

September 19, 2021



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Happy are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick

Associate Pastors Rev. Donna Marsh
Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Katie Francis

Parish Associates Dr. Nancy Fox
Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*)
Todd Fickley (*Organist*)

Joanna Zorack-Greene (*Contemporary Music Leader*)

Ministry Directors Kristin Franke (*Youth & Families*)

Terry Kumnick (*Children*)

Leslie Saum (*Connections*)

TODAY AT NATIONAL

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our [Watch](#) page.

9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School

For more information about Sunday School for all ages, please see page 10.

We have:

- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- Children's Sunday School for ages 2 years-5th grade
- Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students
- Adult Sunday School in-person or online

11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our [Watch](#) page.

Children's Check-In and Check-Out

These new protocols will help keep our children safe and provide a secure environment. Please visit one of our two check-in stations when you arrive in the main building (see map). If you have question about check-in and check-out procedures, please visit our [Children's Ministry page](#) or contact Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@nationalpres.org.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking Candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee

Following Dr. Renwick's announcement that he will retire in September 2022, the next step to find our future senior pastor is to put together a search committee. NPC's Church Nominating Committee welcomes your input as it seeks to discern a slate of candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Learn more on the website at nationalpres.org/pastor-nominating-committee.

PNC members should be people of clear and vibrant faith, committed to NPC, diverse in many ways, and should be team players who are able to do this job well. [Please share your ideas here](#) or on our webpage and please pray for this important process!

Food & Clothing Drive - Saturday, September 25

Help us pack the truck! 1:00-3:00 pm this coming Saturday, September 25, we are collecting nonperishable food and new or gently used clothing for Central Union Mission.

Central Union Mission serves hurting people throughout our city and surrounding area—homeless men, families living in poverty, children from at-risk neighborhoods, seniors, and the growing Hispanic population. With the pandemic, needs have increased considerably.

We need your help—invite your friends and neighbors to donate, direct traffic, collect food and clothing, and pack the truck. For more information or [to volunteer](#), please visit our [Events](#) page.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG Oh How Good It Is Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Oh how good it is when the family of God dwell together
in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruit of his presence here among us.

Chorus

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and with one heart we'll live out his word
til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

2. Oh how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice
with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging. *Chorus*
3. Oh how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. *Chorus*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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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 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. Renwick
- Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
 Younger children may remain with parents (worship bags available) or parents may take to the Nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SCRIPTURE John 11:17-28, 32-44 Samantha McNett
- Full scripture text may be found on page 7.*

- SERMON The Beatitudes: Good Grief! Dr. Renwick
- Amos 7:4-7; Isaiah 61:1-3a; Matthew 7:1-5*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

- CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Fox
- 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
1. Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
 the fountain I drink from! Oh, he is my song!
 Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
 the ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song!
- Chorus*
You are good, good! Oh!
2. Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
 the fountain I drink from! Oh, he is my song!
 Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
 the ransom for my life. Oh, he is my song! *Chorus*
 You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down! *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

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Parish Associate

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

1000 Tongues

Matt Maher and Chris Tomlin

1. We are a sea of voices; we are an ocean of your praise
gathered under one name.

We are a tide that's rising and we cannot be contained,
gathered under one name.

Chorus

O for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord God Almighty.

O to sing the Savior's praise, a triumph of his grace.

You are worthy, you are worthy God.

2. We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain;
gathered under one name.

Where ev'ry chain is broken and ev'ry sorrow swept away;
gathered under one name. *Chorus*

With all heaven sing, and all earth below:

One Holy King, one highest throne! *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Two Chorale Preludes on
"Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit"

Dieterich Buxtehude
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ HYMN 483 *verses 1, 3 & 4* Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Mit Freuden zart

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, raising
Our joyful voices here as one, in psalms and hymns now praising
The lovingkindness of the Lord; all blessing, honor e'er afford:
To God all praise and glory!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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

Dr. Fox

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and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
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SCRIPTURE

John 11:17-28, 32-44

Eric Young

¹⁷When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that his friend Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Good Grief!

Dr. Renwick

Amos 7:4-7; Isaiah 61:1-3a; Matthew 7:1-5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Join us online at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays as Dr. Quinn Fox continues his series titled: *Planets in Peril: The Science Fiction Novels of C.S. Lewis*. This week we will be discussing [Out of the Silent Planet](#).

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online - Tomorrow, September 20 at 1:00 pm

Our speaker will be Reverend John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter of the National Capital Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church USA, speaking about *Presbytery, Congregations and Life in General*. View online on our [Watch](#) page or visit our [Events page](#) for more information.

Mission Gifts for Christmas

Nominations

Beginning today through October 9 nominate a missionary or organization using the [online form](#). 25 to 30 will be selected to represent NPC's three mission priorities:

- Proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior,
- Caring for the vulnerable, and
- Building up the global church.

This year's area of special focus will be issues "In the News." Mission Gifts for Christmas is a wonderful NPC tradition supporting local and global organization and missionaries that help others in our hurting world. For more information please visit [Mission Gifts](#) online.

Renovation Dedication - Save the date!

Mark your calendars! On October 17, we will dedicate and celebrate our renovation – Building Together for the Next 50 Years! For information about our project, please visit [Building Project](#) on our website.

Join a One Blood Book Discussion Group

Begins the week of October 3
Have you read *One Blood* by John Perkins? A 6-week fall small group discussion opportunity will enable a deeper engagement of the book, the Scripture it references, and the questions it raises. For more information, visit our [Events page](#). You may [click here](#) to join a discussion group or [click here](#) for a free copy of *One Blood*.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Use your gifts to bless our children by becoming a Teacher, Room Aide, Host Docent, or Check-in/out Host. For more information contact Terry Kumnick at: tkumnick@nationalpres.org

Want to join a great staff team?

Visit our [jobs page](#) to read about our job openings for the following:

- Director of Serve Ministries
- Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor
- Communications Contractor (part time)
- AV Assistant

Call for Musicians!

Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? Volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at: jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org

New Spaces! New Faces!

New Welcome Team!

As our renovated church opens up, we need many smiling faces to greet, usher and connect with folks on Sundays. Join our dynamic new Welcome Team and be part of the excitement. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Serve at Church](#) page and sign up today! Training provided. You may also may contact Leslie Saum directly at LSaum@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7494.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION!

- **Children ages 0-5th grade:** Visit any check-in station when you arrive to check in your children, then bring them to the Nursery, Toddler Room or Sunday School. There are 3 check-in stations: 1) inside the covered driveway entrance in the main church building, 2) outside the Nursery & Toddler Rooms on the 2nd floor, 3) and inside the main entrance of the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).
- **Ages 0 to 4 years: 8:45 am-12:00 pm:** During our Sunday programming, our NPC Nursery and Toddler Rooms will be available for children ages 0-4 years old. Our nurseries are located on the second floor of the main church building. To find them, take the elevator to the second floor. After exiting the elevator, turn left and walk past the central staircase. You will find a volunteer with a check-in station for the nursery before the door.
- **Ages 2 years-5th grade:** We are offering Sunday School classes for ages 2 through 5th grade. 2 & 3 year old classes are held in the Toddler room and all other classes are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).
- **Youth Grades 6-12:** Sunday School starts together at the Multipurpose Building then we split into our smaller groups.

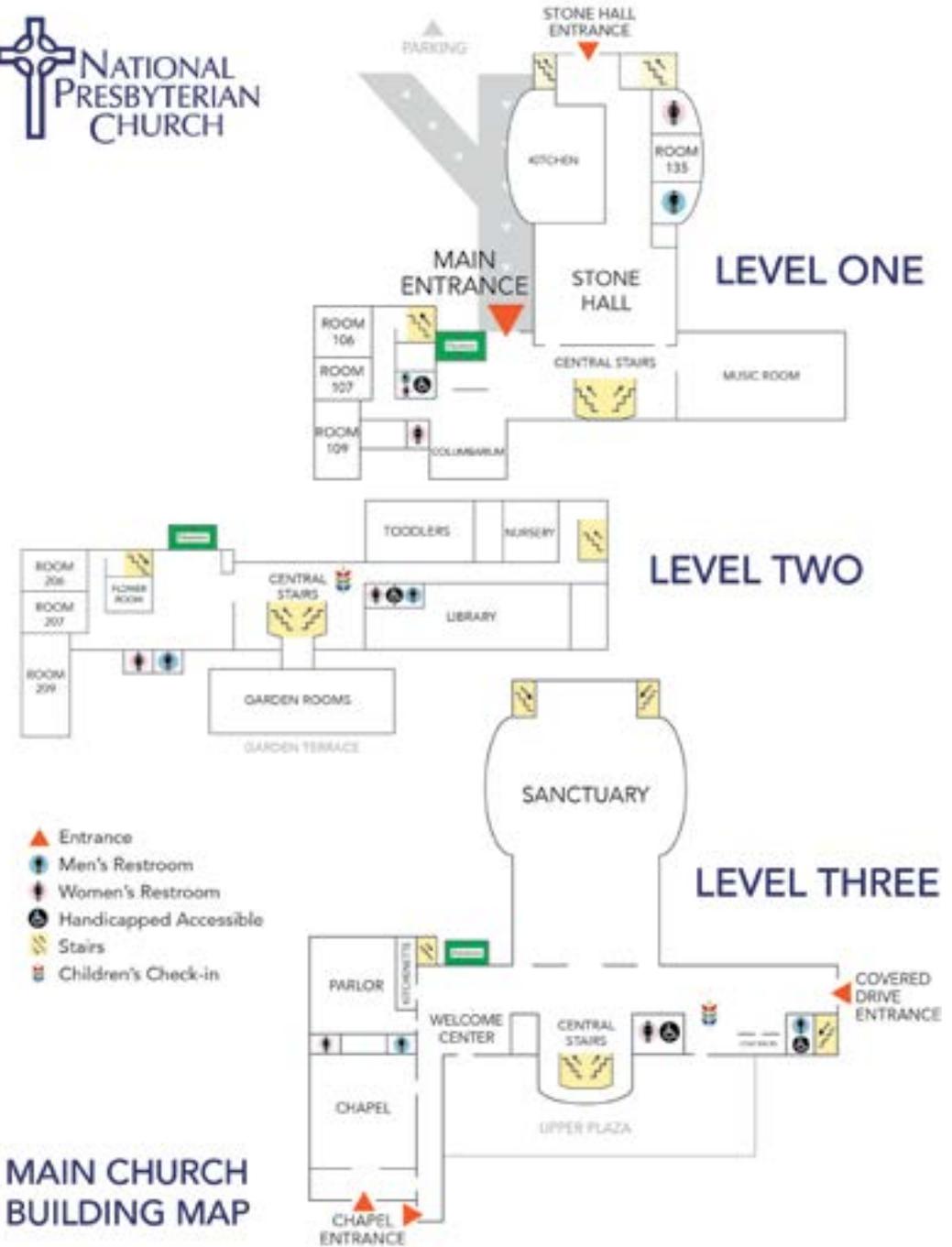
Adult Sunday School Classes

Below is a list of our great fall classes.

To read the full class description and for Zoom links, please visit our [Adult Classes page](#) online.

- **Protestant Christian Traditions** in the Chapel & online | Teacher: R.V. Seep. This course intends to be an invitation to theological generosity and an opportunity to understand the various Protestant traditions as they understand themselves.
- **God's Many-Colored Kingdom: Bridging the World's Divides** - temporarily online | Teacher: Nancy Fox. Using *Mending the Divides: Creative Love in a Conflicted World*, we will explore together what it means to follow Jesus in our world of conflict, injustice, racism and need.
- **Exploring John's Gospel** in Garden Room A | Teacher: Currie Renwick. We will read about and discuss the wonderful signs that John shares in his gospel!
- **One Blood Book Discussion** in Room #109 | Facilitator: Elder Peggy Lewis (Chair, Race Task Force). A conversation about race using John Perkins' book *One Blood* for those who would like to engage in conversation about the book, and the greater issue of racial reconciliation.
- **The Story Behind "The Story:" God's Plan of Redemption Through History** in Garden Room C | Teacher: Quinn Fox. This year we will explore in depth the identity and character of God and his saving plan for humanity in Jesus Christ that is revealed in the pages of the Bible.
- **Parent Gathering** in Jones Hall in the Education Building | Facilitator: Margaret Gardner and others. Join parents of similar ages and stages for fellowship for a small group reflection on the Scripture teaching your children are learning.

MAP OF NPC MAIN BUILDING



Welcome back!

While there's still a lot to do, our renovation project is almost at an end and we have lots of new spaces! This map, along with the campus and parking map, are both available for closer inspection and download on the [Find Us](#) page of the website.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Here are some easy 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](#)

Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 202.800.9121 between 12-1 pm. A Stephen Minister or Deacon will be prepared to take your call. If all lines are busy, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and you will receive a return call.

Join us for in-person worship (and we're still online)!

Ready to come back to church? Please do! Masks are required of all, but there is no pre-registration required, and no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary. For more information, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Eva Wiley by Walt Hampton.

Eva lived each moment of her life to the fullest. May we all.

Prayers

We rejoice with: the Franke family, who recently welcomed a baby son.

We mourn the death of John "Dick" Niemela, husband of JoAnn Niemela.

We pray for our mission partners including:

Little Lights Urban Ministries as they provide tutoring, friendship, holistic ministry and services to children and families living in poverty in DC housing projects.

How can we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.

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Thank you! Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving, text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



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