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**Rising on the
NEW FOUNDATION**

National Presbyterian Church 2022 Stewardship

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Dear Friends at National,

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1
For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11*

Thank you for your continued support in a very challenging year. We are starting a new season here at National Presbyterian Church. We have so much to be thankful for as we enter fall Stewardship Season for 2022.

We are making wonderful progress on the renovation of our church facilities to provide a great foundation that will sustain National's ministry for Christ well into the future.

We are safely joining in worship as we navigate through a second year of the pandemic and some unexpected twists with new COVID variants. Returning to in-person worship while maintaining a robust online presence requires more resources (staff and equipment), in some cases double. However transitioning to this hybrid presence means that we are reaching new people for Christ, both in-person and online!

Our congregation has been so generous over the last year. Some of the ways your generosity has enabled us to provide are:

- Drop-off donations for food drives by over 150 cars with over 2,700 pounds of food for our local community
- Drop-off donations for the latest food and clothing drive for the homeless and poverty-stricken served by Central Union Mission with about 12,600 pounds estimated
- 21 boxes and 18 bags of school supplies for young budding scholars
- 1,970 sandwiches and 1,061 trail mix bags were donated to Martha's Kitchen for Super Sandwich Sunday (Did you know that NPC has supplied over 50,000 sandwiches to Martha's Kitchen since the beginning of the program in 2014?)
- Continued support mission work across Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East

In addition to providing support in the community and worldwide, many of us have been fed spiritually through small groups, Sunday School and Wednesday Faith Connection. The study of Dr. John M. Perkins book, *One Blood* will include a six-week study starting in October of this important and timely book on matters of Christian faith and race. In addition, there are several other topics being studied and discussed in person and online: Protestant Christian Traditions, the works of C.S. Lewis, and the Study of John's Gospel, to mention a few.

Children's Sunday programs are back in person, with new Nursery and Toddler Rooms in the main church building. Children's check-in has been implemented to ensure the safety of our littlest ones. We've had an amazing response to our newly added small group for parents on Sunday mornings.

Our faith has been such an important part of this past year to sustain us. During Holy Week, we had 242 people pray during our Holy Week Prayer Vigil! We are looking forward to continuing to grow in faith through Christ in the year ahead, as we serve our community and worship together.

In this stewardship season, please pray about your part, in terms of time, talent and treasure, especially as we lead up to making our faith giving commitment on November 14. There is so much good work to do for Christ our Lord and Savior! We have built a strong foundation through God's abundant grace. Let's rise up together to serve our Lord in his Church, the community, and across his Kingdom in the year ahead!

Trevor Blow, Stewardship Chair

David Renwick, Session Moderator