

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11:00 am Online Worship, April 25, 2021

EASTERTIDE

### WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

A Double Voluntary

John Blow  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. David Renwick

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN** *please sing!*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Austrian Hymn*

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows thy thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.
3. Savior, if of Zion’s city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity; I will glory in thy name.  
Fading are the world’s best pleasures, all its boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures none by Zion’s children know.

John Newton, 1779

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
You created heaven and earth, and rule over all.  
You are the true, the only God, with no other above you.  
You are infinite in mercy, abounding in lovingkindness  
from generation to generation.

Yet we continue to turn from you in disobedience and sin.

Forgive us, gracious God.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen us to obey and trust your word,  
that in faithful service and joy we may come to know you more and more.

Adapted from Irenaeus of Lyons

## 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 9:1-9

Janice Sessing

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said, 'About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

God and Israel: Can God's Word Fail?

Dr. Renwick

Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 3:7-10

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Allein Gott in der Höh*

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,

My heart still trusteth in God's might; it doubteth not nor feareth:

So let the Israelites in heart, born of the Spirit, do their part, and wait till God appeareth.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. 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.

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Rev. Marsh

**OFFERTORY**

Ain't Got Time to Die

Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm healin' the sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus. Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to praise my Lord.

*If I don't praise him the rocks are gonna cry out, "Glory and honor!"* Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin; for the kingdom, ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm feedin' the poor, I'm praisin' my Jesus. Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to praise my Lord.

*If I don't praise him the rocks are gonna cry out, "Glory and honor!"* Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master, ain't got time to die.

'Cause when I'm givin' my all I'm praisin' my Jesus. Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus, all of my time to praise my Lord.

*If I don't praise him the rocks are gonna cry out, "Glory and honor!"* Ain't got time to die.

with Suzanne Karpov, soprano

**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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Quinn 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.

**HYMN** *please sing!*

The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

1. The God of Abraham Praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
To him lift up your voice, at whose supreme command  
From earth we rise, and seek the joys at God's right hand.
2. God's word is always sure, and ever will remain,  
God's purposes endure from age to age the same.  
No other can prevail, though enemies be strong,  
For sov'reign majesty and strength to God belong.
3. Our God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, Holy, Holy," cry, "Almighty King!"  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be;  
Our faithful Father, great I AM, eternally.

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Renwick

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

A Trumpet Air

John Reading  
Mr. Fickley, organ

### **Annual Meeting Announcement**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held **online at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.**

The primary business will be:

- 1) to receive the annual report; [click here](#) to view the 2020 Annual Report
- 2) to act on the following motion from the Session:  
*that the Congregation amend the Terms of Call of Dr. David A. Renwick to remove his housing equity-sharing loan and replace it with a commensurate annual reimbursement of \$23,000, effective April 1, 2021.*

Explanation of Motion: Dr. Renwick's original terms of call included a housing equity-sharing loan from NPC of approximately \$500,000. Because Dr. Renwick has paid back his loan, Session recommends that his terms of call be amended to remove the loan and replace it with a commensurate annual reimbursement of \$23,000, effective April 1, 2021.

Because this meeting will be online via the church website following worship, an opportunity for questions will be provided prior to the meeting through a Zoom Q&A session on Thursday evening, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Elder John Forlines, Chair of the NPC Finance Council, and Elder Barbara Mitchell, Chair of the NPC Personnel Council will be on the Zoom call to explain the transaction related to the motion for the annual meeting. ***Please remember that as with previous online congregational meetings during Covid, there will be no opportunity for questions at the online congregational meeting itself.***

To join the Zoom Q&A session on Thursday April 29 at 7:00 p.m. use the link below. Please note that a passcode is required to join the meeting.

Using your computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89141496265?pwd=UU9IMHBpdFAydjVUNINyMXpkcDI0UT09>

Meeting ID: 891 4149 6265

Passcode: CMQ&A

Using your phone:

Dial 301-715-8592,

Meeting ID: 891 4149 6265

Passcode: 281050

For any questions in advance of the Zoom Q&A, please email the Clerk of Session at [npcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:npcclerk@gmail.com)

# 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: Drive-Through Collection for Central Union Mission

You can provide a special gift for at-risk men, women, and families by collecting health and personal care items for Central Union Mission to distribute. Please place your donations in a gift box or gift bag and bring it to our collection station at the Stone Hall entrance today, 2:00-3:30 pm. Our goal is 300 gift bags/gift boxes. For more information and suggested items for donation please [click here](#).

## Annual Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will take place online after worship on Sunday, May 2, at 12:15 pm. Members are invited to stay online and join us. See details in the box at the conclusion of today's worship pages. Please [click here](#) to view the 2020 Annual Report.

## Vacation Bible School

[Register here](#). NPC will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 28 - July 2, 2021. We are planning to be outdoors on the NPC Campus. Join us for this fun, faith-filled adventure! Please contact [mlenhard@nationalpres.org](mailto:mlenhard@nationalpres.org) for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here](#).

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Eleanor Keyser, who found joy in her love of the Lord, the beauty of Spring and the work of the NPC Flower Ministry, by her family Laurie, Russ, Russell and Matthew Brunner.

## Prayers

*We grieve the death of:  
David Rabuck on April 13, 2021*

*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

## Connect LIVE (Virtual Coffee Hour)

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering on Zoom where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others and enjoy conversation. To join in, 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 and you will receive a return call. Phone: (202) 800-9121.

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

Faith Giving	\$ 693,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 237,000
Other Income	\$ 33,000
Total Income	\$ 963,000
Total Expenses	\$ 997,000
Balance	\$ (34,000)

As of March 31, 2021

Not yet made a gift online or by phone?

Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](http://nationalpres.org/giving) or text "NPC" to 77977.

### 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.

### Learn & Grow

#### Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Dr. Renwick continues to teach through Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. [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](#)

**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.

#### 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.

#### 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.