











# November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading people to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ together in God's world

Happy are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick

Associate Pastors Rev. Donna Marsh

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Todd Fickley (Organist)

Joanna Zorack-Greene (Contemporary Music Leader)

Ministry Directors Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)

Terry Kumnick (Children)

Leslie Saum (Connections)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome! Please wear a mask at all times while indoors at NPC, regardless of your vaccination status. This means that masks should stay on throughout the entire worship service. Thank you for loving your neighbor and helping us to comply with DC regulations.

#### NPC Fund for Charitable Giving Informational Meeting Today, 12:15 pm, Parlor

Have you ever wanted to set up a long-term family giving plan? Or learn more about tax advantages for year-end giving? Or set up a charitable trust that yields a retirement income stream for life? Board members of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving invite you to join them in the parlor as they share the benefits of using the Fund's flexible options for generous giving. If you have questions about the event, please contact Laurie Brunner at <a href="mailto:lkbrunner@verizon.net">lkbrunner@verizon.net</a>.

#### International Missions Committee Lunch and Learn Today, 12:30 pm, Garden Rooms

The International Missions Committee invites you to a light lunch and presentation by **Keith Patman** at 12:30 pm today in Garden Rooms B and C. Keith will share the latest news on his work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Africa.

#### Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online Tomorrow, November 22, 1:00 pm

Join us online with our special guest speaker Farleigh Earhart, a Member of the Board of Directors of The Tenleytown Historical Society, who will talk about the area of Washington which incorporates our church site. The program will include architectural, cultural and historic preservation work which comprises the work of the society. For information on how to join us, please visit our events page.

## Thanksgiving Day Worship Thursday, November 25, 10:00 am, Sanctuary and Online

Celebrate God's goodness with us and share from your bounty! NPC's tradition on Thanksgiving Day is to express our gratitude in worship and generosity. Pack a bag with canned goods and non-perishables and bring it to our Thanksgiving Day service. All of our donations will go to Central Union Mission, one of our mission partners serving those in need in our city. We'll collect the bags of food during our service or if you would like to donate online to Central Union Mission, please click here. This service will be offered both in-person and online on our Watch page.

#### Thanksgiving Day Volunteers Needed

This is a great Thanksgiving Day family activity for all ages! If you and your family would like to help with the food collection during and after worship on November 25th, please click here to sign up or email Susan O'Banion at sobanion@nationalpres.org.

#### 8:45 AM WORSHIP

#### Sanctuary and Online

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING **Improvisations** Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. David Renwick

▲ OPENING SONG How Great Thou Art

O Store Gud

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee. How great thou art. How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee. How great thou art. How great thou art!

And when I think that God his Son not sparing

sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin. Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. Chorus

Prayer of Adoration and Confession of Sin in unison

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Rev. Donna Marsh

O Lord: to be turned *from* you is to fall,

to be turned toward you is to rise, and to stand in you is to abide forever.

Forgive our manifold sins, and cleanse us, we pray.

Then grant us in all our duties-your help, in all our perplexities-your guidance,

in all our troubles-your protection, and in all our sorrows-your peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Augustine

#### 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

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One:

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;

Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

#### ▲ Responsive Affirmation of Faith

The Beatitudes

Rev. Marsh

Happy are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:1-12a

Happy are the meek, **for they shall inherit the earth**.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Happy are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy**.

Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Happy are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### A Time for Children of All Ages

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Children grades K-5 will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.

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#### Welcome, Announcements and Pathway Moment

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:32-12:3 Krista Schauer

<sup>32</sup>What more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Beatitudes: Blessed by Trouble 2 Corinthians 11:21-23

Dr. Renwick

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

#### CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Katie Francis

Offering Song How Can It Be Jason Ingram

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.

These hands are dirty. I dare not lift them up to the holy one.

#### Chorus

You plead my cause. You right my wrongs.

You break my chains. You overcome.

You gave your life to give me mine.

You say that I am free, how can it be? How can it be?

I've been hiding, afraid I've let you down. Inside I doubt that you could love me.

But in your eyes there's only grace now. Chorus

Though I fall you can make me new. From this death I will rise with you.

O, the grace reaching out for me! How can it be? How can it be? Chorus

▲ Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: *Alleluia!* 

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Francis

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.

#### ▲ CLOSING SONG Reckless Love Cory Asbury

Before I spoke a word, you were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me.

Before I took a breath, you breathed your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me.

#### Chorus:

O the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine.

I couldn't earn it. I don't deserve it. Still, you give yourself away.

O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless, love of God

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. *Chorus* 

#### ▲ Benediction and Passing the Peace of Christ

Dr. Renwick

#### ▲ SENDING NPC Band

▲ Congregation standing, as able

#### 11:00 AM WORSHIP

#### Sanctuary and Online

#### WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Adagio in B major

Herbert Nanney Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES** 

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

▲ Hymn 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice!

Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice!

Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

To glorify the saints for their eternal home:

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice!

Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

▲ Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Donna Marsh

Darwall's 148th

#### ▲ Congregational Response

To Father and to Son, and Spirit now be giv'n

All glory, honor, blessing, praise of earth and heav'n.

Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice!

Rejoice again, I say rejoice!

#### CONFESSION OF SIN in unison

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#### ▲ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.

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Sermon

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Dr. Renwick

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Foundation

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

#### CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Katie Francis

There are offering plates at the back of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and gifts.

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

#### Keep Your Lamps

André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Spiritual

Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

with Adam Green, percussion

▲ 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:

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Francis

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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 371

#### Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!

Come, Christian, follow where our Savior trod,

The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified

Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,

Your death has brought us life eternally. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Renwick

- ▲ CHORAL AMEN
- ▲ Passing the Peace of Christ
- ▲ Postlude Marche Triomphale on Nun Danket

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Mr. Fickley

▲ Congregation standing, as able

#### SUNDAYS AT NATIONAL

#### 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship

- Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.
- Nursery & Toddler care for ages 0-4 years available throughout the morning.

#### 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School

- Children's Sunday School for ages 2 years-5th grade
- Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students
- Adult Sunday School in-person or online To read the full Adult Sunday School
  class description and for Zoom links, please visit our <u>Adult Classes page</u> online.

#### 11:00 am: Traditional Worship

Join us for worship in-person or online on our Watch page.

#### Children's Check-In and Check-Out

These protocols help keep our children safe and provide a secure environment. Please visit one of our two check-in stations when you arrive in the main building. If you have question about check-in and check-out procedures, please visit our <a href="Children's Ministry">Children's Ministry</a> page or contact Terry Kumnick at <a href="tkumnick@nationalpres.org">tkumnick@nationalpres.org</a>.

### MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Next Sunday, November 28th is our Family Sunday School Social!

From 9:50 am to 10:45 am volunteers, parents, children and youth have the opportunity to gather together for food, fellowship, and fun. Connect with other families and teachers, and observe the children strengthen friendships through play. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our events page for more information.

#### National Presbyterian School Application Deadline Tomorrow, November 22

NPC applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-Kindergarten are due November 22; Kindergarten and older are due January 14. NPS gives special consideration to applications from NPC families for Nursery (Age 3) through Sixth Grade. For more information visit <a href="www.nps-dc.org">www.nps-dc.org</a> or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, <a href="kharvey@nps-dc.org">kharvey@nps-dc.org</a> or 202.537.7508.

#### Club 45 (4th & 5th Graders) Friday, December 3, 7:00 pm

4th and 5th graders, come have some fun and fellowship time together outside of Sunday School. Please <u>click here</u> or visit our events page for more information.

#### My NPC

Looking for our online directory? Click "My NPC" at the top of our website to connect! My NPC is a secure, password protected website for our NPC family where you can find our directory, locate groups, view your giving and more!

#### Resources for Hearing & Sight Impaired

We have assistive hearing devices with operating instructions as well as large print bulletins available for those who need it. These resources are located in the resources racks in the Narthex on either side of the Sanctuary doors.

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

## You are invited to celebrate with us!

#### Advent Family Night Next Sunday, November 28, 4:30 pm

The whole family is invited to enter into the season of Advent with a Chapel service of song and storytelling followed by fun crafts and dinner. For more information or to register to attend, please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>events page</u> online.

# Advent Vespers (Evening Worship) with Communion

#### Wednesday, December 1, 7:00 pm

Please join us in-person or online on our Watch page as we prepare for the Christmas season together.

#### Garden of Lights Outing at Brookside Gardens Saturday, December 11, 7:15 pm

Let's take an evening walk together through a wonderland of lights to celebrate the season of Christmas. For more information and tickets, please <u>click here</u> or visit our events page online.

#### Mark your calendars for Christmas!

<u>Click here</u> or go to nationalpres.org/ christmas to get a preview of the great ways that we are celebrating the birth of our Savior this Advent season.

#### Invite your friends!

With the holidays around the corner, this is a wonderful time to reach out to others and invite them to worship with us at National. Another great way to let others know about us is to leave a Google review or share our posts on social media.

#### Special Holiday Opportunities to Serve

## Angels and Shepherds needed for our Nativity Pageant!

Would your K-5th grade child like to participate in our Christmas Eve Family Service Nativity Pageant? The service will take place at 5:00 pm on December 24. Rehearsals will be held:

- starting December 5 at 8:45 am during Children's Chapel
- December 19 at 1:00 pm.

For more information or to sign up, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>. Please RSVP by December 5.

#### Join NPC's Welcome Team! Pre-holiday Tour, Training and Brunch Saturday, December 11, 9:30 am

Join a dynamic team of greeters, ushers and Connections folks to show God's love at NPC! On Saturday, December 11 9:30 am -12:00 pm, come for a tour and intro to Welcome Team Ministry, including a nice brunch. To register click here or contact LSaum@Nationalpres.org or call 202.537.7494.

#### Mark your calendars!

More information will be coming soon about the following:

- Mission Gifts for Christmas is coming December 12 and 19. This a wonderful NPC tradition supporting local and global organizations and missionaries that help others in our hurting world. There will be many opportunities to help with this special event.
- Christmas Angel Tree will be available starting November 28, with gifts due back to NPC December 12. We are partnering with Prison Fellowship International to bring hope and love to children of incarcerated parents.

## SERVING AT NATIONAL

#### Use Your Gifts to Bless our Children!

Children's Ministry volunteers needed: Become a teacher, room aide, host docent or check-in/out host. For more information contact Terry Kumnick at tkumnick@ nationalpres.org.

#### Do You Love to Sing and Love Children?

Children's song leader needed: We are looking for a special person to lead our children in songs of praise to the Lord on Sunday mornings! Please contact <a href="mailto:tkumnick@nationalpres.org">tkumnick@nationalpres.org</a> for more information or if you'd like to help.

#### Call for Contemporary Service Musicians

Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? Volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at: jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

#### Flowers to Share!

Have you noticed the little flower 'bud vases' at the center sanctuary entrance most Sunday mornings? The Flower Ministry team invites you to take one home to bless another... perhaps a shut-in, or someone in need of cheer or a thank you.

For more volunteer opportunities, please visit our Serve at Church page!

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

For more information or to apply for the jobs below, please <u>click here</u> or visit our <u>jobs page</u> online.

## Administrative Assistant for Care Ministries (Full time)

Would you love to be on the front lines of helping our church members to access pastoral care and support? The Care AA plays a pivotal role in pastoral care case management, administrative support for the Care pastor and Care ministries, as well as coordination of funerals and special events. If you have a warm presence with people of all ages, strong administrative skills, the ability to quickly master our church database software (CCB), and can maintain airtight confidentiality, we would love to hear from you!

#### **Serve Ministries Director**

Is your passion mobilizing a congregation to participate in what God is doing to redeem the world? We need someone with highly developed organizational skills and relational skills to manage our complex program of grant-making, direct service, and witness. This involves working with our mission committees and councils to implement our vision, and leading them to explore fresh visions of God's call to our congregation.

#### **AV Part Time**

AV Assistant: This entry level paid contract position is requires weekend availability, a positive attitude, excellent hearing and a willingness to learn.

**AV Engineer:** Some experience with audio engineering is required. Weekend and evening availability is a must.

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

#### New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

<u>Click here</u> to sign our online guestbook. <u>Click here</u> or visit our home page at national lapres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter. Follow us on social media!

Facebook | Instagram | YouTube

## Join us for in-person worship (and we're still online)!

Ready to come back to church? Please do! Masks are required of all, but there is no pre-registration required, and no limit on the number of people in the sanctuary. For more information, please <u>click here</u> or visit <u>nationalpres.org/return</u>.

#### Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 202.800.9121 between 12-1 pm. A 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.

Trying times take their toll – we are here to support you. The Care/Connections staff have prepared resources that may 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 at <a href="mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org">lmartin@nationalpres.org</a> in the Care Office if we can help.

# Prayers We pray for:

Ruth Lum Sharon McNett

#### We mourn:

the passing of Hugh Eagleton, husband of Jeanne Eagleton

#### We pray for:

Keith Patman and his work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Africa. Please pray for Steve Quakenbush as he travels in Africa.

#### How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, 202.537.7540.

#### 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, text "NPC" to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



#### Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of the life of Gwendolyn Faye Sisco by Dr. Robert Betz.



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