

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11:00 am Online Worship, May 2, 2021

EASTERTIDE: COMMUNION

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE** Theme with Variations Felix Mendelssohn  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dr. David Renwick

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN** *please sing!* Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *St. Denio*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

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 you

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**

Rev. Donna Marsh

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 11:11-24

Elder John Gregg

<sup>11</sup> So I ask, have my people stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. <sup>12</sup>Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! <sup>16</sup>If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt Yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.

<sup>19</sup>You will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’ <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. <sup>21</sup>For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

<sup>22</sup>Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God’s kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. <sup>23</sup>And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup>For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

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

**SERMON**

God and Israel: No Room for Pride  
Romans 11:1-2, 25-36

Dr. Renwick

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Tallis’ Ordinal*

Thy mercy and thy truth, O Lord, transcend the lofty sky;  
Thy judgments are a mighty deep, and as the mountains high.  
The fountain of eternal life is found alone with thee,  
And in the brightness of thy light we clearly light shall see.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

Dr. 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.

**CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Dr. Fox

**OFFERTORY**

There Shall a Star

Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Scepter from Israel rise up.

*Christus*

How brightly beams the Morning Star with sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort glowing!

Thy word, Jesu, inward feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing. Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!

Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 59:20

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone in Worship Education*

Rev. Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Craig Courtney

*St. Margaret* in the style of Felix Mendelssohn

Joanna Zorack-Greene, 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!*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will see me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

John Newton

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Renwick

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION**  
*All NPC Members, Please Stay Online*

**POSTLUDE**

Andante alla Marcia

Felix Mendelssohn  
Mr. Fickley, organ

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION**  
MAY 2, 2021

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order  
Moderators—Dr. David Renwick, Rev. Donna Marsh  
President of the Corporation—Mr. John Neely  
Clerk—Mr. John Gregg
2. Quorum Call for Congregation and Corporation
3. Opening Prayer and Welcome
4. Annual Report (Clerk, John Gregg)  
To receive the annual report; [click here](#) to view the 2020 Annual Report
5. Motion from Session:
  - a. Terms of Call for Dr. David Renwick (Elder Barbara Mitchell)
  - b. Voting Online
6. Report of the President of the NPC Corporation (Elder John Neely)
7. Capital Project Update (Elder John Neely and Video with facilities Director, Diane Stewart)
8. Report of the Sr. Pastor
9. Prayer and Adjourn

**To Vote**

- Locate the VOTE HERE button on the Worship Live page, directly under the Worship Live box. (If you are on “Full Screen” view, exit full screen and you will be on the Worship Live page.)
- For additional members of the congregation watching on one computer, please return to the VOTE HERE button, and submit a further vote.
- Once you have voted, please return to the Worship Live page to view the rest of the meeting and voting updates.

*Motion: 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.

# 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](#)

## Communion

Today, May 2, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.](#)

## Milestones in Worship Today

We welcome students from the 4th grade Sunday School class to our worship service today. As part of our Milestones in Worship program, the students have learned about the significance of the sacrament of Holy Communion and are partaking of communion today with their families. The Milestones in Worship program prepares children to be lifelong worshippers by teaching elements of the worship service in the Reformed tradition.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will take place online today, May 2, right after worship. 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.

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Wray Muoio, by her husband Ralph and children William, Weston and Adele.

## Prayers

*We pray for:*

those that are experiencing hardship in our church, in our nation and in our world.

*We pray for our mission partners including:* Young Life Capital Area as they minister to teens in low-income areas of 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 of the Month

Thank you to everyone who dropped off bags and boxes of personal care items for Central Union Mission. Your kindness will touch the lives of 151 people with your gifts, words of encouragement and care. Our next event is a drive-through sandwich collection for Martha's Table on May 23, 2:00–3:00 pm.

## Adult Fellowship Broadcast

On May 17, at 1:00 pm we will feature Diane E. Stewart, Director of Facilities here at National and a registered architect. The program is *A Conversation with Diane Stewart on the Capital Building Program Construction*. She will lead us through a pictorial journey of the new work developing and what's in store for the future. Please [click here](#) for more information on how to join.

### **Virtual Coffee Hour (Connect LIVE)**

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! 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](http://nationalpres.org/giving) or text “NPC” to 77977.

### **Vacation Bible School**

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

### **Why Presbyterian? now on YouTube**

Want to find out *Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*? [Click here](#) to watch this series, taught by Dr. Quinn Fox, and more!

### **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.

### **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.

## **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.