

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

11:00 am Online Worship, May 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Contemplation on Veni, Creator Spiritus James Biery
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP Galatians 5:22-23

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.*

HYMN *please sing!* Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us *Ebenezer*

1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power.
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.
2. We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.
3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Katie Francis

Almighty God, you know our needs before we ask.

Yet we humbly come in repentance for our many sins.

According to your abundant mercy, forgive and cleanse us, we pray.

Set us free from anxious thoughts for today and tomorrow.

Give us contentment with all good gifts of your Spirit.

Confirm our faith, that as we seek your kingdom,

You will not withhold any good thing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Augustine of Hippo

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 *3rd Grade Milestone in Worship Education*

Dr. Renwick

Reading of Scripture (Video)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Indeed the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

For I delight in your commands, because I love them.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

Sweeter also than honey, and drippings from the honeycomb.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

It is written that one does not live on bread alone.

They live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,

so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures

we might have hope.

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice.

The law of their God is in their hearts. Their steps do not slip.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever!

Excerpted from 2 Timothy 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 119, 19, 9, and 37, Colossians 3, Matthew 4, Romans 15, and Isaiah 40

Presentation of Bibles

Melanie Lenhard

Interim Director of Children’s Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:13-20; 15:1-3

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¹⁴¹³Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let your good be spoken of as evil.

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. ¹⁹Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. ²⁰Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.

¹⁵We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor.³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Being Right Is Wrong
1 Corinthians 10:27-11:1

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Choir

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

All

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all we do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn our strivings into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all we do.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Rev. Donna 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Marsh

OFFERTORY

*The kingdom of God is not food and drink
but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Tim Osiek

I’ve got peace like a river in my soul; soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the calmness within. I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul, deep and full.

When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

When your hope nearly dies, just remember you'll rise. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like fountain, love like and ocean, peace like a river in my soul.

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

Dr. Quinn Fox

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!*

Let Every Christian Pray

Laudes Domini

1. Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit. Come!
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!
2. The Spirit brought to birth the Church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost;
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts of Pentecost.
3. Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit. Come!
Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see God's light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Veni Creator

Nicholas De Grigny
Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cornelis Huijssoon by his children Kees, Jr. and Johanna, remembering his May 25th birthday.

Celebrate Pentecost today!

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Wherever you are, wear red to celebrate – and we'd love to see your photos!

Milestones in Worship

Today we welcome members of our 3rd grade Sunday School class as they share scripture with us for their milestone. The Milestone in Worship program teaches children elements of the worship service so they may become lifelong worshippers of our Risen Savior! The third graders will also receive their very own Bibles today as a gift from their church family.

Today! Spring Sandwich Drive for Martha's Table, 2-3 pm

Help provide sandwiches and bags of trail mix for the hungry, served every day by Martha's Table, one of our local mission partners. Prepare sandwiches and trail mix at home and drop them off at the drive through collection station outside the Stone Hall entrance today, May 23, rain or shine. [Click here](#) for more information.

Nominations for Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Submit recommendations [here](#).

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Join us to help kids learn about God's great love and power in this spirit-filled week: June 28-July 2, 2021. Lead crews, discussions, games, and fun! Help for a day or for the whole week. [Register to help here](#) or contact mlenhard@nationalpres.org for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here](#).

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](#)

Prayers

We pray for:

Marcia Bini and Cheryl Nyiri

We pray for our mission partners including: McGilvary College of Divinity as they develop leaders for ministry in churches, schools, and hospitals in Thailand and other Southeast Asian countries.

How can we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, (202) 537-7540.

Military Ministry Meeting

Join us online on Sunday, May 30th at 1:00 pm to hear our speaker Maj. Gen. Robert I. Miller, the Director, Medical Operations and Research, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, VA. Please [click here](#) for more information and the link to join in!

Summer Adult Speaker Series

Please join us starting **9:30 am on June 6** for our Adult Speaker Series! Each Sunday this summer we'll hear about an important topic that helps us to think faithfully about our current situation. We will take advantage of the virtual platform to bring speakers from across the country. [Click here](#) for more information and to read all about the speakers and their topics.

June 6 speaker: Erika Salkin, Associate Professor of Communication, Whitworth University, *Civil Discourse and Free Expression*

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. 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.

NPC Job Openings

Director of Children’s Ministries

NPC is seeking a committed follower of Jesus Christ to provide experienced, energetic, and creative full-time leadership for our ministry to children and their families. This person will implement the vision for Children’s ministry by managing and coordinating all programs for children. The primary outcome of this position is to lead our children (birth through 5th grade) to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and to equip their parents in their primary role of nurturing the faith of their children. Please [click here](#) for more info and the job description.

Submit a resume and cover letter to grow@nationalpres.org. Interested applicants should contact us immediately; we will begin our review on June 15, 2021, but will receive applications until the position is filled with the goal of completing our hiring process by the end of summer 2021.

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 for more information and the job description. Please email 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](#)

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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!

Annual Report

Our 2020 Annual report is now available. Please [click here](#) to view or download.

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.