



ANNUAL REPORT | 2024

TOGETHER WE

— WORSHIP - CARE - SERVE - GROW

**NPC IS LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD.**

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FROM THE --- SENIOR PASTOR

I thank my God every time I remember you...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:3,6

Dear NPC family,

As I reflect on the past year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the ways God has been at work through your faithfulness. The 2024 Annual Report is more than numbers—it is a testament to the Spirit of God moving in our midst, binding us together as the body of Christ.

I express my sincere gratitude to our outstanding staff, whose dedication ensures the ongoing success of our ministry.

This year, we witnessed God's goodness in remarkable ways:

- Worship attendance grew steadily, as more seekers and believers gathered to encounter Jesus week after week.
- Small groups and discipleship classes flourished, with deeper relationships forming around God's Word.
- Outreach expanded as we served our community with food, hope, and the love of Christ.
- Debt-Free! By God's grace and your generosity, we retired our capital campaign loan, saving thousands of dollars for ministry.

One memorable highlight from last year was Vacation Bible School 2024. Over 100 children, 50 youth volunteers, and 70 families participated—some stepping into our church for the very first time. I shall always remember the electric atmosphere generated by the children's spirited singing of their opening worship songs; their energy far outstripped that of our Sunday services. That is the fruit of your generosity in action!

None of this happens without you—your prayers, your time, your sacrificial giving. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in tangible ways.

As we continue through 2025, I am thrilled to share that we will finalize our new Strategic Plan in January 2026. We are praying it will be a bold, Spirit-led vision for how NPC will grow in worship, discipleship, and mission for years to come. God is preparing us for greater impact, and I cannot wait to walk this path together.

It is the honor of my life to serve as your pastor. With your faithfulness and God's power, the best is yet to be.

With joy and anticipation,



Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton Sr.
Senior Pastor

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Behold, these are but the edges of his ways; how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of God's power, who can understand? - Job 26:14

This powerful verse in the Old Testament book of Job affirms that the God of the Bible is a very big God. If we miss the immensity, we simply miss the point. But the prophet Jeremiah also brings us God's assuring and steadying word:

I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare, not for evil, to give you a future and a hope...you will seek me and find me, when you seek with all your heart... I will be found by you, declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 29:11

It is a wonderful truth that God wants to be found—by grace through faith—in worship and every endeavor of Christian discipleship.

Worshipping helps us grow individually and corporately in grace and knowledge of the Lord through glimpses of God gained jointly through faithful preaching of God's powerful word, and its reverberation through music and every other act of worship.

In the music we bring every week to the Lord and for each other, seeking perfection is never our goal, but striving for excellence is. Entertainment is never our goal, but "edification" is—a weighty biblical word from the world of construction that means "to be built up." Mere performance is not our aim, but a "sacrifice of praise" is, when every musical offering becomes an opportunity for the whole congregation to embrace the words or musical notes of worship, whether these be engaging vocal or instrumental solos or ensembles, sonorous choral anthems, or the sometimes tender, sometimes powerful sounds of our magnificent organ.

We also are blessed each week by our contemporary band and singers, by a broad range of songs, hymns, and spiritual songs in two distinct services, by the blended voices of many generations lifting their hearts together to the Lord, and seasonally by members of our congregation and the larger community joining forces in our Festival Choir to sing grand choral masterpieces like Handel's *Messiah* or Mozart's *Requiem*.

It is absurd to think that we ever could become expert worshippers. A rich life of Christian worship, however, is a commendable desire that insight and skill can fan. So as we gather to worship each week in joy or sorrow, in faith or doubt, with full or burdened hearts, whatever musical offering we bring, our vigilant prayer remains: "May it be for God's glory and our good."



MESSIAH



EASTER



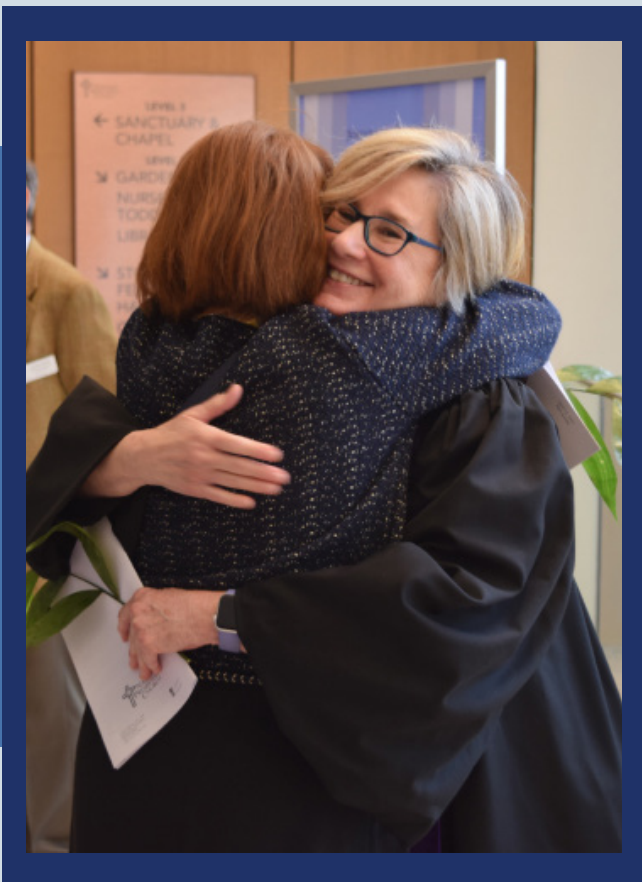
ANGEL CHOIR

MINISTRIES

CARE

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. - Galatians 6:10

We want members of NPC to feel seen, cared for and equipped to care for others. We collaborate with our dedicated volunteers to determine the best care and support options for those in need. We visit members at home and in the hospital, help bereaved members plan memorial services and inurnments, and manage the Columbarium.



CARE IN ACTION

A member who has been watching online for five years wrote the Care Office after a service this year that “in observing the congregation after the service, I observed the caring amongst the folks - in seeing so many warmly greet one another... watching that...helps me feel the cohesiveness of the church.”

HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS

- Cared for our members through phone calls, cards, visits, prayers, and meals
- Hosted a “Meet Your Deacons” event
- Assisted with the Blood Drive

STEPHEN MINISTERS

- Conducted a 4-month training program for 11 new Stephen Ministers to prepare them for providing one-on-one care to individuals facing challenging life events

GRIEF SUPPORT

- Organized an eight-week lay-led Grief Group to offer healing and support to those grieving a loved one
- Heard a presentation to Deacons by a grief facilitator
- Sent condolence cards and Christmastime notes to the newly bereaved

CARE, PRAYER, DARE

- Created and taught a January term class
- Led two Parent Gatherings on caring and prayer
- Gave a presentation on prayer for the Women’s Ministry

ORGANIZED SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

- A Palm Sunday Prayer Gathering
- A Service of Remembrance
- Funerals, memorial services, and inurnments
- Chapel Communion service for Stephen Ministers

MILITARY MINISTRY

- Hosted quarterly lunches with speakers
- Sponsored a very successful Toy Drive for children at Walter Reed Medical Center

PRAYER TEAM

- Responded every week to pew prayer cards and online prayer requests

CREATED TWO DEVOTIONALS

- Holy Week Devotional reflecting on Jesus’s encounters with people in the week before his crucifixion
- Stewardship Devotional based on Paul’s collection for the saints



**CELEBRATED
OUR
50 YEAR
MEMBERS**

CONNECTIONS

We serve to ensure that each person at NPC has an opportunity to grow in discipleship with Jesus Christ and connect with each other in transformational ways through personal or shared experience in worship, care, growth, and service.



BY THE NUMBERS



First-time local and out-of-area guests received a Pastor's letter with a gift card or email of greeting.



New local regular attendees and regularly watching online viewers received a personal follow-up and/or a gift devotional.



Guest welcome kits were handed out to newcomers



Gift Bibles were given away



Personal phone calls reaching out to newcomers and guests



Phone calls made, and dozens of note cards sent



Responses to specific Request for Information



Emails were sent connecting with congregants

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted Easter morning welcome, photo reception, fellowship, and outreach – handed out over 90 prayer books and had 400+ participants take Easter Memories pictures
- Redesigned Labor Day Sunday featuring a special hands-on “Care, Prayer, Dare” event
- Led four Pathway of Discipleship classes and four New Member Sundays with receptions
- Sent 120 Advent Calendars to out-of-town and shut-in members
- Initiated special outreach at *Messiah* concert, handing out 700 ornaments with an invitation to worship at NPC
- Hosted Christmas Eve Welcome, photo reception, fellowship, and outreach - handed out 1000 keepsake ornaments, 300+ participants had Christmas Memories pictures taken
- Provided Care Notes resource booklets in the Welcome Center on timely life topics



MINISTRIES SERVE

Our mission is to equip and empower our community to *listen and respond* to what God is doing in our city and around the world.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE 2024



20,000
meals packed



7 pallets of food and
clothing for Central
Union Mission



Tutored students in the
Shaw neighborhood



Renovated a home with
Habitat for Humanity in
NE DC



Provided a neighborhood
with a free little library



Read with refugee
families in Maryland



HIGHLIGHTS



Second Sunday Sandwich Making:

NPC attendees made over 4,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, which were delivered to unhoused communities across DC.



Mission Trip to Romania:

In August, we participated in a mission trip to Romania, partnering with The Smiles Foundation, a Christian nonprofit serving vulnerable communities around Oradea.



Fall Food, Clothing, and Blood Drive:

We filled an entire moving truck with food and clothing for struggling families and individuals, and donated over 50 units of blood to DC hospitals through the Red Cross.



Disaster Relief for Hurricane Milton:

Our congregation raised over \$40,000 to support disaster relief efforts following Hurricane Milton.



Gaza Relief Efforts:

Through our Disaster Relief Funds, we sent \$15,000 to local churches in Gaza, providing food, water, and medical care to those in need.



International Flex Funds:

Through Flex Funds, our International Committee supported seminaries worldwide, provided scholarships for refugees in Lebanon and deaf children in Senegal, and funded microfinance programs in Kenya and Colombia.



Mission Gifts for Christmas:

We raised over \$70,000 to support the work of 34 nonprofits in our community and around the world.



Serve Our City Outreach:

We sent teams to partner with Habitat for Humanity on home restorations in NE DC, sponsored a Thanksgiving meal and childcare for teen parents involved with Young Lives, and assisted with upkeep and meals for guests at Central Union Mission's Men's Shelter.



Tutoring and Refugee Support:

Many of our members continued to serve by tutoring students in the Shaw neighborhood through the Unique Learning Center and helping newly arrived refugee families settle in the United States and study for their citizenship test.



Adult Ministry Projects:

Our Adult Ministry gathered several times this year for fellowship and to complete service projects for our local mission partners.

ADULT

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

On Sunday mornings adults gathered in a variety of formats ranging from small group conversation around tables, to large group study and discussion, to interactive lecture:

- *Learning to Live with Difference*
- *Care-Prayer-Dare*
- *Practical Christian Ethics for Challenging Times*
- *Faithful Stewards of God's Gracious Gifts*
- *Paul's Epistle to the Romans*
- *God's Plan of Redemption Through History*
- *Exploring Luke's Gospel*
- *The Border and Beyond: Migration and Immigration in the Mission of God*
- *The Spirit of Our Politics: Spiritual Formation and the Renovation of Public Life*
- *The Gospel of Mark*
- *The Early Church: The First Three Centuries*
- *The Journey of Discipleship: Building Your Life in Christ*

This year saw some key collaborations as we sought to engage the imagination as well as intellect. With Care Ministries we offered the “Prayer, Care, Dare” class during the January Term. In January and August we partnered with Finance Council, offering the “Faithful Stewards of God’s Gracious Gifts” class and hosting Lacie Stevens who presented “Joyful Generosity,” a Christian approach to an abundant life. In the fall we teamed up with Connections Ministry to offer “The Journey of Discipleship,” enabling 11 people to fulfill the requirements to become NPC members.

SMALL GROUPS



Small Group Growth

Small groups saw continued growth in participation, the establishment of new ongoing groups from our short-term series, and an increase in the number of in-person groups.



Lenten Small Group

Our Lenten small group conversations followed the sermon theme of God's Persistent Love, which examined Old Testament covenants and their meaning for the contemporary Christian.



Fall Six-Week Study

The Fall six-week small group study, based on the sermon series First Things First, drew on Old and New Testament Scripture to explore the joys and challenges of prioritizing God first in our lives.



Communities of Discipleship

Our church small groups are communities of discipleship in which we grow in Christ-likeness together.



Ongoing Small Groups

In addition to our six-week studies, NPC has ongoing small groups, online and in-person, which offer Bible study, sermon discussion, prayer, fellowship, and support.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Throughout the year we were blessed by a host of guest speakers, including:

- **Mark Labberton**, Fuller Seminary President emeritus, *The Dangerous Act of Following Jesus Faithfully*
- **Claudia Myers**, Filmmaker and American University Professor, *"The Test:" Immigration, Older Adult Living, and Building Community*
- **Matthew Taylor**, Religion Scholar, *Christian Nationalism, The Capitol Riot, and the Rising Threat to American Pluralism*
- **Jason Thacker**, Professor at Boyce College, *The Age of AI: Christian Ethics and the Future of Humanity*
- **Kenneth Hodder**, The Salvation Army USA, *Following Jesus Faithfully in Service*
- **Karen Wright Marsh**, Theological Horizons at UVA, *Wake Up to Wonder: Invitations to Amazement in the Everyday*

MINISTRIES WOMEN'S

Under the continued theme of Growing More Rooted in Christ and Community (Colossians 2:6-7), we hosted three joyous gatherings with delicious food, fellowship, faith-filled conversation, and prayer. Our speakers and outgrowth activities included:

- Inspirational presentations on how to grow in relationship with God through:
 - Scriptural meditation led by Christian spiritual director and coach Elizabeth Fitch
 - Deepening our experience of prayer with Rev. Lisa Larsen
 - Learning to trust God in transitions with Christian writer Susan Yates
- New contemporary worship music led by Judith Hylton
- Creation of a prayer team to support Women's Ministry events and the growth of the seeds planted in women's hearts, minds, and lives
- Shared food, flowers, and gifts to neighbors, friends, and communities in need
- Prayer Partnership with the Women of the Syrian Presbytery led by Dr. Nancy Fox
- Preparations for a Women's Ministry Retreat in 2025



MINISTRIES

MEN'S

The first Saturday of most months finds NPC men gathering in Stone Hall for good fellowship and deeper connection, while feasting on a delicious breakfast buffet at a bargain price!

Each month we hear from a speaker who shares his journey with Christ to inspire and challenge us to be more like our Savior.

GUEST SPEAKERS

January

Ted George
"Embracing the New Year"

February

Michael Denham
"With a Song in My Heart"

March

Gregg Gochnour
*Jesus' Great Invitation:
"Come and See"... "Follow Me"*

April

Kerry Stolfus
*"Reflections of a Pastoral Ministry:
The Power of Being Present"*

May

Ray Hylton
"Being a Disciple"

June

Quinn Fox
*"Men Making a Difference:
The Importance of Using our Influence"*

July

Don Meeks, Greenwich Presbyterian Church
"Friend of Sinners"

September

Doug Burleigh, Young Life & The Fellowship
*"Being Christ's Disciple is a High Risk Journey
but What an Adventure!"*

October

Gregg Gochnour
"What About Hope?"

November

Paul Waymack
"Following the Bread Crumbs"

December

Sammy Perez, Prison Fellowship Ministry
"The Power of a Second Chance"

MINISTRIES FAMILY

GROWING TOGETHER

Family Ministries encompasses three primary areas:



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A children's ministry that helps kids build a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ.



YOUTH MINISTRY

A youth ministry that helps teens develop deeper relationships with Christ and with each other.



PARENT MINISTRY

A parent ministry that provides Scripture-centered fellowship for raising kids and youth in faith.

HANDS ON SUMMER



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FAMILY PICNIC



HIGHLIGHTS

- A robust Parent Gathering continued to meet during the Sunday school hour, providing opportunity for parents to get to know one another while studying the Scriptures their children and youth were reading. Guest speakers included Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr., Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Lisa Larsen, and Andy Jung from the Fuller Youth Institute.
- Parents gathered for a Saturday Night Parenting Seminar with Andy Jung from the Fuller Youth Institute, who shared research on youth and young adults.
- The Alpha Marriage course was offered for a second time during the spring of 2024.
- Families gathered for Hands-on Summer, which combined Scripture studies with art and service projects.
- Parents began to form small group communities around Bible study and book discussions.

PARENT GATHERING



PARENT SEMINAR



MINISTRIES

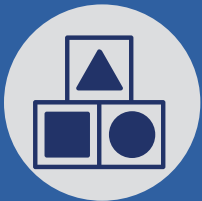
CHILDREN'S

At NPC, children experience a safe and welcoming environment to hear the stories of Scripture, participate and lead in worship, build friendships with each other, and encounter Jesus. We aim to surround children and their families with God's love and walk with them as they *journey with Jesus and grow in their faith.*



HIGHLIGHTS

This year we have continued to see the Holy Spirit at work, bringing families to this ministry and joining them together in *friendship and discipleship*. We are so thankful for every child, parent, and volunteer, for their commitment to being here, sharing Christ's love with one another, and nurturing seeds of faith in the hearts of children.



On Easter Sunday we **OPENED A THIRD NURSERY ROOM** to accommodate our growing number of young children.



95 ADULTS answered the call to serve as Vacation Bible School leaders, Sunday School teachers, or in another volunteer role.



11 CHILDREN were welcomed in baptism.



10 FAMILIES (of children and/or youth) joined as members.

This fall we saw children's Sunday School **ATTENDANCE SURPASS** pre-pandemic averages.

We continue to see **INCREASED PARTICIPATION** at our annual events such as: Easter Chapel (and egg hunt!), Vacation Bible School, Advent Family Night, and the Family Nativity Service.

MINISTRIES

YOUTH

Our youth ministry exists to help young people become lifelong faithful followers of Christ. During our regular programs like Sunday school and youth group, youth can learn more about God's Word in fellowship with one another and adults from the congregation. On summer trips and retreats, youth have the opportunity to grow deeper in relationships with their church community as they encounter Christ in new experiences and places.

"THIS MISSION TRIP WAS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY in which I was able grow my faith and grow stronger connections to the community in El Batey and the NPC community. I'm so grateful for the adults that came on the trip with us and for the wisdom and guidance they gave us. I saw God working in my life in many ways during this trip."

YOUTH TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC & MIDDLE SCHOOL GREAT ESCAPE



HIGHLIGHTS

“THIS TRIP HAS MEANT A LOT FOR MY FAITH JOURNEY and my own personal life. It has shown me just a glimpse of how wide Christ’s arms spread in the global perspective. The fact that all these busy adults sacrificed a whole week of their summer to come to the DR with a bunch of crazy teenagers is really admirable and a true gift from God by itself.”



PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

8 youth made professions of faith, including 2 baptisms, and became members of National Presbyterian Church.



VOLUNTEER

19 adults volunteered on a regular weekly basis, and countless others provided snacks, rides, or participated in one-off events.



SERVE

47 youth served at Vacation Bible School, leading music, crafts, and games with our youngest members.



MISSION TRIP

20 youth and 6 adult leaders served “hand-in-hand” with Foundation for Peace in El Batey, Dominican Republic.

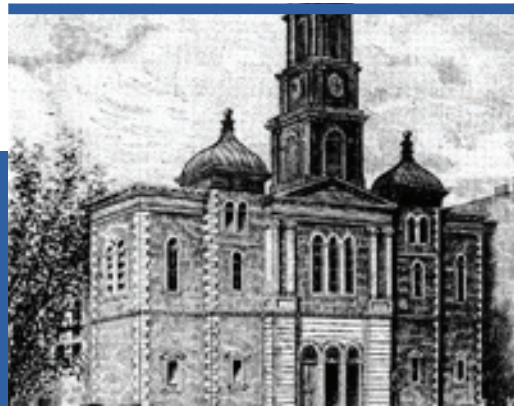
HISTORY & ARCHIVES

The History and Archives Ministry enthusiastically seeks *“to tell the story of the faithful followers of Jesus Christ at National Presbyterian Church and our predecessor congregations.”*

Led by co-chairs Eleanor Heginbotham and Peter Byrd, our ministry is keenly interested in the important heritage of our congregation’s role in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the changing world and enthusiastically making known this remarkable history.



The church’s tradition started with stonemasons holding services during the White House’s construction. By 1795, they formed St. Andrew’s Church, but after the pastor resigned in 1802, a small group continued meeting until 1811.



First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1812 and originally located where the U.S. House of Representatives is today. Rev. Byron Sunderland served as pastor for 45 years, advocating for abolition and allowing Frederick Douglass to speak in 1866. Commercial development in the early 20th century resulted in a merger with Church of the Covenant.

CHURCH TOURS

Hosted outside and inside groups on tours of the church facilities and history

HISTORY LUNCHEON

Held a luncheon in October with a historical program to elicit enthusiasm for our efforts, which hopefully will become a “Friends of History & Archives” group

RESEARCH ROOM

Established a new research room in the Agencies Building, adjacent to our Historical Office there, allowing for research on our history to be conducted

HIGHLIGHTS

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

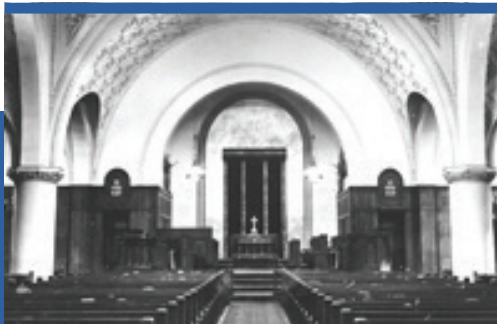
Began writing and publishing a number of “Heritage Briefs” for the Sunday bulletins, on various subjects of historical significance to our congregation

ARCHIVAL PROGRESS

Continued the processing, cataloguing, and indexing of additional archival materials which are a part of our collections

HISTORICAL INQUIRIES

Responded to requests for historical information about the church, both from within and outside the congregation



The Church of the Covenant was organized in 1885 with 53 charter members and experienced significant growth, reaching 1,800 members by 1928. It was known for strong lay leadership and pastors, with Rev. Charles Wood serving as the pastor during that time and becoming the first president of the Washington Federation of Churches.



The National Presbyterian Church’s cornerstone was laid by Dwight Eisenhower on October 14, 1967, and worship began on September 7, 1969. That same year, the National Presbyterian School was established.

EXHIBIT PLANNING

Worked on planning new exhibits for our museum case, near the Chapel of the Presidents, and perhaps other locations as appropriate

HERITAGE ROOM

Continued plans for a Heritage Room - supplementing its use as a meeting room - to display some of the many artifacts which are in our archive collections

HISTORIC COMMEMORATION

Began consideration of dates and manner of marking historic events of the church/ country with special events

LIBRARY

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Selected and provided access to resources to support the mission, ministries, and programs of the Church.



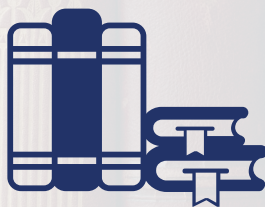
Selected books included support for Bible study; spiritual formation, growth and discipleship; small groups; sermon and guest speaker series; and Sunday school classes for the NPC family and friends of all ages.



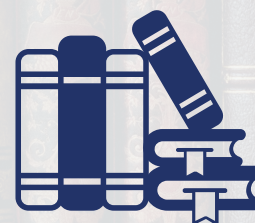
A concerted effort continued to expand the collection of books for youth, grades 6-12.



New titles added to the collection, are listed in the Online Catalog under “New in Library.” The list of titles added are “Auto Refresh Weekly.”



Displayed books to highlight sermon series, guest speakers, small groups, Sunday school classes and the liturgical calendar.



275 new books added to the collections were recommended by library volunteers, members of the congregation, pastors, and staff. Donations from the congregation, pastors, and staff were also added.

FACILITIES

Two remaining projects were completed from the capital project, the full rekeying of the NPC campus, and installation of wayfinding signage within the church. New locks and keys in all buildings provide better security to ensure controlled access for both the school and the church. Wayfinding signage, along with the directional screens, enhances the ability for visitors to find their way around the church.

CAPITAL PROJECT

With the completion of the capital project, we have seen an increase in facilities use from outside groups. This use includes long-time users such as the Capital Cotillion, the Washington Chorus, and the Washington Bach Consort, as well as new users such as the Cathedral Choral Society, Perform America, Grace Presbyterian, DC 127, the Washington Douglass Chorale, Pedalheads and coming in 2025 the New Orchestra of Washington and the Georgetown Chorale. Revenue for Outside Group events increased by 68% over 2024, helping to mitigate a continuing decrease in parking revenue at a higher value.



Facilities has supported the History & Archives Ministry by providing a workroom in the Agencies Building for archive projects, moving the U.S. Grant pew into the narthex of the Chapel, reestablishing access to the Archives database, and cleaning up and providing access to the display case in the Chapel Hallway.

Behind the scenes, Facilities has been supporting NPS staff during their Playground Project by providing a staging area in the parking lot for their contractor, supporting the use of the fountain garden as a temporary playground, and providing an office in the Admin Building for the construction staff. Facilities also provided project management support for the recent upgrades for the school's childcare space and provided use of the church childcare facilities during that project.



With the completion of the Capital Project, Facilities will be re-assessing future challenges in maintaining the NPC Campus. A list of priority projects is being developed in cooperation with NPS to determine how best to allocate capital funds to repair and enhance the grounds, the church, security, the offices, and the school.

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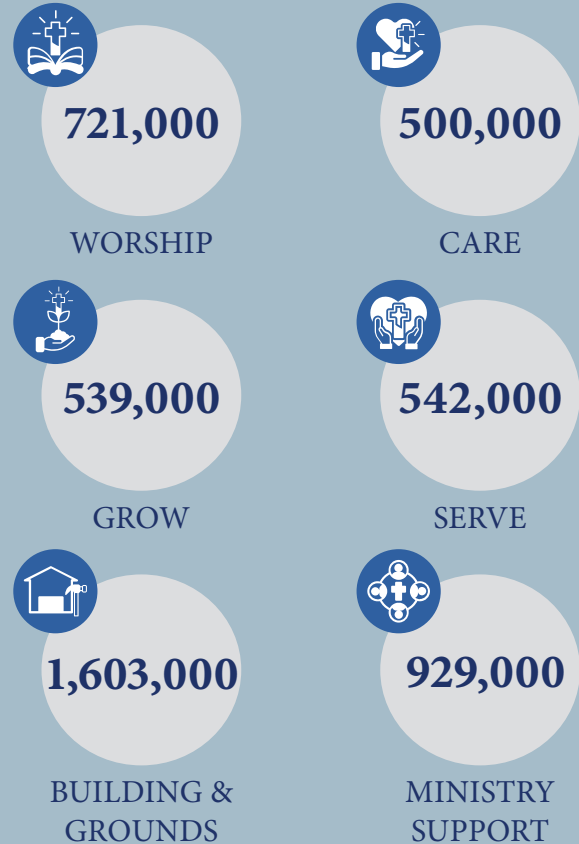
BY THE NUMBERS



INCOME



PROGRAMMING EXPENSES



HIGHLIGHTS



Investment portfolio

Began at \$6,521,000 and ended at \$6,936,000



Giving with commitment

\$2,506,000 by 360 families and individuals



Giving with no commitment

\$1,061,000 by 523 families and individuals



Legacy Gifts

Catherine Brant
Ahlam Shenouda

Gena Gander Stephens
William Brown Alexander



Average weekly worship

522 in person and 566 online for a total of 1,088 overall



Annual Giving by Household

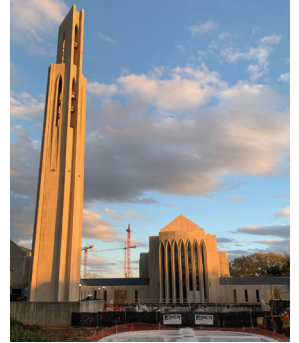
\$0	-	\$500	300
\$500	-	\$1,000	83
\$1,000	-	\$5,000	291
\$5,000	-	\$10,000	100
\$10,000	-	\$20,000	79
\$20,000	-	\$50,000+	30

CONSTRUCTION DEBT PAID!

We are absolutely thrilled to share the exciting news that we have fully paid off our loan! This significant milestone marks the successful completion of our project, which has not only fulfilled our immediate goals but has also played a pivotal role in supporting our mission partners throughout this journey. This incredible achievement has been made possible by the generous contributions from our dedicated congregation, whose unwavering support has been nothing short of inspiring.

Our multi-year capital campaign has been a transformative experience for National Presbyterian Church. We are profoundly grateful for the many individuals and families who have joined us in this mission, contributing their time, resources, and heartfelt support that have all culminated in this joyous moment. With the debt now fully paid off, we are filled with renewed energy and a sense of purpose as we continue to fulfill our mission. This accomplishment not only alleviates financial burdens but also empowers us to focus on expanding our outreach and enhancing our community services.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment and support throughout this journey! Together, we are not just overcoming challenges; we are actively building a brighter and stronger future for our church, our community, and the world at large. Let's carry this momentum forward and continue to make a meaningful impact together!



BUDGET DEFICIT CLOSED

We are filled with immense joy and gratitude as we announce that, through God's grace and your incredible generosity, NPC successfully closed the budget deficit in 2024! This remarkable achievement is not just numbers on a page; it's a testament to the dedication and hard work of our community, all coming together under the guidance of divine providence. Your unwavering support has illuminated our path and shown how powerful faith and collaboration can be when we strive towards a common goal.

Finishing the year ahead of budget is a jubilant reflection of our faith in action. It is a clear sign that when we trust in God's plan and work together, we can overcome daunting challenges. This accomplishment is a result of the collective passion and commitment of our church family, from our devoted team members to our loyal supporters. Your belief in our mission has inspired us to push forward, knowing that we are not alone in this journey; we are guided and blessed.

As we rejoice in this milestone, we must acknowledge how God has led us to this moment. The resources that we saved by eliminating the deficit will now be reinvested into vital programs and initiatives aligned with our mission. With God's continued blessing, we look forward to expanding our outreach, enhancing the services we provide, and making an even greater impact in the community we serve. This success marks only the beginning of what we can achieve together, with faith and determination lighting our way.

Let us take this moment to celebrate not just our achievement, but the divine guidance that has been with us throughout this journey. With grateful hearts, we acknowledge that this victory is a testament to the power of community and faith. Thank you once again for your incredible generosity, trust, and belief in NPC. Together, under God's watchful eye, we can continue to make a difference and build a brighter future filled with hope and opportunity for all.

THANK YOU

FOR A GREAT 2024!

NPC was blessed with many dedicated leaders and volunteers in 2024, including the following:

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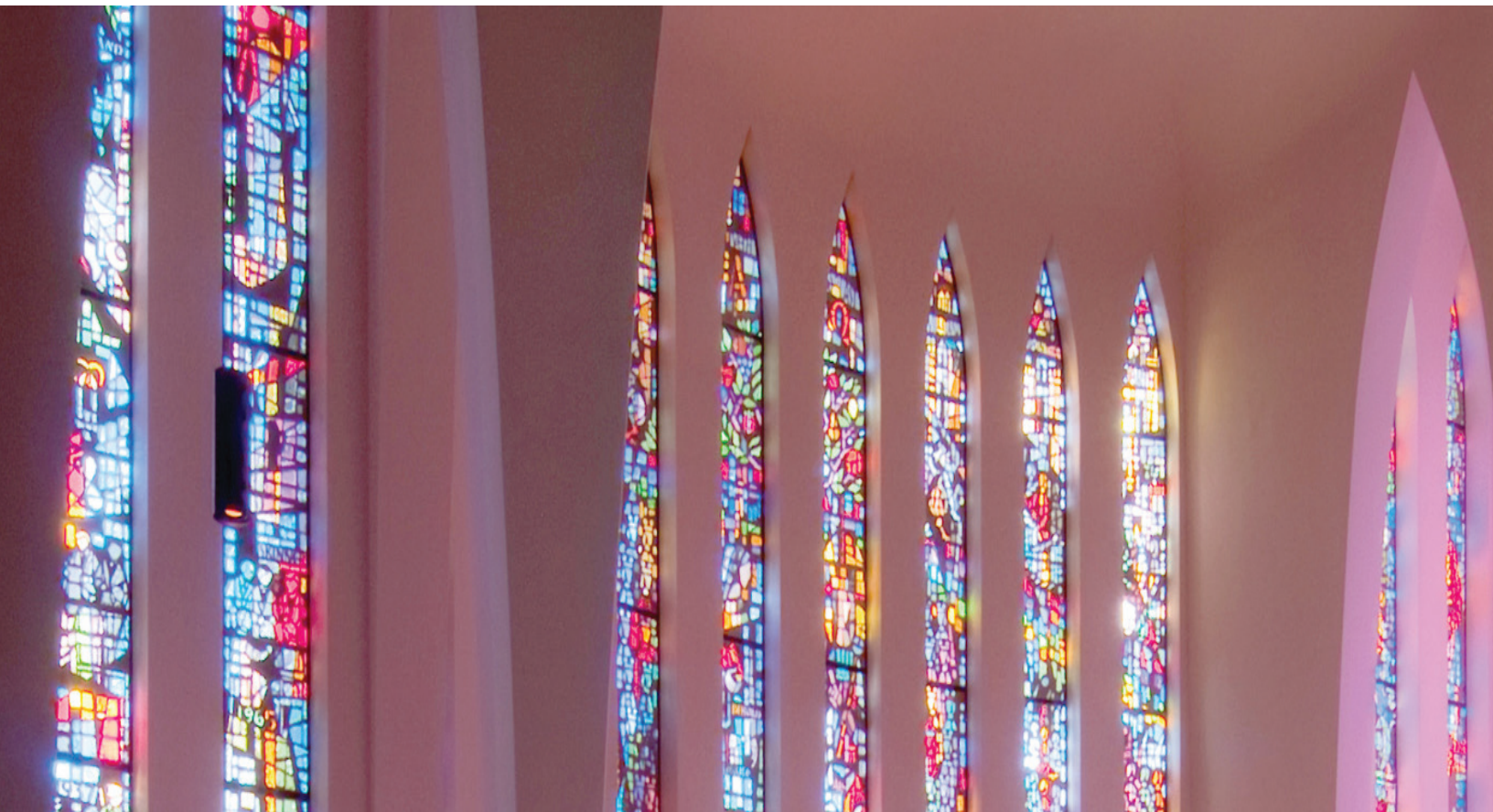
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Romans 15:13



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