

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Staying Connected in Christ*  
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, January 24, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. David Renwick

**OPENING SONG** *please sing!* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

arr. Keith Getty

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
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*Coronation*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Rev. Katie Francis

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. In your mercy, fill it.

I am weak in faith, and do not trust you fully. By your Spirit, grant me strength.

I am cold in love and often doubt. Knowing the embrace of Christ, grant me confidence and a fervent love toward my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord. Forgive me when I sin and turn from your ways;  
and renew my faith and trust in you.

Martin Luther (adapted)

**SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

**RESPONSE** *please sing!*                      May the Peoples Praise You                      Stuart Townend and Keith Getty  
You have called us out of darkest night into your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.  
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy, and endless light.  
*May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad,  
For the blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus. 2x*

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Cate McCrory

**SCRIPTURE**

**Romans 4:1-5, 16-25**

Deacon Joanna Chai

What then are we (the members of God’s ancient people Israel) to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was brought into a just and right relationship with God by works, he has something to boast about – but not towards God. <sup>3</sup>For what does God say in the scripture? Just this: that “*Abraham believed God, and his faith was reckoned to him as the means by which he became ‘rightly related’ to God!*” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift, but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who, without works, trusts in the God who brings the ungodly into a just and right relationship with himself, such faith is reckoned as “right-relatedness” ...

<sup>16</sup>For this reason, right-relatedness to God depends on faith, in order that God’s promise to Abraham may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants: not only to the members of God’s ancient people Israel (the adherents of the covenant law made with Moses) but also to those who share the kind of faith of that Abraham had. For he is the father of all of us (Jew and Gentile alike) – <sup>17</sup> just as God promised Abraham and confirmed in Scripture: ‘*I have made you the father of many ethnic peoples*’.

In the presence of the God in whom Abraham trusted, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, <sup>18</sup>Abraham hoped against hope, believing the promise that he would become ‘*the father of many ethnic peoples,*’ according to what was also promised in the Scripture: ‘*So numerous shall your descendants be.*’

<sup>19</sup>Indeed, Abraham did not weaken in faith – even when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of his wife Sarah’s womb.

<sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his ‘*faith was reckoned to him as the means by which he became rightly-related*’ to God.

<sup>23</sup>Now the words, ‘*it was reckoned to him*’, were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who put our faith in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification – that is: raised in order to bring us into a just and right relationship with God. (NRSV, adapted)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Faith That Makes Things Right  
Romans 3:21-28; Genesis 12-17

Dr. Renwick

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### RESPONSE

Fernando Ortega

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fading light,  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.  
In him is all my righteousness, oft thought by some a foolishness;  
But faith will hold God's gift to bless at the cross.  
*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, well-spring of my soul.  
I will trust in him, no other; my soul is satisfied in him alone.*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Quinn Fox

Apart from the law, the righteousness of God has now been disclosed,  
the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.  
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;  
but are now justified by his grace as a gift,  
through redemption that is in Christ Jesus.  
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded.  
By what law? The law of works? No, by the law of faith.  
For we hold that we are justified by faith,  
apart from works prescribed by the law.

from Romans 3, adapted

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

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

Rev. Donna Marsh

#### By Faith

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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.  
By faith our forebears walked the earth with the power of God's promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.  
*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.*  
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.  
By faith the church was called to go, in the power of the Spirit, to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.  
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Marsh

**CLOSING SONG** *please sing!*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Nettleton*

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love!
2. By your grace may I remember, hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Renwick

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

Joanna Zorack-Greene and Band

# Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the NPC Facilities Council in honor of Diane Stewart, NPC's Facilities Director, with gratitude for her remarkable skills, perseverance and grace as she continues to adeptly guide the construction and renovation of our church and campus.

## Learn & Grow

### Wednesday Faith Connection

Join us on our [Worship Live page](#) at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in January. Associate Pastor Dr. Quinn Fox continues the series, *Why Presbyterian? Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*, an exploration into the history, doctrine and polity (how we make decisions) of the Presbyterian tradition.

### Adults

Sundays in January at 9:30 am, we're offering a fantastic series of speakers on topics relevant to today. [Please click here for more info or to join the class.](#)

- This week: The newly appointed Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, Margaret Kibben, *There Is a Chaplain in the House!*
- Next week: Anne Zaki, "*The Forgotten Church: The Cradle of our Faith*"

### Children & Youth

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

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

## Prayers

*We pray for:*

Mandy Brown, Jim Lawler, Rick Polhamus

*We pray for our mission partners, including:*

University Divitia Gratiae in Moldova, as they educate Christian leaders in theology, social work, business and education.

*Please submit prayer requests to:*

Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org),  
202.537.7540

## Super SANDWICH Sunday, Feb 7

Before the kickoff to the big game, play your part in the winning drive! Our goal, with your help from home, is to provide 800 sandwich and 100 trail mix bags to Martha's Table. On Feb 7, drive by NPC between 2:00-3:00 pm to drop off your donations, and then head home to catch the first pass! Please [click here](#) for more info.

## Mission Meetup: Unique Learning Center

Sunday, Jan 31, 1:00 pm [via zoom](#)  
Join ULC Director Sherry Woods and NPC youth who have interned at ULC as they share stories from the ministry's deep and fruitful investment in the youth of the Shaw neighborhood in DC and tell us how to get involved in the season ahead. Contact: [jturpin@nationalpres.org](mailto:jturpin@nationalpres.org).

## Dr. Renwick's Teaching Series are now on YouTube

Want to grow in faith? [Click here](#) to watch

- *Colossians*
- *Galatians*
- *Matters of Race*

...and to see other classes on our YouTube channel.

### **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.

### **Now Hiring!**

- We are seeking a Youth Ministry Associate to support our growing and active youth ministry. To apply, visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs).
- Are you organized with great written communication skills? The Communications Department is seeking a part-time Communications Contractor. Visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs) for more information and the job description.

### **COVID times are just plain hard!**

Feeling isolated or anxious? Grieving in these difficult days? Needing to have a hard conversation with someone? 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. 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.

### **Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!**

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? For easy and safe online giving, please visit [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving). To give by phone, just text “NPC” to 77977.

### **My NPC (NPC Online): New in 2021!**

NPC Online will be changing its name - all the same features but called “My NPC!”

#### What does My NPC (NPC Online) do?

This is our church database, and more. Here you can:

- Access the password-protected church directory
- Update your profile to keep NPC in the loop about address changes etc.
- View your private giving information
- And more!

#### Don't have an account?

[Click here](#) and “Request Account.”

#### How can my church family find me?

Have you checked out your privacy settings? Once you've logged in, click on your name in the upper right corner, then *Actions*, then *Privacy* to make any adjustments.