

January 29, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*...discipline yourselves;
set all your hope on Jesus Christ...*
1 Peter 1.13b

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Dr. Quinn Fox
Rev. Lisa Larsen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

5th Grade Milestone: Confession of Sin

Today during 11:00 am worship, our 5th graders lead us in the Confession of Sin. As a part of Sunday School, each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, learns a “Milestone in Worship,” an element of our worship liturgy. Milestones help children to participate in worship and develop a language of faith.

Adult Sunday School Large Group Gathering

***How to Be a Patriotic Christian* Today, 9:55 am**

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.

Reception Honoring Jim Anderson Today, 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!

Plan now to join a mission trip in July! Information Meeting on Zoom Thursday, February 2, 7:00 pm

Are you interested in going on a short-term mission trip? Join us 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. Please [click here](#) or see our Events page online for the Zoom link. For more information or questions, please email Jonathan Edwards at jedwards@nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7505.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Friday, February 3 at 7:00 pm

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.

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 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.

Spring Adult Sunday School Semester Begins Sunday, February 5

Please read our full class descriptions on page 11.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicaea*

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy holy holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength,
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
Amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Lisa Larsen

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 Eleanor Beatrice Chapman and Henry Johnston Chapman

Children of Natalie Norris Chapman and Jordan Gregory Chapman

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

Dr. Fox

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:13-21

Deacon Jeanne Su

Please see page 7.

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Larsen

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

OFFERING SONG

Build My Life

Matt Redman

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!
Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus the only one that could ever save.

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe. We live for you! We live for you!

Chorus: *Holy, there is no one like you! There is none beside you.*

Open up my eyes in wonder!

*Show me who you are and fill me with your heart
and lead me in your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon your love. It is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken. **(2x) Chorus (2x)**

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

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

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins they are many; his mercy is more.

Chorus: *Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.*

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.

His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. **Chorus (2x)**

Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

▲ BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Poole

▲ SENDING

NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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PRELUDE

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany
Eternal Purposes

Maurice Duruflé
Olivier Messiaen
Todd Fickley, Organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN 460 verses 1-3 Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 460, verse 4

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name you;
While in essence only One: Undivided God we claim you,
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

5th Grade Milestone

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So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND CHORAL MEDITATION

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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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.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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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;
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the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
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A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Jill Meek
Director of Children's Ministry

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1 Peter 1:13-21

Deacon Kathy Arveson

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

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

SERMON

Rev. Allan Poole

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Lamm Gottes

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross did suffer,
patient, still, and lowly, your precious blood did offer;
Our sins by you were taken, or hope had us forsaken: Your peace be with us, O Jesu!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

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

OFFERTORY Craig Courtney

Thou Art Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Thou art holy! Thou alone art holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our songs shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

who wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness

thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Thou art holy! Thou alone art holy!

Reginald Heber

▲ 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

▲ HYMN 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine *Assurance*

▲ BENEDICTION Rev. Poole

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Thou art holy! Thou alone art holy!

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE "Celebration" from *Concertino* Douglas Major
Mr. Fickley, Organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Coming Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, January 29

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School, Parent Gathering
- 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

Thursday, February 2

- 7:00 pm: Zoom Information Meeting for Dominican Republic mission trip

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

- 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast
- 11:00 am: Women's Brunch

Sunday, February 5

- Communion Sunday
- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Children & Youth Sunday School
- 9:55 am: Kick-off of Adult Sunday School spring semester
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 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.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making

February 12 after 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Fellowship 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!

Youth Football Watch Party

Sunday, February 12, 6:30 pm - halftime

You know which game we're talking about! Bring your favorite football dish to share, and contact Kyle Putnam at kputnam@nationalpres.org for the location at an NPC family's home.

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](#).

Deacons

Did you know we have servant leaders who want to care for you? Our Deacons are ready to listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you when you are ill and support you through a difficult time. Please email Lisa Larsen at LLarsen@nationalpres.org or call the Care office at 202-537-7540 for more information.

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 29, Special Adult Sunday School Gathering

On January 29, all adults are invited to 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. Parent Gathering will take place as usual in Jones Hall in the Education Building.

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 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 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 pray for:

Those whose faith is tested.

We pray for:

International Association for Refugees, as they support indigenous churches in Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.

How may we pray for you?

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

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Jim Anderson, for his many years of faithful service to NPC by Joyce and Rich Smith.



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