

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *“Staying Connected in Christ”*

*(See Announcements page 5)*

11 A. M. ET ONLINE WORSHIP, MAY 24, 2020

### WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE** Lux Aeterna (Nimrod from Enigma Variations) Sir Edward Elgar  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME** Dr. David Renwick

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**ALL: Jesus said: “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations.”**

**The first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

**The Apostle Paul said: Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.**

**PASTOR:** Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship the God who hears our prayers!

Mark 11:17; Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**HYMN** *please sing!* God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand *National Hymn*

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
or shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
thy word our law, thy paths our hosen way.
3. From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine;  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison*

Dr. Joyce Emery

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,  
you know the thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,  
and have done evil in your sight.

Wash us from the stains of our sins,  
and give us grace and strength to put away hurtful things.

Deliver us from bondage to sin  
that we may bring forth fruits of repentance,  
and may at last enter into your promised joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.      Alcuin of York

**SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *please sing!*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Dr. David Renwick

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.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 6:1-18**

Elder Glenn Schmitt  
Colonel, USAR

- <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- <sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- <sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- <sup>7</sup>“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.<sup>9</sup>“Pray then in this way:
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
- <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.
- <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- <sup>13</sup>And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.
- <sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

**SERMON**

Who’s Watching?

Rev. Donna Marsh

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*St. Stephen*

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may pray, we humbly come to ask for grace, while trusting you each day. Of all our prayers, may this be chief: Till faith is fully grown, Lord, disbelieve our unbelief, and claim us as your own.  
Fred Pratt Green (alt.)

**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.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.  
O Lord, my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer. O Lord. based on Psalm 19:14

**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.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING** Dr. Joyce Emery & Elder Glenn Schmitt, Colonel, USAR

*Stephen Ministers Commissioned:* Gretchen Asmuth, Lori Christy, Mary Palmer, Mike Unger

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Dr. Quinn Fox

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *sung by Sheri Jackson*

Albert Hay Malotte

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**HYMN** *please sing!*

Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught

*Kingsfold*

1. Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught first clear the cluttered heart.  
Make room to breathe the living thought those well-worn words impart.  
Dismiss the fear that this world drifts with no one in command.  
Your pulse and breath are signs and gifts from God's attentive hand.
2. Refine and test each passing aim against this final one:  
Has your life hallowed heaven's name and has God's will been done?  
Discard each vengeful hope that's fed the dreams of wars you'll win,  
Then freely ask for daily bread and pardon from your sin.
3. Examine how temptation breeds inside the mind's dark maze,  
Acknowledging that your life needs deliverance from its ways.  
By faithful discipline prepare an inward holy space  
That when you offer Jesus' prayer your heart may fill with grace.

Thomas H. Troeger

**BENEDICTION and PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Donna Marsh

**POSTLUDE**

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies  
Todd Fickley, organ

# Let's Stay Connected

## Announcements for You

### Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cornelis Huijssoon by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25th birthday.

### Stephen Ministry

We are deeply grateful for the gifts of the new Stephen Ministers commissioned today: Gretchen Asmuth, Lori Christy, Mary Palmer, and Mike Unger. We cherish the dedication of all our [Stephen Ministers](#) who serve so willingly.

### Military Ministry

As Memorial Day approaches, we are very interested in getting a complete list of all in our congregation who are currently serving, or have served, in the military. If you have served, or are currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact Ginny Beeson, Chair of the Military Ministry Committee, via email at [gabbybeeson@comcast.net](mailto:gabbybeeson@comcast.net) with your service, rank/rate and status, e.g. Ginny Beeson, Captain, USN (Ret). If you are AD, we'd love to know where you are serving and what you are doing. We are requesting this information because we would like to recognize our military members on special days like Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, and we currently do not have an accurate list. Thank you!

### Deacons Can Help!

National Presbyterian Church Deacons are called, trained and ordained to be of service in the name of Christ to members and friends of NPC. Each one is actively engaged in caring ministries during this time of the COVID19 Pandemic. If you are in need of the care of a Deacon (a weekly check in, a person to pray with your regularly, a person who knows your needs) please contact the Care Office at 202-537-7540 or email Liz Martin at [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) to be connected to a Deacon. Our Deacons are organized by regions and certainly there is one close to you. We have been publishing these regional lists for the past few weeks and have included the final list below. You can learn more about their services [here](#) or view the full list of Deacons [here](#).

### Virginia Deacons:

Regional Coordinator: Roger Coy

Jane Crumpler | Ryan Crumpler | Lewrene Glaser  
Dana Granville | Claudia Hamblen  
Phil Harris | Kim Keriakos | Kristin Koegel  
Bryan Smith | Barbara Young

### Livestream Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

Join Dr. Renwick and our musicians as we explore God's word for us in the [New Testament Letter to the Colossians](#) – a letter written to one of the most vibrant churches of the first century.

### THIS WEEK:

May 27 – Jesus' Life in Our Lives (Col. 3:1-17)

### UPCOMING:

June 3 – Jesus' Life in Our Relationships

June 10 – Jesus' Team at Work

Visit [nationalpres.org](http://nationalpres.org) to join in.

### Join an Online Small Group

Since 2015 some 500 people at National have experienced a small group. Some have been meeting since the very beginning. Others have joined groups along the way for a season. The initial commitment is six weeks. Invite someone you know to join with you as you connect in a meaningful way with others! For more information, go to [www.nationalpres.org/small-groups](http://www.nationalpres.org/small-groups).

### 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 in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners.

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

### Prayer LIVE – Today!

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call between noon and 1:00 p.m. 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 #: 1-202 -800-9121