

November 12, 2023
Stewardship Dedication

Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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

*Each of you must give as you have made up your
mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for
God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7*



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EVENTS AT NATIONAL

For more information about all our events, please visit the [Events page](#) on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!



Scan to make
a commitment

Today is Stewardship Dedication Sunday!

Grateful Hearts, Alive in Christ, for the Sake of God's World

Will you support our vision of how God can work through NPC to generously share Christ's love within and beyond our walls in 2024? Today we invite you to joyfully commit to giving back a portion of God's blessings in 2024 in a special offering time during worship. Session and staff will use your commitments to set a budget and a plan for the year ahead. You may use the commitment cards provided in the mail and in the pews or commit online by visiting our webpage at nationalpres.org/gratefulgiving2024 or scanning the QR code.

If you would like help with the details of your plan to give, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making Today 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!

Military Ministry Meeting Today, 12:15 pm

Garden Rooms and Online

All are invited to the Military Ministry meeting and lunch! Our speaker will be Mr. Bernie Lubran, who is an expert on the "Ritchie Boys," a group of about 20,000 American soldiers who trained in intelligence-gathering collections and analysis at Camp Ritchie during World War II. Please see our [Events page](#) for the Zoom link.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) Tonight at 5:00 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.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday, November 15, 12:00 pm

Please join us in Stone Hall for lunch and a presentation from Dr. Nancy Fox. RSVP to Wray Muoio at wmuoio@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7540.

NPC Heritage Tour Sunday, November 19 After 11:00 Worship

The History & Archives Ministry invites all who are interested to meet in the front of the Sanctuary following the 11:00 am worship service for a 45-minute tour of our stained glass windows and other historical aspects of our Sanctuary and Chapel. Light refreshments served at the conclusion

Youth Family Service Night Sunday, November 19, 5:00 pm

All youth and their families are invited to serve together, as we cook for the hungry. Please bring your own knife and cutting board! Join for a potluck dinner afterwards. Please visit our [Events page](#) to RSVP.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ OPENING SONG Lift High the Name of Jesus Keith and Kristyn Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.

Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul! And tell all he's done!

'Til the earth and heavens are filled with his glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace.

That all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise. **Chorus**

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.

We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home. **Chorus (2x)**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Our hearts exult in you, O Lord, as we worship you today,

for there is no other Holy One; no Rock like you our Savior.

You raise up the poor from the dust, and lift the needy from the ashes.

You guard the feet of your faithful ones, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Let us speak no more in pride, nor let arrogance come from our mouths;

for you are a God of knowledge, and by you alone actions are weighed.

Look mercifully then upon us, O Lord, in our weakness, willfulness, and sin.

Forgive us according to your steadfast love.

based on Hannah's Prayer in 1 Samuel 2

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 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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Elder Peter Hogge

⁶The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows
bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your
mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is
able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of
everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, 'He scatters
abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply
your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be
enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God
through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints
but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this
ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and
by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for
you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Jill Meek

Director of Children's Ministry

*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.*

SERMON Giving from What God Provides Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS Dr. Quinn Fox

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in the baskets at the chancel, then return to your seats by the side aisles.*

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lisa Larsen

▲ HYMN 375

Lord of All Good

Toulon

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Toulon

Lord, you alone are generous and good;
In grace and mercy e'er you freely give.
Teach us your truth, so oft misunderstood:
Gifts in like measure giv'n shall we receive.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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SERMON

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RESPONSE

Schumann

Choir

We give thee but thine own, whatèer that gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Congregation

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And, gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our firstfruits give.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Quinn Fox

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in the baskets at the chancel, then return to your seats by the side aisles.*

OFFERTORY

Celtic Laud

Craig Courtney

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, the gift of your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving we gratefully raise, O Lord of our living, our love and our praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, your strong Spirit's breeze,
The cup of thanksgiving we gratefully raise, O Lord of our living, our love and our praise.

For autumn's gold earth, for morning's first glow, for every new birth, for grace that we know,
The cup of thanksgiving we gratefully raise, O Lord of our living, our love and our praise.

with Jonathan Baumgarten, flute

▲ 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

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.

▲ HYMN 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

The cup of thanksgiving we gratefully raise, O Lord of our living, our love and our praise.

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Fox

▲ POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale on "Nun Danket"

Siegfried Karg-Elert

Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reset Small Group Schedule Change

The Reset gathering will be taking a hiatus for the month of November and will be re-gathering on Thursday, December 7 at 2:00 pm.

Youth Group Dinners

Interested in supporting NPC's youth as they grow spiritually by feeding them physically? [Sign up here](#) or email kputnam@nationalpres.org to provide a simple dinner for a youth group night, and get a chance to meet the youth in a casual setting!

Invite a friend to join you in worship in the Sanctuary or online!

- Did you know that one-third of people say that they are likely to come to a worship service when someone they know invites them? Personal contact is the best way to draw others into the church and towards Christ.
- Did you know that there are also other tools that can become great conversation starters using electronics, social media and the internet? Visit our webpage at nationalpres.org/invite to see and try few of them. Let us know how it goes!

Week at a Glance

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

Sunday, November 12

Stewardship Dedication

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: 2nd Sunday Sandwich Making
- 12:15 pm: Military Ministry Meeting
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Wednesday, November 15

- 12:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday, November 18

- 10:00 am: Messiah rehearsal

Sunday, November 19

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:55 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm: NPC Heritage Tour
- 12:15 pm: Moldova prayer meeting
- 5:00 pm: Youth Family Service Night

Executive Assistant Job Opening

The National Presbyterian Church is searching for an Executive Assistant to provide administrative support to the church's Senior Pastor. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational skills, be a strong communicator and self-starter. Day-to-day responsibilities include managing the Pastor's schedule and correspondence, coordinating Church meetings, partnering with church committees and providing administrative support. The position will serve as the primary interface and receptionist for the Senior Pastor to the congregation, staff, and public. The position is full-time and includes comprehensive benefits. Occasional weekend work may be needed to support church functions. Qualified applicants should send a resume to lskrine@nationalpres.org.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:55 am:** Sunday School for all ages
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship

Adult Classes

For complete class descriptions as well as the Zoom link for R.V. Seep's class, please visit our [Adult Classes webpage](#).

- **Tim Keller's *Generous Justice*:** Peggy Lewis and Lewrene Glaser, Room #109
- ***Walking with God in Mission for Our Changing World*:** Nancy Fox, Room #209
- ***The Story Behind "The Story:" God's Plan of Redemption Through History*:** Dr. Quinn Fox, Garden Room A
- ***The Gospel of Luke*:** Margaret Gardner, Donna Duss, & others, Garden Room C
- ***Romans*:** R.V. Seep, Chapel and online
- **Parent Gathering:** Kristin Franke and Parent facilitators, Jones Hall in the Education Building
- **Young Professionals Gathering:** Young Adult and Staff facilitators, NPC Parlor

Youth Sunday School

Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for 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

Visit our [Children's webpage](#) to read about our Children's Ministry.

- Children ages 2-3 years have Sunday School in the Toddler Room in the main church building.
- Children age 4 through 5th grade meet for Sunday School in the Education Building (National Presbyterian School).

Childcare

The Nursery rooms are available 8:30 am-noon for infants to walkers, up to age 4.



**Called
to Care**

Deacons

Our Deacons are ready to care for you. They will listen to your concerns, pray with you, visit you, and encourage you in difficult times.

careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

Love one another. John 13:34

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being here 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 other easy ways to connect with us:

- Sign the guestbook in the pews or online on our [Watch webpage](#).
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website or email us for assistance at info@nationalpres.org.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- Visit our [Children's webpage](#) for kids up to 5th grade.
- Visit our [Youth webpage](#) for kids in middle and high school.

Prayers

We give thanks for:

God's abundant blessings to us and NPC.

We pray for:

Our Middle East Missionaries as they serve large numbers of displaced people.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office, careoffice@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:



Want to support the Capital Building Campaign? Please visit our [Giving webpage](#).

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.

Community Health Note

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.

Today's Flowers

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God to honor the service of Dr. Richard Bernard Childs, Coast Guardsman and Federal Government Economist, and in remembrance of his birthday and passing by his sister, Katherine Childs-Breach.



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