December speaker will be Ken Rathje. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Care Packages for Troops

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am-noon

Our Military Ministry, in coordination with the West Point Parents' Group, will collect items for Christmas care packages to be sent to troops overseas. For many it may be the only package they receive. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online for more information and the list of items for donation.

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!

Navy Sea Chanters Concert & Adult Fellowship Luncheon

December 5, Noon & 1:00 pm

On December 5, our Adult Fellowship luncheon will take place at noon in Stone Fellowship Hall. Then at 1:00 pm, we will move to the Sanctuary to hear a live concert by the US Navy Sea Chanters. This dynamic performance will also be broadcast online on our [Watch page](#).

To make a lunch reservation, please call 202.537.7584 or email janderson@nationalpres.org.

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, November 20

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 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

Monday, November 21

- 12:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Thursday, November 24

- 10:00 am: Thanksgiving Worship and food collection
- NPC offices closed, Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

- NPC offices closed, Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 26

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting

Sunday, November 27

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 5:00 pm: Advent Family Night

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is just around the corner! To get a preview of all of your many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior with NPC, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/Christmas. Christmas Eve Services will be at 5:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Job Opportunities with National Presbyterian Church

- 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.

Senior Pastor Search Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to meet with and interview candidates in person. 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](#).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Friday, December 2 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.

NPS Application Deadline Tomorrow

NPC applications for Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 are due November 21; Kindergarten and older are due January 13. NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for all grades. For more information, visit www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or (202) 537-7508.

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.

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 to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Prayers

We grieve the death of:
Augustus "Gus" Wessels.

We pray for:
University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they educate Christian leaders from Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

How may we pray for you?

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

Gift Bibles for You!

We have Bibles in the narthex for you or anyone who does not have a Bible of their own. Please pick one up today as our gift to you!

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 in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.



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