











August 28, 2022 Communion

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you should follow in his steps . . . entrusting himself to the one who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21,23

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)

Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Jill Meek (Children) Leslie Saum (Connections)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary Today, After 11:00 am Worship

The NPC Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today after 11:00 am worship. See agenda below.

Communion

Today, August 28, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion with us. If you are celebrating from home, please <u>click here</u> to read the guidelines for preparation.

Celebrating Summer of Serving With Adult Summer Speaker Series Today, August 28 9:45 am in Stone Hall

Summer of Serving will combine with the Adult Summer Speaker Series in Stone Hall as Kristin Franke and participants update us on *Summer of Mission, Service, Vacation Bible School and More.* Help celebrate all God has done this season! Please click here or visit our Adult Classes page for the Zoom link.

Farewell Meet & Greet for the Renwicks Today, August 28 at 12:30 pm

Please join us on the Upper Plaza as we 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 or see page 9 for more opportunities to thank the Renwicks.

Thank you to all that participated in Summer of Serving! Wow!

This summer, more than 200 congregants have served the hungry, hurting and homeless in DC while hearing from representatives from our mission partners. This fantastic experience has been multi-generational, fun and relationship-building. We look forward to continuing our outward focus with monthly sandwich making, seasonal food drives, and onsite opportunities to serve others.

Here are the results of your hard work:

- Unique Learning Center: 250 snack bags for hungry kids
- Martha's Table: 770 trail mix snacks and 800 sandwiches for the homeless
- Neighbors and shut ins: 60 flower arrangements and cards hand delivered to individuals
- Children's Hospital: 280 coloring kits for patients
- Sibley Hospital: 230 cards to health care workers
- Solutions in Hometown Connections:
 300 school kits for refugee children
- Little Lights:
 - * 3020 diapers and pull ups
 - * 89 packs of baby wipes
 - * 47 tubes of diaper cream
 - * 58 bottles of baby shampoo
 - * 98 pacifiers
- Walter Reed Hospital: 200 Hygiene Kits and cards for military and refugees

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order Moderator-Dr. David Renwick; Clerk-Elder John Gregg
- 2. Quorum Call, Opening Prayer and Welcome
- 3. Motion from Session to concur with Dr. David Renwick's request to ask the National Capital Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship with himself, effective September 11, 2022.
- 4. Congregational Covenant, Presbytery Representative-Rev. James Sledge
- 5. Adjourn

8:45 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

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ OPENING SONG All Creatures of our God and King arr. David Crowder

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:

O praise him, alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam, thou, silver moon with softer gleam, *O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou, rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, *O praise him, alleluia!*

Thou, rising moon in praise rejoice! Ye lights of evening, find a voice! *O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless! And worship him in humbleness.

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit--three in One! O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O alleluia, alleluia! (3x) O alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

Rev. Marsh

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Forgive me, for with you there is forgiveness, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

And with him is great power to redeem.

He will redeem us from all our iniquities.

Psalm 130

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

Rev. Marsh

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

Iill Meek

Director of Children's Ministry

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. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Deacon Jake Puryear

Romans 5

¹Since we have brought into a right-relationship with God by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

2 Corinthians 4

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparingus for an eternal "burden": glory beyond all measure. ¹⁸Because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Contours of Faith Facing Suffering

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

OFFERING SONG

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Jeremy Camp

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,

in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

When I am alone, when I am alone, oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus!

You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.

When I come to die, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world.

You can have all this world. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Renwick

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Solo He's Always Been Faithful

Sara Groves

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fox

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 Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love

Matt Papa

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,

forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.

Oh, fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son,

sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains, exultant they stand, the seasons rejoice in your faithfulness, all life is sustained by your hand.

You crown every meadow with color; you paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

How great, how sure, his love endures forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that you entered our brokenness; you came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption; your death is our fullness of life.

That day how, forgiveness flowed as a flood, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus

United in your resurrection, you lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love. *Chorus (2x)*

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE Carillon Leo Sowerby
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 210 verses 1-4 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

▲ Prayer of Adoration

▲ Congregational Response

Hymn 210, verse 5

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

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Gloria Patri

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Toulon

Choir

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;

Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore edure

Congregation

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, Reigning omnipotent in every place
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

John Calvin

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Dr. Quinn Fox

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OFFERTORY

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Soloist

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,

God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee,

through suff'ring long, and evil days.

Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Choir

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.

No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Congregation

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully; Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Georg Neumark

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Renwick

O Lamm Gottes

F. Melius Christiansen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Lamb of God Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross did suffer,

patient still and lowly yourself to scorn did offer.

Our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken:

Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Fox

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 400

When We Are Living

Somos Del Señor

BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ Passing the Peace of Christ

Dr. Fox

▲ Postlude

Grand Choeur in G Major

Theodore Salomé

Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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. <u>Click here</u> for details.

Opportunities to Thank David & Currie Wish them farewell in person:

Today after the 11:00 am service

Write a personal message:

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our website to leave a personal message to be delivered to them before they depart.

Make a gift:

<u>Click here</u> or use the QR code below to make a contribution to their retirement love gift.



Retirement Celebration Next Sunday, 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 Upper Plaza and garden (rain location: Stone Hall)

David & Currie's Last Sunday at NPC Sunday, September 11

• Fall schedule begins

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 Blacknall 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.

Job Opportunities at NPC

- Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)
- AV Engineer (Part time)
- AV Assistant (Part time)

For more information or to apply, please <u>click here</u> or visit our Jobs page online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see our <u>Events page</u> online. Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our <u>Watch</u> page.

Sunday, August 28

- 8:45 & 11:00 am: Worship
- 9:45 am: Adult Summer Speaker Series & Summer of Serving combined in Stone Hall
- 12:15 pm: Congregational meeting
- 12:30 pm: Young Adult brunch
- 12:30 pm: Farewell Meet & Greet with David & Currie
- 12:30 pm: Grow Leadership Luncheon/Teacher's Training

Saturday, September 3

• 8:30 am: Men's online prayer group

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

Session Highlights, August 22 Meeting

- Campus safety and security needs and enhancements reviewed by Facilities Director, Diane Stewart
- National Presbyterian School update from Head of School, Malcolm Lester
- Facilities Master Plan completion and update – first reading.
- Race Task Force Final report and proposal to transition into Session committee structure
- Approval of Presbytery's Covenant between congregation and retiring pastor
- Celebration of Dr. Renwick's ministry.

Men's Breakfast 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.

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
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group, 6-12th grades

Children & Youth Family Kickoff Picnic Sunday, September 11, 5:00 pm

Join us for food, games, fellowship, and parent information meetings about our Children, Youth, and Family programs. We'll provide the main dishes (donation optional), but feel free to sign up to bring something to share! Please <u>click here</u> 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 every 2nd Sunday in Stone Hall after the 11:00 am worship service to make sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon, by Martha's Table, delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPT 11

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

Adult Sunday School Classes

Please <u>click here</u> or visit our Adults Classes page online read the full description. On October 16, all classes will meet in Stone Hall for a special presentation by our fall conference speaker. We hope to see you there!

Class Title	Teacher(s)/ Facilitator(s)	Location
Hebrews—Looking to Jesus; Going on to Maturity	R.V. Seep	Chapel, In-person and online available
The Discipleship Journey	Quinn Fox and other church staff	Garden Room A
Talking about Race: Gospel Hope for Hard Conversations	Nancy Fox, Lewrene Glaser, Peggy Lewis	Room #209
Matthew: The Promised Messiah Has Come	Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner and others	Garden Room C
Parent Gathering	Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall in the Education Building

Youth Sunday School

Youth ages 6-12 grade, 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 <u>click here</u> or visit our Children's page online for all the details.

- When you arrive, please visit one of our three Children's Check-in Stations.
- Nursery & Toddler, 8:45 am-12:00 pm: Nursery will be available for all infants to new walkers, and our Toddler Room will be available for all solid walkers, ages up to 4 years old.
- Ages 2 through 5th grade, 9:55-10:45 am: Classes for 4 years old through 5th grade are held in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School). Children ages 2 to 3 will have their Sunday school program in the Toddler Room in the main church building.

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.

NPC Hearing Assistance Devices

NPC has a great system for hearing assistance in any location in the sanctuary. Small packs and instructions are available in the racks outside the Santuary doors and link directly to our sound system. Please kindly return the packs after worship!

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:

- <u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook.
- <u>Click here</u> 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:

Carol Olsen on August 17, 2022

We pray for:

The ministry partners and recipients of our Summer of Serving projects.

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 by the Flower Ministry with thanksgiving to our beloved Dr. David and Mrs. Currie Renwick for their loving care in shepherding and pastoring us for the past 11 years.

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 <u>national pres.org/giving</u>,
- text "NPC" to 833.414.9444 or
- scan the OR code below:



Support the Capital Campaign

- Click here to give a one-time gift.
- Click <u>here</u> 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:

- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Children's Ministry page for kids up to 5th grade.
- <u>Click here</u> or visit our Youth Ministry page for kids in middle and high school.



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