

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Staying Connected in Christ”
11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020
WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Partita on “This Is My Father’s World” Michael Burkhardt
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us in the person of Jesus
Bearing the glory of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-3,14

HYMN *please sing!* I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
 that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
 I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
 the moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
 Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eyes;
 if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies.
3. There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known;
 and clouds arise, and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
 while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
 and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there. Isaac Watts

CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. Donna Marsh

Wondrous God, you have set sun and moon above us, mountain and valley beneath us,
 providing evidence of your creating hands.
 Yet in sin we often hide from your presence.
Saving God, you took our human flesh upon yourself in Jesus Christ our Lord,
 disclosing to us your nature and character.
 Yet in disobedience we turn from you and fail to follow him.
Enabling God, you have freely poured out your Holy Spirit,
 convicting us of sin and filling us with us the very mind of Christ.
 Yet we ignore the Spirit’s promptings and fail to use your gifts in faithful service.

In your mercy, Lord, put away our sins, as far as the east is from the west,
and turn us back to the path set before us in 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!*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Joyce Emery

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose to serve God, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Carter James Donaldson

Son of Kelsey Link Donaldson and Justin Vance Donaldson

Prayer of Response

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

Rev. Donna Marsh

- 1 **The heavens are telling the glory of God;** and the skies proclaim his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

- 7 **The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;**
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Tuning Out or Tuning In?

Dr. Renwick

Luke 4:1-21

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN *please sing!*

Angel's Story

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

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 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.
The cold wing in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

DOXOLOGY *please sing!*

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. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *please sing!*

Lord, Speak to Me

Canonbury

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought. So let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Mr. Fickley

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 Doris Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

Prayers

Our Mission Prayer is The Church in Greater DC. Pray for Christians in our city as we all worship remotely and seek to love and serve the Lord.

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Following worship, 12-12:30 pm on Zoom, you are invited to a casual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others. To join, 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.

Celebrate our Groundbreaking with us online!

A day we have all been waiting for has finally arrived! We will be celebrating the kick-off of our Capital Building Project, *Building Together for the Next 50 Years*, with a special online groundbreaking ceremony. Join us around noon or simply stay [online after the worship service](#) next week, Sept 6. We'll see you there!

Labor Day Weekend Sept 6

We have a couple of very special events! [Click here for more info.](#)

- 9:00 am we will have an outdoor socially distanced service in our parking lot. Space is limited and **RSVPs** will be required for each family member. [Please click here to RSVP.](#)
- 11:00 am Worship online
- 12:00 pm Groundbreaking! (online-see above)

News Concerning Re-gathering

[Read the latest update about our progress toward re-opening from Dr. Renwick here.](#)

Learn & Grow

Adult Sunday School Speaker Series

Join us virtually on Sunday 9:45-10:45 am as we hear from speakers across the country. Aug 30: Steve Park, Executive Director and Founder, Little Lights Urban Ministries, "*The Gospel and Race in DC's Urban Context*" [Click here](#) for more info. Missed a speaker? [Catch up here!](#)

Children and Youth Sunday School

We are on a break! We wrapped up our wonderful Faith Heroes study and will resume Children and Youth Sunday School on Sept 13.

Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45pm ET

We will take a 1-week break on Sept 2. You are invited to join us Wednesday, Sept. 9 on our [Worship Live page](#) as Dr. Renwick explores Paul's [Letter to the Galatians](#).

Pathway of Christian Discipleship

Interested in becoming a church member or learning more about Christian faith? You're invited to attend the two half-day virtual new member classes, 9:30-12:30, on Sat, Sept 26 and Oct 3. For more information please contact Kemet Rakiatu at krakiatu@nationalpres.org or 202-537-7578.

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.

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.

Fall Events at NPC

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Sunday, Sept 6: **(Labor Day Weekend) Special Events** [more info](#)

9:00 am in-person drive up worship at in our parking lot, space will be limited and pre-registration is required. [Please click here to RSVP.](#)

11:00 am online worship service and Communion

12:00 noon celebrate the beginning of our Building Together construction project with an online groundbreaking!

Sunday, Sept 6: **Kick-off of Sunday teaching series** – Acts [more info](#)

Following Jesus: The Faith Life of the First Christians, teaching series journeying through Acts by Dr. David Renwick

Wednesday, Sept 9: **Kick-off of Wednesday night Faith Connection** – Galatians by Dr. David Renwick [more info](#)

Sunday, Sept 13: **Military Ministry** [more info](#)

All are welcome to join us at 1:00 pm for online fellowship with a guest speaker, Col. James D. Tims, USAF, Chaplain at the National Security Agency.

Sunday Sept 13: **School Fall Kick-Off** [more info](#)

Adults Sunday School [more info](#)

This fall four classes will meet online via the Zoom platform, beginning at 9:30 am. Visit <https://nationalpres.org/adults>.

Children's Sunday School [more info](#)

This fall our Sunday school program will be completely virtual. We are planning to host 4 classes each Sunday online.

Youth Sunday School [more info](#)

- Virtual Sunday School: Sundays, 9:30 am, beginning September 13
- Virtual Book Club: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, beginning September 15
- In-person Youth Group: Sundays, 5:00-6:00 pm, beginning September 13
- Special In-person events and leadership for Club 45

Saturday, Sept. 19 **Drive-Thru Food Drive**

A chance to help! 4:00–6:00 pm, bring non-perishable food and personal supplies to the church parking lot to benefit [Central Union Mission](#) and [The University of the District of Columbia \(UDC\) food pantry](#).

Monday, Sept 21: **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** [more info](#)

Join us on Monday, Sept 21 at 11:00 am online. Our speaker will be Captain Lyman M. Smith (Retired), Director of the Presbyterian Council of Chaplains and he will be speaking about "*The How, Where, When of My Life in Ministry.*"

Sept 26, Oct 3: **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class** [more info](#)

What are the next steps along the pathway of learning more about Christianity and National Presbyterian? Find out here!