

January 22, 2023



Welcome to  
**NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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

*By his great mercy he has given us  
a new birth into a living hope...*

1 Peter 1:3b

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Rev. Lisa Larsen

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Leslie Saum (Connections)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **Information Meeting**

**Today at 12:15 pm, Garden Room A**

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. Email Serve Director [Jonathan Edwards](mailto:Jonathan.Edwards@nationalpres.org) or call at 202.537.7505 for more details.

### **Adult Fellowship Luncheon**

**Tomorrow, 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.

### **Reception Honoring Jim Anderson**

**Sunday, January 29, 12:15 pm**

**Stone Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to celebrate Jim Anderson's retirement from 25 years of faithful service to our congregation. Join the receiving line to thank Jim personally for his years of dedication to the NPC library, history and archives, leadership of the Adult Fellowship...

Ministry, and the many other ways he has served. Then stay to enjoy fellowship over cake and coffee!

### **January 29 Adult Sunday School**

#### **Large Group Gathering**

#### ***How to Be a Patriotic Christian***

Join us for a live, interactive webcast in Stone Fellowship Hall or online. Some see loyalty to America as central to faith and identity. Others are skeptical that our nation warrants such devotion. Richard Mouw, author of over 20 books, 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*, will be available for purchase. For the Zoom link, please visit our [Classes page](#) online.

### **Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)**

**Friday, February 3 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](mailto:jmeek@nationalpres.org) or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

### **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday, February 4, 8:00 am**

All men are invited to join us in-person on the first Saturday of every month for our men's breakfast. Please email Kristi Teems at [kteems@nationalpres.org](mailto:kteems@nationalpres.org) for more information.

### **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.

# 8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

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## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Kevin Rose, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Trust in You Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at your feet.

Every moment of my wondering never changes what you see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess. My hands are weary, I need your rest.

Mighty warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face you're by my side.

**Chorus:** *When you don't move the mountains I'm needing you to move,*

*when you don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,*

*when you don't give the answers as I cry out to you:*

*I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in you!*

Truth is you know what tomorrow brings. There's not a day ahead you have not seen.

So in all things be my life and breath.

I want what you want, Lord, and nothing less! **Chorus**

You are my strength and comfort. You are my steady hand.

You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand

Your ways are always higher. Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go you've not already stood! **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty God,

we come into your house depending on the multitude of your mercies.

In recognition of your great majesty

we worship you in this holy place.

Hear the voice of our humble petitions when we call upon you,

when we lift up our hands to your mercy seat.

Let your eyes be open, and your ears attentive, to the confession

which your servants make before you and one another in this place;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lancelot Andrewes

Anglican Bishop and translator of the King James Bible

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

Rev. Larsen

*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

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

Charlie Pippert

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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. Kerry Stoltzfus

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

OFFERING SONG

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Jeremy Camp

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus

When I am alone, when I am alone, oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

**Chorus:** Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus!

*You can have all this world, just give me Jesus.*

When I come to die, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

**Chorus:** Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus! You can have all this world.

*You can have all this world. You can have all this world, just give me 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

Dr. Stoltzfus

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

All Because of Jesus

Steve Fee

Giver of every breath I breathe. Author of all eternity.

Giver of every perfect thing, to you be the glory.

Maker of heaven and of earth, no one can comprehend your worth.

King over all the universe, to you be the glory.

And I'm alive because I'm alive in you.

**Chorus:** *It's all because of Jesus I'm alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ that covers me and raised this dead one's life. It's all because of Jesus I'm alive.*

**(Verse and Chorus 2x)**

Every sunrise sings your grace, the universe cries out your praise.

I'm singing freedom all my days now that I'm alive. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE

Praeludium in E Major

Vincent Lübeck  
Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 478 *verses 1-3* Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Lauda anima*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 478, verse 4

Angels, help us to adore him: Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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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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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.  
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the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*St. Agnes*

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;

But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek;

To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show:

The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Bernard of Clairvaux

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





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

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

### **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
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

### **Monday, January 23**

- 12:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Luncheon

### **Saturday, January 28**

- 9:00 am: Reformed Institute Convocation

### **Sunday, January 29**

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School
- 9:55 am: Adult Sunday School large group gathering
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: Jim Anderson retirement reception
- 6:30 pm: Youth Group

## **Great Date Night Returns!**

**Friday, February 10, 6:00 pm**

### **RSVP for Childcare by February 6**

First, we'll meet in the Garden Rooms to hear a short talk from Gregg and Lynne Gochnour as they share some of their life lessons from nearly 45 years of marriage. Then, enjoy dinner out on the town! For more information and to RSVP, please [click here](#) or visit our Events page online.

## **NPC Job Opportunities**

- 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.

## **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](#).

## **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.

## **NPC Hearing Assistance Devices**

NPC has a great system for hearing assistance in any location in the sanctuary. Small packs are available when you arrive, and link directly to our sound system.

They can be found in the racks just outside of the Sanctuary, along with instructions for use.

# 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

## Today, January 22 Adult Sunday School Classes

During January, our Adult Sunday School offers unique opportunities to grow in faith. Classes and locations are listed below. You may also [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes page online.

Class name	Teacher(s)	Location
<i>The Book of Psalms: A Mirror of Our Soul</i>	Tremper Longman	Chapel and online Zoom: <a href="#">click here</a> or visit our Classes page online
<i>Christianity, Science and Social Development</i>	David Siegrist	Garden Room C
<i>Encountering God in Creation and Creativity</i>	Beverly Tam & Margaret Gardner	Stone Fellowship Hall
<i>Intro to Bioethics with Considerations for Christians</i>	Patrick Zhou	Garden Rooms A & B
<i>Parent Gathering</i>	Facilitators: Kristin Franke and others	Jones Hall, Education Building

## 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. See the details on page 2.

## February 5 Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Begins

Please read our full class descriptions on page 11.

## 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).

# SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Spring semester is **February 5-May 21**, with the exception of April 9, Easter.

***Confessing and Believing:  
The Apostles' Creed as Challenge and Gift  
for Faithful Daily Living***

**Teacher:** Dr. Quinn Fox

**Location:** Chapel and online

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

We say the Apostle's Creed most every Sunday in Worship. We challenge our Second Grade Sunday School classes to memorize it as a "milestone in worship." But the creed has a far greater role to play in our lives than an occasional summary of our Christian belief (assuming we believe—or understand—all that is in it!). Join us for as we delve into "what has been believed everywhere, always and by all" in a way that seeks to address the intellectual and cultural contexts of the 21st Century, so that our confessing and believing using the words of the Creed might take on new and renewed meaning.

***Matthew: The Promised Messiah  
Has Come (continued)***

**Teaching team:** Donna Duss, Margaret Gardner, Holly Novak

**Location:** Garden Room C

Following the N. T. Wright Bible Study series, *Matthew for Everyone*, this class will continue the conversation about gospel presentations of Jesus' life and teaching. Matthew's gospel portrays Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel, the king who will rule and save the entire world. Jesus's teachings build on and surpass those of Moses and his life fulfills Scripture's promise of salvation. Matthew's telling establishes the authority of Jesus as the Son of Man who sacrifices his life for all. His gospel also invites us to follow Christ's new way toward a transformed life.

***Racial Reconciliation:  
Looking Back to Move Forward***

**Teaching team:** Peggy Lewis, Lewrene Glaser, Nancy Fox

**Location:** Room #209

Using primarily Dr. Jemar Tisby's book [The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism](#), this class will examine history to understand our own situation and opportunities for creative action. We will supplement Tisby's book with Bible study, sections from [Faithful Anti-Racism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change](#) (optional), and resources from class members and the DMV community, in order to progress from talking to walking.

***Into the Sunrise of Eternity:  
Reflections on the Journey Home***

**Teacher:** R.V. Seep

**Location:** Garden Rooms A & B

This class is about aging into a good death. It is important to establish Christian patterns of thought before death and bereavement strike. Christians have always believed that life was a preparation for death and the life beyond. It behooves believers to be ready to meet death. This class will be built around class notes relating to various aspects of our journey home with ample opportunity for discussion.

***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.

# 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](#)

## 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.

## Prayers

### We celebrate with:

Jenny and Austin Bradhamon on the birth of their new baby girl.

### We pray for:

Those navigating difficult circumstances.

### We pray for:

Bethlehem Bible College, as they prepare Christian leaders to serve churches and communities in the Middle East.

### 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).

## Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Walter Hampton in memory of Mary Ellen Addams, "whose smile always made my day."



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