

September 11, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in
Christ with every spiritual blessing in the
heavenly places.*

Ephesians 1:3

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)

THANK YOU DR. DAVID & CURRIE RENWICK

Our warmest thanks and prayers go with the Renwicks as they conclude their ministry to us and with us here at NPC. Thank you for your years of service to National and to God's people both near and far. May our Lord continue to bless you and your family in the coming years. With sincere gratitude and love from the Session, staff and congregation of National Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Mornings This Fall

Starting Today, September 11

Today we begin our fall schedule. Check page 9 for more Sunday School details! 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

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

Today 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!

Children & Youth Family Kickoff Picnic Today, 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.

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!

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.

- **6:15 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.

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.

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.

▲ 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

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.
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WELCOME, PATHWAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:16-23

Rev. Allan Poole
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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

My Prayer: What God Has Done for Us

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

*There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.
Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.*

▲ CONGREGATIONAL OFFERING SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Michael W. Smith

Congregation please sing chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you, I want to see you. (repeat)

Chorus: *To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.*

Pour out your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy! I want to see you.

(Repeat)

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

Rev. Larsen

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

Take My Life

Scott Underwood

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

Take my heart and form it. Take my mind and transform it.

Take my will and conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Brokenness, brokenness is what I long for. Brokenness is what I need.

Brokenness, brokenness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

Take my heart and form it. Take my mind and transform it.

Take my will and conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord,

to Yours, to Yours, O Lord!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

11:00 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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughn Williams
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

One What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

One What has Christ done for you?

All He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood; He has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. And he watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven.

One What is our chief end in life?

All Our chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy God forever.

Heidelberg Catechism (1563) and Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

▲ HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

With Bagpipes, Trumpets and Timpani

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Come, Let Us Sing for Joy

William K. Brehm

Come, let us sing for joy, for joy, joy, joy, sing joy to the Lord!

Now let us shout unto the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before with thanksgiving, and extol him with song!

Psalm 95

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Bring us, O Lord, into the gate and house of heaven.

Forgive and cleanse us now, and for that glorious day.

May we enter that gate, and dwell in that house, where there shall be

No darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;

No noise nor silence, but one equal music;

No fears nor hopes, but one equal inheritance;

No ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;

Forever in the presence of your glory and dominion,

Forever in the embrace of your love.

John Donne

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

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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CHORAL RESPONSE

Tony Payne

And this is my prayer: That your love may abound
more and more with knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may know what is best,
and can be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
filled with the righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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

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OFFERTORY

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

Amazing love! How can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!

Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace!

Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.

Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

Amazing love! How can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine.

Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! How can it be? Amazing love!

Charles Wesley

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Old Hundredth

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,

From us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larsen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"

Paul Manz

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

We welcome guest musicians today:

BAGPIPES

TRUMPET

TIMPANI

Charles Glendinning

Chuck Seipp

Julie Angelis Boehler

Gil Hoffer

Karl Mailand

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY

Sundays, 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 Zoom 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 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.

KIDS, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Fridays at 7pm starting September 16

Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact jmeek@nationalpres.org for more information and check our Events page for more dates.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, September 11

- 8:30 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

Wednesday, September 14

- 6:15/7:00 pm: Dinner & Revelation study

Friday, September 16

- 7:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Saturday, September 17

- 8:30 am: Men's online prayer meeting
- Small group kick-off for *Parents Group* and *Alpha for Women*

Sunday, September 18

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

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.

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](#).

My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "[My NPC](#)" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password-protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, upload your photo, locate groups, view your giving and more!

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.

SMALL GROUPS - NEW THIS FALL!

Seeking community? Consider joining a small group!

New Small Groups Beginning September 17

We're kicking off two new small groups on Saturday, September 17. Childcare is provided!

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

We also have these great ongoing groups that are open and welcome newcomers:

- **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

More information coming soon: *Faith for Facing Change*, 6-week small group studies October 9-November 19. In person and online options will be available.

If you are interested, please visit the [Small Groups page](#) online or email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org.

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.

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](#).

Brunch with the Welcome Team

Taste and see! Come for brunch, introduction and training to learn more about our fabulous Welcome Team and 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. Questions? [Click here](#), or contact welcometeam@nationalpres.org.

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:

Teachers, students and parents as we begin a new school year.

We pray for:

Central Union Mission, as they meet the spiritual and physical needs of hurting people in need of homes, food, friends, jobs, strength and faith.

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 with grateful hearts to the glory of God by Donald and Marcia F. Bini in loving memory of their Mothers, Hilda E. Bini and Ione S. Freeman, remembering their September birthdays.

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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