

September 18, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*God's intent was that now, through the
church, the manifold wisdom of God
should be made known to the rulers
and authorities in the heavenly realms,
according to his eternal purpose that he
accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Ephesians 3:10-11

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)

WELCOME REV. ALLAN POOLE!

Today we welcome to the pulpit our Transitional Senior Pastor, Rev. Allan Poole. 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 a Master of Divinity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He later received a Master of Theology in Historical Theology from the Duke Divinity School. Allan and his wife, Betsy, have three adult children. He started his ministry at National on September 12, and we are delighted to have him with us!

Please stop by Stone Fellowship Hall for a few minutes after each worship service to greet Allan and Betsy. They are looking forward to getting to know you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Bible Study

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall or online on Wednesday evenings now through November 16 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.

- **6:15 pm:** Optional dinner together- you're invited to bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship! Beverages provided.
- **7:00 pm:** Dr. Fox's presentation begins in person and online.

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

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. Not sure what Mission Gifts is? Please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/mission-gifts to read more!

Coffee Hour Resumes

Back by popular demand! Please come to Stone Fellowship Hall after each worship service for great coffee and fellowship. It's good to be back together!

Food Drive - Help Feed the Hungry!

Please donate to our nonperishable Food Drive to benefit Central Union Mission and the UDC Student Food Pantry.

Now-September 21, Drop Off Anytime

If you'd like to bring your donation on a Sunday ahead of time, we will have the brown bins located around the church. On weekdays, you may drop off at the Administrative building.

Saturday, September 24, 9:30-11:30 am Drive-Through Drop-off

Drive-through drop-off will take place in the church parking lot.

Volunteers needed!

Please [click here](#) or visit our Events page online to sign up to help collect and box donations on September 24.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturday, October 1, In-person

Right now is an exciting time to learn about what God is doing here at NPC! To inquire about church membership or just learn more about Christian faith, come to this one-day class on October 1. For more information or to register by September 21, [click here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu at 202.537.7578 or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

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 Speak, O Lord Keith and Kristyn Getty

Speak, O Lord as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love
and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on your promises;

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,

You know the very thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,

And done evil in your sight.

Wash us from the stains of our sins,

And give us grace to put away hurtful things.

Deliver us from our bondage to sin

That we may bring forth fruits of repentance

And enter at last into your promised joy;

Through the mercy and work of your Son our Savior,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alcuin of York

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

Jill Meek

Director of Children's Ministry

*Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

Rev. Marsh

Jonathan Edwards

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:7-12

Deacon Lisa Herndon

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

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

OFFERING SONG

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Congregation please sing chorus

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

Chorus

*Praise the Lord, his mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. **Chorus (2x)**
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more

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. 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

Shout Hosanna

Kristian Stanfill

To the King of glory and light, all praises. To the only Giver of life, our Maker.

The gates are open wide; we worship you. Come see what love has done, amazing.

He bought us with his blood, our Savior. The cross has overcome; we worship you.

Chorus

Shout hosanna, Jesus, he saves! Shout hosanna, he rose from the grave!

Come and lift him up, hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven. Death could not hold him down; he's risen.

So let the saints cry out, we worship you. We worship you! **Chorus**

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in us today.

King Jesus, we call upon your name, no other name. **Chorus (2x)**

Come and lift him up hosanna!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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.

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RESPONSE

Unser Herrscher

Choir

All authority and power, every status and domain,
Now belongs to Christ, who suffered our redemption to obtain;
Angels, spirits, kings and rulers, over all does Jesus reign!

Congregation

All the nations owe him worship, every tongue shall call him Lord;
How are all to call upon him, if his name they have not heard?
Therefore go and make disciples, preach the gospel, spread God's Word.

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.
Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Eric Nelson

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Azmon

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
Christ breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ!
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
O leap and sing for joy!

Charles Wesley
with Brass Quintet and Timpani

▲ 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

Dr. Fox

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word;
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
She now on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Aurelia

Sent forth to every nation, one people of the Lord,
Proclaiming Christ's salvation, God's reconciling word;
We serve the world together, with zealous hearts and pure,
While sov'reignly God gathers a kingdom to endure.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

We welcome guest musicians today:
Julie Angelis Boehler, Timpani; Woody English, Trumpet; Gil Hoffer, Trumpet
Rick Lee, French Horn; Greg Hammond, Trombone; John Voth, Tuba

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.

Class Title	Teacher(s)/Facilitator(s)	Location
<i>Hebrews—Looking to Jesus; Going On To Maturity</i> (Off this Sunday, resumes Sept 25)	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>	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-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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, September 18

- 8:45 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Welcome meet & greet for Rev. Allan and Betsy Poole
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Welcome meet & greet for Rev. Allan and Betsy Poole
- 12:15 pm: Young adults brunch - meet in Welcome Center
- 12:30 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Wednesday, September 21

- 6:15/7:00 pm: Dinner & Revelation study
- Deadline to RSVP for Oct 1 Pathway of Christian Discipleship class

Saturday, September 24

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting
- 9:30-11:30 am: Drive-through Food Drive

Sunday, September 25

- 8:45 am-noon: Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Young adults brunch - meet in Welcome Center
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Welcome Ministry -

Come for Info & Brunch on October 2!

Taste and see! All are welcome for brunch and to learn more about our fabulous Welcome Team—find out if you would like to be part of this fantastic ministry! Join us Sunday, October 2, 12:00 pm in the Garden Rooms. [Sign up here](#) or if you have questions, please contact welcometeam@nationalpres.org.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Monday, September 26

- 12:00 pm: Luncheon in Stone Hall
 - 1:00 pm: Speaker in-person & online
- The September luncheon will feature, Carol B. Cadou, Executive Director of Dumbarton House Museum and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. To RSVP, please call 202.537.7584 or email Jim Anderson at janderson@nationalpres.org. If you would like to watch online, join us at 1:00 pm on our [Watch page](#).

October 15 Church Conference

The Third Way: Christian Discipleship in Polarized Times

Mark your calendars! Today, much of Christianity's cultural power and influence has eroded, resulting in culture wars within the church reflecting the same issues as in secular society. On October 15, 9:00 am-noon, our speaker, Gerald L. Sittser, Professor Emeritus of Theology at Whitworth University, will lead us in an exploration of a "third way."

Then, on **Sunday, October 16**, our Adult Sunday School classes will join together in Stone Fellowship Hall to hear from Gerald about his bestselling book, *A Grace Disguised, How the Soul Grows Through Loss*.

SMALL GROUPS - NEW THIS FALL!

Seeking community? Consider joining a small group!

Join a Small Group Now!

Yesterday, we kicked off two new small groups that continue to welcome newcomers. Childcare is provided.

- **Saturdays at 9:30 am:** Alpha for Women
- **Saturdays at 10:00 am:** Parents Small Group

We also have great ongoing groups that are open to new members:

- **Sundays at noon:** Young adults meet for after-church brunch at 12:15 pm in the Welcome Center
- **Monday night:** Intergenerational folks meet on Zoom
- **Wednesday night:** Young adults gather in person
- **Thursday Lunch Bunch:** Older adults meet for Bible Study at 12:00 pm on campus at NPC

Faith for Facing Change - Our Fall six-week small group Bible studies begin October 9. In-person and online options will be available. Registration is now open online. To register or for more information, please [click here](#) or visit the [Small Groups page](#) online.

For more information about any of our Small Groups please visit the [Small Groups page](#) online, or email Margaret Gardner at mgardner@nationalpres.org.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee 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 National, 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](#).

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!

Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower bud vases at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

Job Opportunities

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

For more information or to apply, please [click here](#) or visit our Jobs page online.

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 grieve the death of:
Charles McKittrick.

We celebrate with:
Lauren and Alan Kim on the birth of their new baby girl, Emily and Soren Rose on the birth of their new baby girl and Kelsey and Justin Donaldson on the birth of their new baby boy.

We pray for:
Rev. Allan and Betsy Poole as they begin their ministry here at National.

How may we pray for you?
Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,
llarsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537.

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.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the NPC Family to warmly welcome our new Transitional Senior Pastor Reverend Allan Poole and his wife Betsy.



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