

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, November 8, 2020

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Voluntary on "America the Beautiful" Chad Staten
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP 2 Chronicles 7:14
If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray,
and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

HYMN *please sing!* Eternal Father, Strong to Save *Melita*
1. Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, The Navy Hymn
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

CONFESSION OF SIN Dr. Quinn Fox
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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *please sing!*

Melita

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour:
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Katie Francis

SCRIPTURE

Colonel Kenneth W. Rathje, Jr., U.S. Army (Retired)

Acts 19:8-10, 23-27

⁸Paul entered the synagogue at Ephesus and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.

²³About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. ²⁴A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. ²⁵These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, 'Men, you know that we get our wealth from this business. ²⁶You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. ²⁷And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Turning the World Right Side Up
Acts 19:28-41

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Schumann

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Donna Marsh

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 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Lord, Speak to Me Sheldon Curry

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.
O teach me, Lord that I may teach the precious things that you impart;
and wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your truth to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when and where;
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share. Frances Havergal

Dr. Michael Denham, Ethan Greene, and Joanna Zorack-Greene

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *please sing!*

Take My Life

Hendon

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
take my lips, and let them be;
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.
3. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
every pow'r as thou shalt choose, every pow'r as thou shalt choose.

4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Havergal

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies
Mr. Fickley

Choral Ensemble:

Suzanne Karpov
Joanna Zorack-Greene
Mary Ellen Cain
Michael Denham
Sam Scarrow
Ethan Greene

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

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.

Prayers

We grieve the death Eric Williams Sr., on November 2, 2020. Please email 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'd.). 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.

Evening Contemporary Worship Tonight!

We are excited to announce that we will be having an evening contemporary in-person worship service on Sunday, Nov 8, at 6:00 pm. This service will be online as well. As with all in-person events, registration will be required, and capacity is limited. [Please click here to register to attend.](#)

Virtual Mission Meet-up today, at 1:00 pm
Kim R. Ford, **CEO 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. [Click here](#) for the link or contact jturpin@nationalpres.org with questions. All invited!

Virtual Military Ministry Meeting

The Military Ministry will meet via Zoom on today at 1:00 pm. Three Presbyterian chaplains who are serving our troops around the world will join us and talk about their call to military chaplaincy and the rewards & challenges they face in their ministry. All are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Liz Martin in the Care Office at LMartin@nationalpres.org. All invited!

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.

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!

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!

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.](#)

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.

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](#)

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 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 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.