

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 AM Online Worship, Sunday, October 18, 2020

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Toccata in G Major, BuxWV 164

Dieterich Buxtehude
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PATHWAY MOMENT

Dr. David Renwick
Elder Trevor Blow, Stewardship Chair

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 13:23-26

The Apostle Paul declared that
"From King David's descendants God has brought to his people a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.
Before Jesus' public ministry began, John the Baptist said:
'One is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'
To us, the descendants of Abraham, and to all who honor God,
the message of this salvation has been sent."
Let us therefore, lift up our hearts and voices, and worship God together.

HYMN *please sing!*

O My Soul, Bless Our Redeemer

Stuttgart

1. O my soul, bless our Redeemer; all within us bless God's name.
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.
2. God forgives all our transgressions, our diseases gently heals.
God redeems us from destruction, and with us so kindly deals.
3. As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;
To our children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.
4. Bless our Maker, all God's creatures, ever under God's control.
All throughout God's vast dominion, bless the Lord of all, my soul!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Donna Marsh

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed,
and grant us grace to grow more and more in the likeness and image
of Jesus Christ, our only Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *please sing!*

Stuttgart

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Baptism

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family.

May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.

**Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment
in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.**

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit.

**So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 13:23-39, 47-52

Rev. Katie Francis

NOTE: In the city of Antioch, in what is now central Turkey, the Apostle Paul preached the following sermon, approximately 15 years after Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

²³From King David's descendants God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

²⁴Before Jesus' public ministry began, John the Baptist said, "*Who do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.*"

²⁶'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent. ²⁷Because the residents of Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize him or understand the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath, they fulfilled those words by condemning him.

²⁸Even though they found no cause for a sentence of death, they asked Pilate to have him killed.

²⁹When they had carried out everything that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

³⁰But God raised him from the dead;

³¹and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, and they are now his witnesses to the people.

³²And we bring you the good news that what God promised to our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

³⁴As to his raising him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

"I will give you the holy promises made to David."

³⁵Therefore he has also said in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One experience corruption."

³⁶For King David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died, was laid beside his ancestors, and experienced corruption; ³⁷but he whom God raised up experienced no corruption.

³⁸Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you; ³⁹by this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, *"I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. ⁴⁹Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. ⁵⁰But [Paul's fellow] Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region.

⁵¹So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stopped By No One

Dr. Renwick

Romans 15:18-29; Corinthians 11:24-12:9; Acts 13-21

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

SOLO RESPONSE

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Holy Spirit, cause your joy in us to resound in all we do and say.

With the power of the risen Christ fill our lives, enabling us each day.

By his blood forgiven cleansed, and healed, to his love and lordship here we yield

That our witness to salvation will be a light for all the world to see.

Joanna Zorack-Greene, pianist and singer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn Fox

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Fernando Ortega

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.
My worth is not in skill or name in win or lose, in pride or shame,
but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross
*And I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul;
and I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in him alone.*
As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by;
but life eternal calls to us at the cross.
I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light;
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Ms. Zorack-Greene

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING SONG

Bless the Lord

Matt Redman

Soloist

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship his holy name!
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name!

Congregational Refrain

***Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship his holy name!
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name!***

Soloist

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Congregational Refrain

Soloist

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger; your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Congregational Refrain

Soloist

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Congregational Refrain

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Canzonetta in G Major, BuxWV 172

Dieterich Buxtehude
Mr. Fickley, organ

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Kristin Forsberg Green in loving memory of her father, Franklin S. Forsberg who was born on October 21st and her mother, Ann Rountree Forsberg who joined him in heaven on October 21st.

Prayers

We grieve the death of Mildred Wheat on October 4, 2020.

Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to be informed about memorial services.

Birzeit Senior Center provides nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem. As many younger Christians have moved out of Palestine for opportunity, pray that those left behind thrive.

New Member Recognition

We welcome our newest members into the NPC church family!

Daniel Boettcher, Washington, DC
Austin Bradham, Washington, DC
Jenny Bradham, Washington, DC
Susan Butler, McLean, VA
Roy Englert, Washington, DC
Steven Fistere, Poolesville, MD
Sarah Hafer, Silver Spring, MD
Katie Lenss, Washington, DC *Baptism
Sylvia Mader, Arlington, VA
Kris Patterson, Greenbelt, MD
Rachel Rajaseelan, McLean, VA
David Thurston, Washington, DC
Keiko Thurston, Washington, DC
Irene Zeng, Poolesville, MD

If you are interested in membership here at National or just want to learn more about faith or NPC, come to the next class on Jan. 23 & 30, 2021. Please contact Kemet Rakiatu krakiatu@nationalpres.org or call (202) 537-7578.

Upcoming Dates

Oct 19: Adult Fellowship [more info](#)
Nov 1: Service of Remembrance [more info](#)
Nov 7: Men's Breakfast
Nov 7: Care Packages for Troops [more info](#)
Nov 8: Mission Meet-up [more info](#)

Adult Fellowship Tomorrow

You are invited to our Adult Fellowship broadcast and listen to our speaker from your home. Join us tomorrow, October 19th at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Robert C. Plumb, author and member of Potomac Presbyterian Church speaking on his most recent book: *The Better Angels: Five Women Who Changed Civil War America*. Please join us on our [Worship Live page](#) or contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7540 for phone-in Zoom instructions.

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held on our [Worship Live page](#) on Sunday, Nov 1, at 1:00 pm after our online worship. All who have lost loved ones in the recent past are welcome to attend virtually, remember, and celebrate eternal life in Christ Jesus. If you'd like to make an appointment to visit the columbarium or have questions, please contact lmartin@nationalpres.org.

Care Packages for Troops

The Military Ministry is partnering with the West Point Parents Group to send care packages to deployed troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.

- Shop now: [please click here](#) to see the shopping list.
- Drop off: Sunday, Nov 7, 9-11 am, you can drive to NPC, pop your trunk, and a team will be ready to collect your items.
- Help with packing: Want to help pack? Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to register to pack at 11:00-1:00 the same day. This activity is open to all!

Mission Meet-up

Kim R. Ford, Director of Martha's Table, will be joining us for an update on the impact that NPC is making on hunger in the DC area. Grab your lunch after worship and join us Nov 8, at 1:00 pm via Zoom. Contact sobanion@nationpres.org for the link.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection Wednesdays, 7-7:45pm ET

You are invited to join us on our [Worship Live page](#) as Dr. Renwick explores Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School

You are invited to join us! You can check out our options for each group here:

- [Adult Sunday School info](#)
- [Children Sunday School info](#)
- [Youth Sunday School info](#)

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others and enjoy conversation. To join in, simply click the "Connect LIVE" button above the livestream window after the service.

Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 12-1 pm. A Pastor, Stephen Minister, or Deacon will be prepared to take your call. If all lines are busy, please leave a voicemail with your name and number and you will receive a return call. Phone: (202) 800-9121.

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Because of your financial generosity, National continues to bear powerful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ at this critical time. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving or text "NPC" to 77977.

Have you subscribed to us on YouTube?

Did you know that many resources are available on our YouTube channel? We've just posted Dr. Renwick's full 4-part series on race. [Click here to visit our channel.](#)

COVID is just plain hard!

We are in this together. The Care/Connections staff have prepared [resources to use during this time](#). Use them on your own or share with a friend. Feeling Isolated? Grieving? Anxious? Needing to have a hard conversation with someone? Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or contact [Liz Martin](#) or [Leslie Saum](#).

Re-gathering Volunteers Needed

Step one to re-gathering is to recruit and train volunteers to act as greeters, guides and ushers. If you would like to help please [click here](#) to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

Come and Add Your Prayer Stone

We welcome everyone to visit the Prayer Pathway of Hope display here on the NPC campus (at the Van Ness St. entrance). You can write a prayer on stones provided, and place with others' prayers as you meditate on a tranquil pathway of hope-filled Scriptures. Questions? Please email LSaum@Nationalpres.org or call 202-537-7494.