

October 31, 2021

National Presbyterian
School Sunday



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Happy are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.*

Matthew 5:7

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

Welcome! Please wear a mask at all times while indoors at NPC, regardless of your vaccination status. This means that masks should stay on throughout the entire worship service. Thank you for loving your neighbor and helping us to comply with DC regulations.

National Presbyterian School Sunday

This morning we welcome Malcolm Lester, Head, National Presbyterian School, and Rev. Todd Sutton, Chaplain, NPS, as they share in our morning worship.

Congregational Meeting Following 11:00 am Service In-person in the Sanctuary

The Session has called a congregational meeting today immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. **This meeting takes place in person; voting requires in-person attendance.** 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, board of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and the Pastor Nominating Committee. Please see the separate sheet with names and biographies of nominees or [click here](#) for more information.

Meeting of the National Presbyterian Church Congregation and Corporation Sunday, October 31, 2021

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Moderator, Dr. David Renwick; Clerk, John Gregg
2. Quorum Call
3. Opening Prayer and Welcome
4. Report of the Congregational Nominating Committee
 - Session
 - Deacons
 - NPC Fund
 - Pastor Nominating CommitteeRev. James Sledge, National Capital Presbytery Liaison
5. Adjourn

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

WELCOME Dr. David Renwick

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112:1, 4-6 Rev. Todd Sutton
Chaplain, National Presbyterian School

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who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

▲ OPENING 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:

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

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. *Chorus*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Sutton

God of love,

in ignorance and weakness, and through our own deliberate fault,

we have sinned in the wrong that we have done, and the good we have not done.

We are truly sorry, and in repentance turn to you.

Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse us, and renew our lives 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.

▲ RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Beatitudes

Rev. Sutton

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Matthew 5:1-12a

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Happy are the meek, **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.**

Happy are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy.**

Happy are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.**

Happy are the peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.**

Happy are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, **for your reward is great in heaven.**

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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:23-35

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²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii (about \$12,000); and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.

³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

SERMON Happy Are the Merciful: Abundant Grace Abundant Giving

Dr. Renwick

Matthew 6:19-34

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

Living Hope

Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
 In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.
 Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
 The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
 Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
 The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
 The cross has spoken: I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
 Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
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▲ 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!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again,
 increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
 Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.
 Holy Spirit, come invade us now!
 We are your church. We need your power in us.
 We seek your kingdom first.
 We hunger and we thirst, refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.
 To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
 We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
 We are your church. We pray: revive this earth.

Chorus

*Build your kingdom here! Let the darkness fear!
 Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land. Set your church on fire.
 Win this nation back.
 Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

Unleash your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far.
 No force of hell can stop your beauty changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
 We are your church. We are the hope on earth. *Chorus*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Ciacona in E minor

Dieterich Buxtehude
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME

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▲ HYMN 244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made earth with light:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed, with full measure meets their need:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

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▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Sutton

All glorious God, we give you thanks:

For through Jesus Christ you have set us free from our sins by his blood.

You have given us your Holy Spirit.

You have adopted us as your children and brought us into your family.

You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

So help us to praise you and adore you in this hour:

For the richness of your grace, and the wonder of your love.

based on Ephesians 1:3-18

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

To God our strength shout joyfully; to Jacob's God shout triumphing.

Take up a psalm, and timbrel bring, the pleasant harp with psalterie.

Jehovah God of thee I AM, which thee ascending up did guide

From land of Egypt. Open wide thy mouth, and I will fill the same.

from Psalm 81

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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in ignorance, in weakness, and through our own deliberate fault,

we have sinned in the wrong that we have done, and the good we have not done.

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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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptismal Vows and Baptism

Evelyn Ruth Christian

Daughter of Esther Marie Christian and Thomas Franklin Christian III

Prayer of Response

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- ▲ **HYMN 422** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Beach Spring*
- God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
 Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
 Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
 Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
- Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
 Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
- Treasure too you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
 Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
 Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

- ▲ **BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Dr. Renwick
- Members are encouraged to remain
 in the sanctuary for the
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- ▲ **POSTLUDE** Etude Alexander Scriabin
 (From Three Pieces, Op. 2) Mr. Fickley

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL

8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

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

9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*. Dr. Fox will conclude his discussion of *That Hideous Strength*.

Fall Back! Time Change Next Sunday

Please be reminded to reset your clocks for Eastern Standard Time next Sunday, November 7th.

Communion Next Sunday, November 7

If you are celebrating from your home, please [click here](#) for the guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.

Service of Remembrance,

Next Sunday, November 7, 12:45 pm

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus, Parish Associate, will be leading a Service of Loving Remembrance in the Chapel for All Saints Day. All are welcome to this special time of worship. The Columbarium will be open following the service.

High School and Middle School Retreats

Youth are invited join us for a weekend away at camp in Greencastle, PA at Momentum Retreat. Let's step out of our busy lives for a moment to listen to what God has to say. Please visit our [Events page](#) online to find more information and to register.

High School retreat:

November 5-7, Please RSVP ASAP

Middle School retreat:

November 19-21, Please RSVP by November 3

Men's Monthly Breakfast

Saturday, November 6, 8:00 am

Men are invited to join us in-person at NPC for our men's breakfast. Our speaker will be Dr. David Renwick and his talk will be titled "*Not So Boring Bible Buildings*." Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.



**Rising on the
NEW FOUNDATION**

National Presbyterian Church 2022 Stewardship

Stewardship 2022

Faith Giving to Annual Operations

Please be in prayer about how we can rise together generously on the new foundation here at NPC! If you would like to read more about how you can participate, please visit our [Rise2022 Stewardship](#) webpage.

For more information on how to support NPC financially:

Capital Campaign

Contact: lskrine@nationalpres.org or

The NPC Fund for Charitable Giving

Contact: Lou Crenshaw, 571.421.7622

or go to our [Planned Giving](#) page.

Military Ministry Meeting

Sunday, November 14, noon

On Nov. 14th the Military Ministry will celebrate Veterans Day with a speaker and lunch in the parlor after the 11:00 am service. Join us for a light lunch as we dedicate the "new" refurbished plaques outside the chapel that memorialize the NPC heroes who lost their lives in World Wars I & II. This meeting is open to everyone!

Resources for Hearing & Sight Impaired

We have assistive hearing devices with operating instructions as well as large print bulletins available for those that need it. These resources are located in the resources racks in the Narthex on either side of the Sanctuary doors.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

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.

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.

Children's Song Leader Needed

Do you love children and love to sing? We are looking for a special person to lead our children in songs of praise to the Lord on Sunday mornings! Please contact tkumnick@nationalpres.org for more information or if you'd like to help.

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.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our [Serve at Church](#) page!

OPPORTUNITIES

Serve Ministries Director Job Opening

Is your passion mobilizing a congregation to participate in what God is doing to redeem the world? We need someone with highly developed organizational skills and relational skills to manage our complex program of grant-making, direct service, and witness. This involves working with our mission committees and councils to implement our vision, and leading them to explore fresh visions of God's call to our congregation. Visit our [jobs page](#) to read the position description and find out how to apply.

AV Assistant and AV Engineer Job Openings

AV Assistant: This entry level position is your ticket into the world of AV work. Weekend availability, a positive attitude, excellent hearing and a willingness to learn are all you need to get started. This paid contract position requires 15 to 20 hours/week on a rotated basis.

AV Engineer: Some experience with audio engineering is required. Weekend and evening availability is a must. Grow and hone your skills working with one of the DC area's most broadly experienced audio engineers. This paid contract position requires 15 to 20 hours/week on a rotated basis.

Contact Operations & AV Services Manager, Bill McNett for more details: bmcnett@nationalpres.org.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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 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](#)

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.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Carole S. Kinney and family in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Charles Steadman, especially remembering her mother's October 29th birthday.

Prayers

We mourn:

the passing of Sue Goldman on October 7, 2021.

We grieve with the family and friends of Judy Westrate. Memorial Service on November 5, 2021 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

We pray for:

millions of Christians in the Persecuted Church.

Pray for their protection and that the gospel may continue to be spread.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.

Your Giving Makes a Difference: Thank you! Through Sept. 30, 2021:

Faith Giving	\$ 2,080,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 756,000
Other Income	\$ 506,000
Total Income	\$ 3,342,000
Total Expenses	\$ 3,578,000
Balance	\$ (236,000)

Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving/, or text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



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