

September 4, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness:
make your way straight before me.*

Psalm 5:8

Senior Pastor	Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors	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)

FAREWELL TO DR. DAVID & CURRIE RENWICK

Please join us as we all come together to say goodbye to the Renwicks and to thank them for 11 years at National as they retire after 45 years of ministry. [Click here](#) for details.

Retirement Celebration

Today, September 4

- 10:00 am: Combined Worship Service
- 11:00-11:45 am: Retirement Celebration in the Sanctuary and online
- 12:00-2:00 pm: Reception on patio and garden (rain location: Stone Hall)

David & Currie's Last Sunday at NPC

Next Sunday, September 11

- Fall schedule begins
- Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 am

Opportunities to Thank David & Currie

Write a personal message:

Please [click here](#) or visit our website to leave a personal message to be delivered to them before they depart.

Make a gift:

[Click here](#) or use the QR code below to make a contribution to their retirement love gift.



SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION

Our Transitional Pastor

Rev. Allan Poole

Session is excited to announce that the Rev. Allan Poole will be the transitional pastor. Allan served for 36 years at Black-nall Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC, close to the Duke University campus, before retiring last year. He graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. degree in history, and earned the Master of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (where he was acquainted with our own David Renwick). He later received a Master of Theology in Historical Theology from the Duke Divinity School. Allan and wife, Betsy, have three adult children. We are delighted that he will be able to begin his ministry at National on September 12.

PNC Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work and making progress! They have been interviewing candidates and will soon focus on a few finalists. 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](#).

FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings This Fall

Starting Next Sunday, September 11

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for ages 2 years through adult
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Wednesday Evenings

Starting September 14

Dr. Quinn Fox presents *Apocalypse Now: The Challenge of the Book of Revelation for Following Jesus Today*. Please [click here](#) or see the insert for more information.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and transepts where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to help you find the seating area where you will be most comfortable.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Commonwealth Brass Quintet

CHIMES

Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Joyful Song

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!

Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangels in glory;

Strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children;

In his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins he suffered, and bled, and died;

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

Hail him, hail him, Jesus the crucified.

Sound his praise! Jesus who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

Fanny Jane Crosby

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Larsen

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joyful Song

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigning forever and ever;

Crown him, crown him Prophet, and Priest, and King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious,

Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness!

Praise him, praise him, ever in joyful song!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Most Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

▲ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory: Great things he hath done!

Fanny Jane Crosby

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Fox

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. David Renwick

Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.

Younger children may remain with their parents (worship bags available)

or parents may take them to the nursery.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Elder John Gregg
Clerk of Session

⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

SERMON

Contours of Faith
Living in Hope on the Road with God
Luke 24:13-26

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Moses Hogan, Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

On the road, Lord, O walk with me.

With the homeward way before me, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

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.

OFFERTORY

If You Search with All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

When you seek me, you shall find me, if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage to a place I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to me.

Based on Jeremiah 29:11-14

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 In Christ Alone Stuart Townend and Keith 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 or 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 ev'ry 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 OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST Dr. Renwick

▲ Congregation standing, as able

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
In the Sanctuary

Elder John Gregg
 Clerk of Session

All are invited to join the celebration!
 Children are invited to join their leaders in the parlor for a special activity.

We welcome guest musicians today:

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| <p>BRASS</p> <p>Chuck Seipp, Trumpet</p> <p>Gil Hoffer, Trumpet</p> <p>Rick Lee, French Horn</p> <p>Greg Hammond, Trombone</p> <p>John Voth, Tuba</p> | <p>TIMPANI</p> <p>Julie Angelis Boehler</p>
<p>VIOLIN</p> <p>Heather Green</p> <p>Tessa Green</p> |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our [Events page](#) online. Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) page.

September 4, Labor Day Weekend

- 10:00-12:00 pm: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 10:00 am: Combined Worship Service
- 11:00-11:45 am: Retirement Celebration in the Sanctuary and online
- 12:00-2:00 pm: Reception on patio and garden (rain location: Stone Hall)

Monday, September 5

- NPC offices closed for Labor Day

Saturday, September 10

- 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

Fall Sunday Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 11

- 8:45 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for ages 2 years through adult
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Young adults brunch - meet in Welcome Center
- 12:15 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 5:00 pm: Children & Youth Family Kickoff Picnic

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 am

Men are invited for breakfast, fellowship and to hear our speaker Serge Duss. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Children & Youth Family Kickoff Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 5:00 pm

Join us for food, games, fellowship, and parent information meetings about our fall programs. We'll provide the main dishes (donation optional), but feel free to sign up to bring something to share! Please [click here](#) or visit our Events page online for more information and to RSVP.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

September 11 after 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

New Small Groups Beginning This Fall

In addition to our current small groups, we are kicking off two new ones on Saturday, September 17 (childcare is provided!)

- Parents Small Group
- Alpha Class for Women

Please visit the [Small Groups page](#) online or email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Saturday, October 1, In-person

Becoming a church member here at NPC can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the one-day Pathway of Christian Discipleship class on October 1. For more info or to register by **September 21**, [click here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu at 202.537.7578 or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

Mission Gifts for Christmas Nominations

This is the perfect opportunity to support God's work throughout the world. You're invited to nominate a missionary or organization for this year's Mission Gifts for Christmas using the [online form](#) September 4-25. Please [click here](#) to read more!

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:

Dr. David and Currie Renwick as they enter into a new season of retirement.

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 and in celebration of Mary Corkran's 85th birthday!

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.

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.



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FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPT 11

Classes are Sundays, starting September 11, 9:55-10:45 am.

Adult Sunday School Classes

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

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>	Nancy Fox, Lewrene Glaser, Peggy Lewis	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 to read the full description. 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. Please visit the Youth website page for more information about Sunday school and other youth events.

Children's Sunday School

Please [click here](#) or visit our Children's page online to read the full description.

- The Nursery rooms are available for all infants to walkers, up to age 4, 8:45 am-12:00 pm, 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 Starting September 14

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Stone Hall 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.

- 6:30 pm: Dinner together – come any time after 6:15 pm, bring your own dinner
- 7:00 pm: Dr. Fox's presentation begins in person and online

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

FOOD DRIVE SEPTEMBER 24

Help Feed the Hungry!

Please help us care for our neighbors by donating nonperishables to Central Union Mission and the UDC Student Food Pantry. The Mission serves hurting people throughout our city and surrounding area, and the UDC food pantry provides healthy snacks for students whose families experience food insecurity.

September 6-21 Drop Off Anytime

Bring your donations when you come to worship on Sundays and put them in the big brown bins located in the main entrance, narthex, and near the Garden Rooms. On weekdays you may drop off donations to the Administrative building.

September 24, 9:30-11:30 am

Food Drive Collection

Come by the church on Saturday and drop off nonperishables in the main parking lot near the main entrance. Volunteers will collect them.

Volunteers Needed!

We need your help collecting and boxing donations on Saturday. Please [click here](#) or visit our Events page online to sign up.

Non-perishable Items Needed:

(unopened, no glass please)

- Grocery store gifts cards in any amount
- Bagged or canned beans
- Bagged or boxed rice
- Boxed pasta dishes
- Canned vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned tuna/chicken
- Cereal
- Cheese & cracker packs
- Condiments
- Cooking oil
- Corn bread mix
- Cup of Noodles
- Diapers
- Flour
- Granola bars
- Grits
- Honey
- Hot chocolate mix
- Individual-size packs of nuts
- Jello
- Jelly
- Macaroni
- Pancake/waffle mix
- Paper products
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Peanut butter cracker packs
- Spices
- Sugar
- Syrup