

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Staying Connected in Christ*  
**6 P. M. EVENING WORSHIP, Sunday, November 8, 2020**

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

**WELCOME AND STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Rev. Donna Marsh

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING SONGS** *please sing!*

By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty

**Verse 1:**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness.  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

**Chorus:**

We will stand as children of the promise.  
We will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

**Verse 2:**

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

**Chorus**

**Verse 3:**

By faith the mountain shall be moved,  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible.  
For all who call upon his name

**Chorus (2x)**

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Chris Tomlin

**Verse 1**

All the way my Savior leads me. Who have I to ask beside?  
How could I doubt His tender mercy?  
Who through life has been my guide.  
All the way my Savior leads me and cheers each winding path I tread.  
And gives me grace for ev'ry trial; feeds me with the living Bread.

**Chorus**

You lead me and keep me from falling,  
You carry me close to your heart.  
And surely your goodness and mercy will follow me.

**Verse 2**

All the way my Savior leads me. O the fullness of his love!  
O the sureness of his promise in the triumph of his blood.  
When my spirit clothed immortal wings its flight to realms of day.  
This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!  
Jesus led me all the way!

**Chorus (2x)**

Will follow me...All the way my Savior leads me

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Rev. Katie Francis

God of love, in the wrong that we have done, and in the good we have not done,  
we have sinned in ignorance,  
we have sinned in weakness,  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

In repentance to you and before each other, we turn to you.

Forgive us, gracious God, and renew us by the power of your Spirit,  
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.**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Dave Hunt

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end  
They are new every morning, new every morning,  
Great is thy faithfulness O Lord, great is thy faithfulness.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 37:11-36 (selected); 50:15-21**

Dr. David Renwick

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Joseph: Faithful and Merciful

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

He's Always Been Faithful

Sarah Groves

**Verse 1**

Morning by morning I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine  
Season by season I watch him amazed  
In awe of the myst'ry of his perfect ways

**Chorus 1**

All I have need of his hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me

**Verse 2**

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
 He did not recycle to bring me gain  
 I can't remember one single regret  
 In serving God only and trusting his hand

**Verse 3**

This is my anthem this is my song  
 The theme of the stories I've heard for so long  
 God has been faithful, he will be again.  
 His loving compassion, it knows no end

**Chorus 2**

All I have need of his hand will provide.  
 He's always been faithful....  
 He's always been faithful....  
 He's always been faithful to me.

**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.

**EVENING 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 AND OFFERING -- please sing and make your offering online!**

Your Grace Is Enough

Matt Maher

**Verse 1**

Great is your faithfulness, oh God.  
 You wrestle with the sinner's heart,  
 You lead us by still waters into mercy,  
 And nothing can keep us apart

**Pre-chorus**

So remember your people

Remember your children  
Remember your promise, O God

***Chorus***

*Your grace is enough for me.*

**Verse 2**

Great is your love and justice, God.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of your salvation,  
And all your people sing along

**Pre-chorus**

***Chorus (2x)***

**Pre-chorus**

***Chorus***

Your grace is enough.  
Heaven's reaching down to us.  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough for me,  
And I'm covered in your love.  
Your grace is enough for me.

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Kristin Franke

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

Band Members

Joanna Zorack-Greene  
Ethan Greene  
Anita Apted  
Carlos Balta  
Dave Orcutt  
Brandon Breazale  
Dave Thompson

# Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

## Prayers

We grieve the death Eric Williams Sr., on November 2, 2020. Please email [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) to be informed about memorial services.

Please pray for the NPC youth. Pray for God's encouragement and guidance as they grow, and for a missionary boldness to share the good news of Jesus.

## Veteran's Day Sunday

We are delighted to welcome as our scripture reader today, NPC member Colonel Kenneth (Ken) W. Rathje, Jr. (U.S. Army, ret.). Ken graduated from West Point, and completed 30 years of military service, which was recognized with the awarding of both the Legion of Merit Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. Ken presently attends Wesley Seminary, and has been approved by the NPC session as an Inquirer for the ministry. In our worship on this Sunday we normally honor those who have served our nation in the military by asking all those active and retired to stand. This year at the beginning of worship we will pause for a moment of silent prayer in recognition and thanksgiving for their service.

## Online Congregational Meeting

An online congregational meeting is called for **Sunday, November 15, at noon**, following the 11:00 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and vote on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) on new session members, deacons, board members of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of the new CNC. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the list of proposed nominees and their background information.

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Kathryn Ruth Anderson McDivitt by her brother, Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

## Adult Fellowship Meeting Online

Join us on, Nov 16th at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Herman B. Bouma, an associate with National Association for Objectivity in Science and member of the congregation. His presentation is entitled "*Charles Darwin's Response to His Critics and its Relevance for Today.*"

## Thanksgiving Day: Food & Clothing Drive

Give grace before you say grace this year on Thanksgiving! NPC will be holding a drive-through contact-free food and warm clothing drive on Thursday, Nov 26, 9-11 am. Please [click here](#) for the shopping list and more info.

## Family-Friendly Thanksgiving Worship

Please [join us online](#) at 11:30 am on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, as Pastor Katie Francis leads us in a special worship service. What a wonderful way to give thanks!

## Stewardship 2021

Make your commitment today!

**Building Faith  
Together in 2021**  
Can you commit to  
supporting God's



work in and through NPC in 2021? Please [click here](#) to make your commitment. And as always, thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

### **Family Advent Wreath Workshop**

On Sunday, Nov 29 at 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm, start the Christmas season right! Join us to make your family's advent wreath to use in your spiritual preparation for Christmas. Pick up your supply kit or join us at one of two seatings. As space is limited, reservations are required. [Please click here to register.](#)

### **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. Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving) or text "NPC" to 77977.

### **National Presbyterian School**

Parents interested in National Presbyterian School are invited to join a weekly small group information session via Zoom. NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for Nursery (Age 3) through Sixth Grade. [Click here](#) for more information visit or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, [kharvey@nps-dc.org](mailto:kharvey@nps-dc.org) or (202) 537-7508.

### **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.

### **These times are 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.

### **Learn & Grow**

#### **Wednesday Faith Connection**

We will be taking a break for the month of November. See you for Advent Vespers in December!

#### **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](#)