

January 15, 2023



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*...to the exiles who have been chosen  
and destined by God the Father  
and sanctified by the Holy Spirit  
to be obedient to Jesus Christ...*

1 Peter 1:2a

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Rev. Donna Marsh  
Dr. Quinn Fox  
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(Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors

Jonathan Edwards (Serve)  
Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)  
Jill Meek (Children)  
Leslie Saum (Connections)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Bible Reading Guides for 2023**

Why not make 2023 the year you read through the Bible? One way to do this is by using a Bible reading guide. You can pick up a printed version in our Welcome Center or [download your copy here](#) from our Resources page. If you'd like to just read the New Testament, please [click here](#).

## **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class Saturdays, January 21 & 28, online**

**Register by noon tomorrow, January 16!**  
Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the online Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on January 21 & 28. For more information or to register, you may [click here](#) or contact Kemet Rakiatu at [krakiatu@nationalpres.org](mailto:krakiatu@nationalpres.org) or 202.537.7578.

## **Plan now to join a mission trip in July! Information Meeting**

**Sunday, January 22, 12:15 pm**  
Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip? Join us in Garden Room A for an information meeting about our intergenerational mission trip. We will serve alongside our partner, Foundation for Peace in the Dominican Republic, July 8-14. Contact Serve Director [Jonathan Edwards](#) for more details.

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

### **Monday, January 23**

- 12:00 pm: lunch in Stone Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm: speaker in person & online

Our own Jim Anderson, Archivist and Historian, will share his story of his decades of service here at NPC. Join us as we celebrate him upon the occasion of his retirement. To make a reservation, please call 202.537.7540 or email Wray Muoio at [wmuoio@nationalpres.org](mailto:wmuoio@nationalpres.org). To watch online, please visit our [Watch page](#).

## **Reformed Institute Convocation**

### **Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am**

All are invited to hear Mark Charles, speaker and writer, as he discusses the injustice of colonization from a Native American perspective in *The Destruction of the Doctrine of Discovery*. Admission is free but registration is requested. Please [click here](#) or visit our events webpage for more information and to register.

## **Adult Sunday School**

### **Large Group Gathering**

### **January 29 in Stone Fellowship Hall**

Please see more information on page 11.

## **Women's Brunch**

### **Saturday, February 4, 11:00 am**

All women are invited for a delicious brunch, faith-building conversation and fellowship! Childcare is provided. Please register for brunch and childcare by February 1 by [clicking here](#) or visiting our Events page online.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER

For details about these opportunities, keep an eye on the [Events page](#) on our website.

**Vacation Bible School, June 26-30**

**Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, July 8-14**

**High School Trip: Fun in the Sun, July 9-14**

**Middle School Summer Camp, August 1-5**

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## 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 William Draper

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!

Arr. David Crowder

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,

And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

Open to us a future in which we can be changed.

Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

Through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior.

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

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

Kristin Franke  
Director of Youth & Family Ministry

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Marsh

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:1-2

Deacon Nyla Beth Gawel

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance.  
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

*Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts as you exit.*

OFFERING SONG

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!  
**Chorus:** *Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*  
His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah! **Chorus**  
All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you!  
All the glory to you, God, the light of the world! **Chorus**

*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

Dr. Fox

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Across the Lands

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;

ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice:

let the skies declare your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!

**Chorus:** *You're the Author of creation, you're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you stilled the sea.

Yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free. **Chorus**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven leading captives in your wake.

Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own.

From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

**Chorus (2x)**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

**Today's Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given  
to the glory of God in recognition of  
the January 15th birthday and legacy of  
the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
and in gratitude for his significant contributions  
to make our nation a more perfect union for all.

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

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PRELUDE      Poco Adagio from 'Organ' Symphony No. 3, Op. 78      Camille Saint-Saëns  
Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP      Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 416 *verses 1-3*      Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation      *Westminster Abbey*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Hymn 416, verse 4

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE      *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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RESPONSE

*Bourbon*

**Choir:** As strangers here in foreign lands, we long to know what we shall be,  
Yet, chosen, blessed, by loving hands, we know God's certain destiny.

**Congregation:**

Thus our true mission is to serve in full obedience to our Lord:

To care for all without reserve, and spread abroad Christ's saving word.

Michael Denham, Fred Pratt Green, alt.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **This Coming Week at a Glance**

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

### **Sunday, January 15**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting in Room #109

### **Monday, January 16**

- Church offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **Sunday, January 22**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Dominican Republic mission trip information meeting

## **Mission Gifts Report - Thank You!**

Thank you to all who participated and gave financially towards Mission Gifts! Because of your continued generosity, we raised \$46,500 in support of the work God is doing in our community and around the world!

## **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.

## **NPC Job Opportunities**

- Children's Ministry Summer Intern
- Youth Ministry Summer Intern
- AV Engineer (Part time, contract)
- AV Assistant (Part time, contract)

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

## **Weather Announcements**

If weather is looking dicey, please be sure to check the home page of our website for a banner announcement of any cancellations or closures. We also have a link to [Weather Announcements](#) at the bottom of our home page.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## **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 page for kids up to 5th grade.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.

## **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! Parents are also welcome to stay after dinner for a Youth Parent Discussion Group for conversations about faith and family.

# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

## 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

## January 15 and 22 Adult Sunday School Classes

During January, our Adult Sunday School offers unique opportunities to grow in faith. To read more, please see the descriptions on the next page. You may also [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes page online.

## January 29 Special Adult Sunday School Gathering

On January 29, all adults will meet in Stone Fellowship Hall for our large group gathering, *How to Be a Patriotic Christian* with Richard Mouw.

## February 5 Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Begins

Check back here for our upcoming class schedule!

## 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).

# 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

- Ginny Beeson, in memory of mom and dad, Colin and Marion Beeson
- Laurie and Russ Brunner
- The Crumplers, in loving memory of John Crumpler and Chuck Kiser, our fathers
- Margaret Gardner, in memory of Mary-Derrell Gardner
- Cynthia Glinstra
- Sally Kaplan, in memory of Herb Kaplan
- Norlie Lin
- Martina Lydon
- Millicent Mackeith, in memory of husband, Frank MacKeith
- Stu Naranch, in memory of mother Mary Brady Greenawait
- Ellen Polhamus, in memory of Richard Polhamus.
- Ann Schaefer, in loving memory of Richard Schaefer
- Nora Szeto
- Helen Yeh
- Delores Ziegler
- A grateful congregant, in honor of Betsy Poole

# JANUARY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

## *The Book of Psalms: A Mirror of Our Soul*

**Teacher:** Tremper Longman

**Location:** Chapel and online

**Zoom:** [click here](#) or visit our [Classes page](#)

The book of Psalms is one of the most beloved parts of the Old Testament and over a three week period we will learn how to interpret this book in order to benefit from its theological, spiritual, and life-giving influence. In particular, we will look at examples of hymns of joy, laments, thanksgivings, and songs of confidence.

**Tremper Longman** is a Distinguished Scholar and Professor of Biblical Studies emeritus at Westmont College and author of over thirty books.

## *Christianity, Science and Social Development*

**Teacher:** David Siegrist

**Location:** Garden Room C

Research has shown that the teachings of Christianity and science are compatible. We will discuss and contrast technical conditions that date back to the beginning of the world, conditions which help to enable increasing material prosperity and Christian doctrine, with its emphasis on the individual. **David Siegrist** is a longtime Presbyterian with a PhD in Biodefense from George Mason University.

## *Encountering God in Creation and Creativity*

**Teachers:** Beverly Tam &

**Margaret Gardner**

**Location:** Stone Fellowship Hall

Building on Scripture and Creation theology, each week will include discussion of God's presence in the natural world and a creative response to God through floral artistic practice. This is a hands-on class with all material provided, an opportunity to reflect upon God's handiwork and respond to it creatively. **Beverly Tam** is former Chair and Lead Instructor for NPC's Flower Ministry. **Margaret Gardner** is NPC Ministry Assoc. for Small Groups and Adult Discipleship.

## *Intro to Bioethics with*

*Considerations for Christians*

**Teacher:** Patrick Zhou

**Location:** Garden Rooms A & B

This discussion-oriented class will offer a brief introduction to a helpful bioethical framework, a review of important historical cases, and a consideration of contemporary issues. **Patrick Zhou**, a member of NPC, works as an operations research analyst at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

## *Parent Gathering*

**Facilitators:** Kristin Franke and others

**Location:** Jones Hall, Education Building

Join parents of similar ages and stages for fellowship and reflection on the Sunday School lesson your children are learning. Once a month we will be joined by one of our pastors for conversation. Jones Hall is located in the National Presbyterian School Building, across from the covered driveway entrance to the main sanctuary building. **Kristin Franke** is NPC's Director of Youth and Family Ministries.

## **January 29 Large Group Gathering** ***How to Be a Patriotic Christian*** **Webcast to Stone Hall & Online**

**Teacher:** Richard Mouw

Some see loyalty to America as central to faith and identity. Others are skeptical that our nation warrants such devotion. Mouw seeks to navigate between Christian nationalism and cynicism about country to avoid the perils of both idolatry and disengagement. Copies of his book, *How to Be a Patriotic Christian; Love of Country as Love of Neighbor*, are available for sale at NPC by arrangement with Kristi Teems at [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org). **Richard Mouw** is President Emeritus and Senior Professor of Faith and Public Life at Fuller Theological Seminary and has authored over 20 books. For Zoom link, please visit our [Classes page](#).

# 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 guestbook.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Home page at [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!  
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

## Prayers

### We celebrate with:

Jenny and Austin Bradham on the birth of their daughter.

### We pray for:

Those managing long-term health conditions.

### We pray for:

Habitat DC/NOVA, as they work to reduce poverty housing and homelessness in our community by providing affordable homes for those in need.

### How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Wray Muoio in the Care Office,

[wmuoio@nationalpres.org](mailto:wmuoio@nationalpres.org)

202.537.7540.

## 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](http://nationalpres.org/giving)
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Scan the QR code below:



If you haven't yet made your 2023 commitment, please visit [nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023](http://nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2023) or scan the QR code below to make your commitment online.



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please click [here](#).

For help or questions about giving, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, Leah Skrine at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).



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