

September 25, 2022



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

For those with ears to hear, let them hear!

Mark 4:23

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who participated in our Food Drive yesterday!

We are still tabulating our results and will update you soon.

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!

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](#). Not sure what Mission Gifts is? Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online to read more.

Nominations close tonight at midnight.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Tomorrow, 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](#).

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 am

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. October 1, we welcome our speaker, Transitional Senior Pastor Allan Poole. His talk, titled *No Longer Foreigners and Strangers...*, is about the importance of friendship in our Christian maturity, illustrated by some autobiographical snippets from his own pilgrimage and drawn from Ephesians 2:19-22. Please email Kristi Teems at kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

6-week Small Groups

Registration Now Open

Join a fall six-week small group Bible study on *Faith for Facing Change*, to explore how God can move us from stress to grace.

Groups begin meeting October 9.

In-person and online options will be available. To register by October 2 or for more information, please [click here](#) or visit the [Small Groups page](#) online.

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.

Wednesday Evenings

Fellowship & 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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed Rev. Larsen
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. Quinn Fox

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 Questions

Baptism Robert Theophilus Huessy

Son of Candice Melissa Cornish and Johannes James Brownlow Huessy

Prayer of Response

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Larsen

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:21-23; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Deacon Lynne Gochnour
Please find scripture on page 7.

SERMON Rev. Allan Poole

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 What a Beautiful Name Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood

Congregation please sing chorus

You were the Word at the beginning; One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you our Christ.

Chorus 1: *What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater; What could separate us now?

Chorus 2: *What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Chorus 3: *What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

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. 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

You Are My Vision

Rend Collective

You are my vision, O King of my heart. Nothing else satisfies—only you, Lord!

You are my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, your presence my light!

You are my wisdom. You are my true word. I ever with you and you with me, Lord!

You're my great Father and I'm your true son!

You dwell inside me together we're one.

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight. You are my dignity. You're my delight!

You're my soul's shelter and you're my high tower.

Come raise me heavenward, O Power of my power!

I don't want riches or man's empty praise. You're my inheritance, now and always!

You and you only, the first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure you are!

High King of heaven, when victory's won,

may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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Baptism

Eloise Joyce Gamse

Daughter of Laura Grace Gamse and Nicholas Garber Gamse

Eleanor Margaret Schmoll

Daughter of Megan Bell Schmoll and Joseph Henderson Schmoll

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:21-23

Holly Novak

²¹Jesus said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?" ²²For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. ²³For those with ears to hear, let them hear!"

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him

Psalm 34:8

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Marsh

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OFFERTORY

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me; he heard my complaint.

O blest are they that hope and trust in the Lord

from *Hymn of Praise*, Op. 52

with Sheri Jackson and Tess Ottinger, sopranos

▲ 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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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▲ HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising we worship you today,

And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.

For we can only wonder at every gift you send,

At blessings without number and mercies without end.

We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,

We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Now hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,

That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,

We'll triumph through our sorrows, and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,

And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry

▲ BENEDICTION

Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

▲ POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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 and for the online link.

Class Title	Teacher(s)/Facilitator(s)	Location
<i>Hebrews—Looking to Jesus; Going On To Maturity</i>	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-noon, 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.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Today, 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

Monday, September 26

- 12:00/1:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Luncheon and broadcast

Wednesday, September 28

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

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

- 8:00 am: Men's breakfast

Sunday, October 2

- World Communion
- 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
- 12:00 pm: Welcome team informational brunch
- 12:15 pm: Young adults brunch - meet in Welcome Center
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Friday, September 30 at 7pm

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 or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

Volunteers Needed for a

Saturday of Serving at Little Lights

Want to spend a few hours together reading, playing games or sports, and doing arts and crafts with a child from Little Lights Urban Ministries? Join a group of 6-12 people to be a "buddy" on Saturday, October 8, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Please [click here](#) or visit our [Events page](#) online to register or for more information.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

October 9 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!

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 Jerry about his bestselling book, *A Grace Disguised, How the Soul Grows Through Loss*.

SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION

Welcome Rev. Allan & Betsy Poole!

We welcome 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!

Senior Pastor Search Update

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will be meeting and interviewing candidates in person over the next few weeks. 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](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need a Bible?

We have Bibles in the narthex for you or anyone who does not have a Bible of their own. Please pick one up today as our gift to you!

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!

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.

Make a House a Home for a Homeless Family

Help transform an empty house into a home for a family transitioning from homelessness. As part of a 7 to 15 member team, you can help clean as needed, move in and arrange furniture, make beds, stock the pantry, organize the kitchen, and share a welcome home meal with the family. "Welcome Home" events are organized by LightHouse DC. If you're interested in serving, please contact Elder Jennifer Richwine, Serve Council Chair, (336-391-2642, richwjl@gmail.com) for more details or [sign up here](#).

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. To register [click here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu at 202.537.7578 or KRakiatu@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:

Those in our congregation who are mental healthcare providers.

We pray for:

Dustin and Sherri Ellington as they train pastors to proclaim the gospel in Lebanon.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the NPC Care Office,
larsen@nationalpres.org
202.537.7537.

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Kristine Heine in loving memory of her husband, Albert Yamada.

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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