

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Online Worship, July 18, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio in C Major, K. 356
Epistle Sonata No. 1, K. 67

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *please sing*

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *read responsively*

Psalm 9:1-10

Deacon M. R. Stainton

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

When my enemies turned back,

they stumbled and perished before you.

For you have maintained my just cause;

you have sat on the throne giving righteous judgement.

You have rebuked the nations, you have destroyed the wicked;

you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

The enemies have vanished in everlasting ruins;

their cities you have rooted out;

the very memory of them has perished.

But the Lord sits enthroned forever,

he has established his throne for judgement.

He judges the world with righteousness;

he judges the peoples with equity.

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

12 Notes

Rev. Matthew Watley
Senior Pastor, Kingdom Fellowship AME Church
Silver Spring, Maryland

Colossians 4:18 (NKJV)

This salutation by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN OF RESPONSE

By Gracious Powers

O Perfect Love

Choir

1. By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may,
We know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day.

Congregation

2. But when the cup God gives is full to brimming with bitter suffering hard to understand,
We take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.
3. Lord, when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
We shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone.
from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "New Year 1945" letter written from a German prison

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 *There is a basket in the narthex to receive offerings.*

OFFERTORY

Break Every Chain

Tasha Cobbs

There is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain. All-sufficient sacrifice so freely given.
Such a price bought our redemption. Heaven's gates swing open wide. There is wonder-working power
in the name of Jesus to break every chain.

Joanna Zorack-Greene

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. Kerry Stoltzfus

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by Sheri Jackson*

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!*

And Can It Be

Sagina

1. And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me whom him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
2. Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon filled with light.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
3. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine.
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine.
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C Major

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Mr. Fickley, organ

WE WELCOME DR. MATTHEW L. WATLEY, GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Matthew Watley is the founding and Senior Pastor of Kingdom Fellowship AME Church in Silver Spring, MD, and is also Chair of The Black IDEA Coalition, whose mission is to fulfill the promise of diversity and inclusion by empowering organizations and institutions to achieve Black parity in employment, investment, and contracting.

Presently completing his doctoral dissertation at Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Watley also holds a B.A. and M.Div. from Howard University, an Executive Master in Leadership from Georgetown University, and a M.A. from The George Washington University. In May of 2021, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wiley College in Marshal TX. Dr. Watley has written several books including his most recent, *Ignite: 50 Days of Prayer that will change your Life*.

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](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

School Supply & Snack Drive- Let's Pack the Pantry!

On Sunday, July 25, we are holding a school supply and snack drive benefitting the University of District of Columbia Food Pantry. You may drop off in the Narthex before or after worship or drive through 1:00-3:00 pm. For more info and a shopping list, please visit nationalpres.org/event/school-supply-snack-drive/.

We are looking for contemporary band musicians! Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass or another instrument? We are now looking for more musicians to volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! Please email Joanna Zorack-Greene for more info at jjzorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

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 visit nationalpres.org/serve-church to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of Charlie Lewis by his family, Celebrating his July 16th birthday.

WELCOME!

Online and in-person worship:

We are so pleased to welcome you to online and in-person services every Sunday!

Choice of 2 worship services:

Through August 29,

- 11:00 am traditional worship service in the sanctuary and online
- 4:45 pm informal 45-minute worship service in the sanctuary and online.

We are no longer requiring pre-registration for in-person worship!

For now, we will still require masks and seating will be in every other pew. There will be no special check-in procedures.

For more information, please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

Prayers

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

We pray for our mission partners including:
Birzeit Senior Center as they provide nutritional, social, cultural, psychological, physical and medical support services to senior citizens in Bethlehem.

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

Learn & Grow

NPC Summer Reading Challenge

Join us in reading “*One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love*” by John M. Perkins. For more information and to join, please visit nationalpres.org/event/one-blood-summer-reading-challenge.

Summer Adult Speaker Series:

Please join us online at **9:30 am on Sundays** 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. Visit nationalpres.org/connect/adults/classes/ for the Zoom link and to read all about the speakers and their topics. **If you plan to attend the 11:00 am worship service in-person, you are invited to view the class in our Chapel.** Upcoming speakers are:

- Today: Rev. Kerri Alexander, *Fear, Faith, and Our Collective Move Forward*
- July 25: Dr. Lisa Sung, *Understanding Issues That Asian Americans Face in a Racialized Society*

Through August 29: Summer Evening Schedule – in-person for all ages

- 4:45: Informal in-person worship
- 5:30: Children and youth Sunday School, fellowship and discussion for adults
- Bring your own dinner for a picnic on the lawn if you'd like to stay for additional fellowship time!

For more information and to register please visit nationalpres.org/event/summer-sundays-at-national/2021-08-29/.

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

7:00 pm on Wednesdays - join us online at nationalpres.org/watch/. *True Confessions: What Presbyterians Believe*: Dr. Quinn Fox wraps up a class on the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Confessions*. This is a follow-on to his *Why Presbyterian?* class this past January.

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.

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 or text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444.

We are here for you during this difficult

time. 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 at lmartin@nationalpres.org in the Care Office if we can help.

Why Presbyterian? now on YouTube

Want to find out *Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*? Visit youtube.com/user/nationalpres to watch this series, taught by Dr. Quinn Fox, and more!

NPC Job Openings

Want to join a great team?

Visit <https://nationalpres.org/jobs> to read about our openings for the following:

- Director of Serve Ministries
- Communications Contractor (part time)