

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11 am Online Worship, April 11, 2021

EASTERTIDE

COMMUNION

### WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. David Renwick

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN** *please sing!*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Indeed!

*Llanfair*

1. Christ the Lord is risen indeed! *Alleluia!*  
From sin’s wage have we been freed: *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high: *Alleluia!*  
Sing, O heav’ns and earth reply, *Alleluia!*
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!*  
Fought the fight, the battle won: *Alleluia!*  
Death in vain forbade him rise; *Alleluia!*  
Christ has opened paradise, *Alleluia!*
3. Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now your sting? *Alleluia!*  
Jesus died our souls to save, *Alleluia!*  
Where your victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*
4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to you by both be given: *Alleluia!*  
Every knee to you shall bow, *Alleluia!*  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley (alt)

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison*

Rev. Katie Francis

Almighty God,

We know that your power alone is eternal,  
while that of others is only borrowed from you.

We know that in your merciful providence,  
you will one day restore and recreate all things in your beloved Son.

Yet here on earth we remain divided and alienated  
by the ravages of sin and the debates of our age.

In our need we seek your mercy and forgiveness,  
and your power to do what is right.  
So govern us and those in authority over us  
that all families and nations may be drawn to the Good News  
of Christ's just and gentle rule;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from William Tyndale, 1494-1536

#### **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. Renwick

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Romans 13:1-7

Elder Peter Hogge

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; <sup>4</sup>for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

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

#### **SERMON**

God and Government

Dr. David Renwick

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

#### **HYMN** *please sing!*

Blessing and Honor

*O quanta qualia*

1. Blessing and honor and glory and power,  
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore.  
Give we to Christ who our battle has won,  
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

2. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb,  
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
Dying in weakness but rising to reign.

Horatius Bonar

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Francis

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**

Rev. Francis

The Last Words of King David

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,  
Even a morning without clouds, as the tender grass  
Springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia.

2 Samuel 23:3-4

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution and Distribution  
Music Meditation

Mr. Fickley, piano

Prayer of Response 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.

**HYMN** *please sing!*

O Lord, You Are Our God and King

*Jerusalem*

1. O Lord, you are our God and King, and we will ever bless your name;  
We will extol you every day, and ever more your praise proclaim.  
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised, your greatness is beyond our thought;  
All generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

2. Your works will give you thanks, O Lord, your saints your mighty acts will show,  
Till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, pow'r and glory know.  
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure;  
While generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure. *The Psalter, 1912*

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. David Renwick

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

At Easter-tide

C. V. Stanford  
Mr. Fickley, organ

# Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

## New to National?

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Here are some easy ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!  
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

## Today!

### Communion

Today, April 11, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.](#)

### Virtual Coffee Hour/Meet the Pastor

"Meet the pastor" today in our virtual coffee hour, right after worship. [Dr. David Renwick](#) will be there to meet and greet you personally. Just [click here](#) or click the blue Connect LIVE button on your screen to join in!

### 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. You will receive a return call. Phone: (202) 800-9121.

### Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Elizabeth Wenger Stone, former Director of The Library and Archives by Mr. J. Theodore Anderson.

## Prayers

*We pray for:* members and friends of National Presbyterian Church who are experiencing hardship.

*We pray for our mission partners including:* Central Union Mission as they provide Christian ministry to the homeless and vulnerable in DC.

*How can we pray for you?*

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), 202.537.7540

## Mission Meet-up April 18

Join us at 1:00 pm online next Sunday as Doug Gotcher, President of European Christian Mission, International, (ECMI-USA) presents the strategic work of ECM, an international, interdenominational network with the shared passion to see Europe changed by Jesus' love. For information on how to join, please [click here](#).

## Adult Fellowship Broadcast, April 19

Please join us online on Monday, April 19 at 1:00 pm for our next Adult Fellowship Broadcast. Peter A. Byrd, Co-Chairman of our History and Archives Committee and a former tour guide at the US Capitol will be presenting *My 25 years at the US Capitol*. Please [click here](#) for information on how to join.

## We are a congregation that loves to serve! Next hands-on event: April 25, 2:00-3:30 pm

You can help our mission partner Central Union Mission to help local families. Drive through our collection station at the church to drop off pre-packed toiletry gift bags. For more information and suggested items for donation please [click here](#).

## Learn & Grow

### Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Faith Connection resumes 7:00 pm Wednesdays **starting April 14** as Dr. Renwick kicks off a series in 1 Corinthians. [Join us online!](#)

### 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](#)

### Vacation Bible School

[Registration is now open here.](#) NPC will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 28 - July 2, 2021. We are planning to be outdoors on the NPC Campus. Due to space constraints and social-distancing requirements, we are only able to accept campers from the NPC and NPS community. Join us for this fun, faith-filled adventure! Please contact [mlehard@nationalpres.org](mailto:mlehard@nationalpres.org) for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here](#).

### 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.

**Struggling with Covid isolation? We are here for you.** These pandemic days are just plain hard, yet we are in this together! The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that might help on topics like isolation, anxiety, and difficult conversations. Use them on your own or share with a friend. Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or reach out to [Liz Martin](#) in the Care Office if we can help.

## NPC Job Openings

### Bookkeeper

We're seeking a Bookkeeper with superb attention to detail and strong organization and communication skills. We need a quick learner who will interact well with our congregation and staff. The position requires familiarity with QuickBooks and basic financial operations. It includes accounting and administrative tasks. A minimum of two days per week, working onsite in person is required. Experience in bookkeeping for a non-profit or church is preferred. Please [click here](#) for more info and the job description.

To preserve complete confidentiality, we would prefer that the bookkeeper come from outside our congregation, but we welcome your help in finding qualified applicants. Applications should be sent to [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org).

### Communications Contractor

Are you organized, own some great written communication skills and know what a hashtag is used for? The Communications Department is seeking a part-time Communications Contractor. This is a job with room to grow! Visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs) for more information and the job description. Please email [cwilkerson@nationalpres.org](mailto:cwilkerson@nationalpres.org) with your cover letter and resume.

### **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.

### **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.



# APRIL 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

## OUR NEW MEZZANINE:

# THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY!

For the first time **EVER**, our mezzanine floor is united! With the former stage removed, everyone can easily reach all the rooms in the church building. In fact, we think the Mezzanine will become the core location for much of our church life together.

On the Van Ness side of the church building, we have three **MEETING ROOMS**, the new **FLOWER ROOM**, and the renovated **KITCHENETTE**. We can envision our congregants stepping off the new elevators, grabbing their coffee and heading off to Sunday School classes.



A short walk to the other side of the floor, you reach the **LIBRARY** and new Restrooms. The **NURSERY / TODDLER ROOM** is directly across from the Library, and features a kitchenette and bathroom, equipped with a pint-sized toilet for our young ones.

And from the center of the Mezzanine level, you can walk between the future **CENTRAL STAIRS** to reach our **GARDEN ROOMS** and **FOUNTAIN GARDEN**.



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Flower Room cabinets



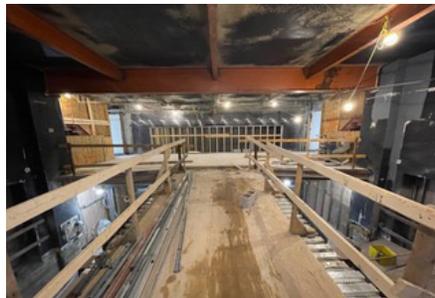
Kitchenette in Elevator Lobby



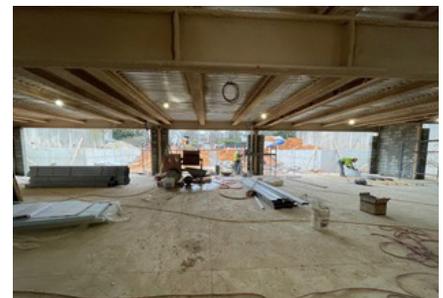
Library progress



Walkway between Central Stairs to Garden Rooms



View from the Garden Rooms back into the Church Building



Garden Rooms taking shape



# MISSION COMMITMENT



WyldLife leaders and kids enjoy a paintball outing



Phillip Ford leading worship for Young Life staff

Capital Campaign Partner **WyldLife**, the middle school thrust of **Young Life**, is grateful for NPC's prayers and financial support as they seek to model and express God's love to their young friends during COVID in Southeast D.C.

Earlier this year, recent staff hire Phillip Ford, who grew up in Southeast D.C., reached out to all of the parents and guardians of the students who were involved in WyldLife prior to the pandemic – quite a challenging task! After many unreturned calls, he finally connected with the grandmother of one of the former students. She expressed the impact WyldLife had on her grandson over the past couple of years, and immediately connected Phillip with him. This relationship has grown into a discipleship group with middle school guys who meet weekly and enjoy outdoor activities like paintball and basketball.

As they re-launch their ministry to reach out to middle school teenagers in Southeast D.C., the Young Life staff have relied upon Jesus' words: *If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.* (Luke 16:10)

## CAPITAL \$ CAMPAIGN



We are accomplishing all this as we **BUILD TOGETHER** plus we are giving \$1 million to our Mission partners thanks to your incredible generosity!

Help us finish this inspiring project! We are ready to assist you in any way possible. Just email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org) or (202) 537-7484.

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