

WELCOME TO NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Summer Evening Worship*

4:45 pm, August 15, 2021

GATHERING

Improvisations

Joanna Zorack-Greene, keyboard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Melanie Lenhard

*One:* Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

***All:* Let us love the LORD our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.**

*One:* Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

***All:* Let us recite them to our children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when we lie down and when we rise.**

*One:* Let us lift up our hearts and voices and worship God together.

▲ OPENING SONGS

Come People of the Risen King

Keith and Kristyn Getty

**Verse 1**

Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring him praise!  
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace!  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

**Chorus**

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice!  
O, church of Christ, rejoice!*

**Verse 2**

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.  
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

**Chorus**

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice!  
O, church of Christ, rejoice!*

**Verse 3**

Come, young and old from every land--men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of his grace!  
Over all the world his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through every age: Our God is all in all!

**Chorus**

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice!  
O, church of Christ, rejoice! (2x)*

**Verse 1**

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

**Chorus**

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ!*

**Verse 2**

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there's no reason to wait! Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born! Jesus is calling

**Chorus**

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ! (2x)*

**Bridge**

Oh, what a Savior! Isn't he wonderful? Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! (2x)

**Chorus**

*O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ! (2x)*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

Kristin Franke

Almighty God, we come before you in need of cleansing and forgiveness, for our sins stand as a barrier between us. Open the eyes and ears of our hearts that we may rightly hear and understand your Word and do your will. Do not hide your commandments from us. Take away the covering from our eyes, that we may see wonderful things in your law.

**SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON****▲ 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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 9:14-29

Bram Schestopol

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus, Peter, James and John came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. <sup>16</sup>He asked them, 'What are you arguing about with them?' <sup>17</sup>Someone from the crowd answered him, 'Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; <sup>18</sup>and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.' <sup>19</sup>He answered them, 'You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.' <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>Jesus asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. <sup>22</sup>It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to him, 'If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.' <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out, 'I

believe; help my unbelief!’ <sup>25</sup>When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘You spirit that keep this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!’ <sup>26</sup>After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, ‘He is dead.’ <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. <sup>28</sup>When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, ‘Why could we not cast it out?’ <sup>29</sup>He said to them, ‘This kind can come out only through prayer.’

**MESSAGE**

Faith on the Mountaintops and in the Valleys

Kyle Putnam

**SERMON RESPONSE** *please sing* Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

**Verse 1**

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm,  
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn.  
In the suff’ring, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

**Verse 2**

Christ the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on,  
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still, then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused.  
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

**Verse 3**

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief.  
Hopeless, somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance see his love forever proved.  
All my hope is in the anchor; it shall never be removed.

**Verse 4**

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death,  
when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind, and life secured.  
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endured.  
Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true.  
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

**▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

Dr. Renwick

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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

**▲ CLOSING SONG**

Jesus Messiah

Chris Tomlin

**Verse 1**

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become his righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

**Chorus**

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

**Verse 2**

His body, the bread, his blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn. Love so amazing! Love so amazing, yeah!

**Chorus**

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

**Bridge**

All our hope is in you! All our hope is in you! All the glory to you, God, the light of the world!

**Chorus**

*Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!*

**BENEDICTION**

Kyle Putnam

**SENDING**

NPC Band

**GUESTBOOK**

Attending in person? Please scan this code below to sign our guestbook to let us know you're here!



# Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

## New to National? Welcome!

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](http://nationalpres.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!  
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

## Wednesday Night Faith Connection Online

Join us online for Faith Connection on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm online. This week, Dr. Renwick continues his *Renewing Your Life in Christ* series with *How Can I be sure that I am Loved and Forgiven?*

## Military Ministry Meeting Sunday, August 29th

All are welcome to our online meeting and fellowship as we celebrate the Coast Guard's birthday and hear from CDR Mike Baker (CG Ret) at 1:00 pm on August 29<sup>th</sup>. For Zoom link and details please visit our [events page](#) online.

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Smith by her daughter and beloved grandsons.

## Summer Schedule of Worship

### 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 22,

- 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](http://nationalpres.org/return).

## Prayers

*We rejoice with Tamara Shaya Hoffmann and Derek Hoffmann, who recently welcomed a new baby daughter.*

*We pray for our mission partners including: Habitat DC, our local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, as they work to provide honorable housing for our poorest neighbors.*

*How can we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto: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](https://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. For the Zoom link and to read about the speakers and their topics, visit [nationalpres.org/connect/adults/classes/](https://nationalpres.org/connect/adults/classes/).

**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:

- August 15: Jenn Peterson, *Fighting Human Trafficking in a Pandemic World*
- August 22: Rev. Patricia Hailes Fears and Ms. Kimberly Mazyck *Now What? Responding to the Immediate Needs and Long-term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic*

### **Through August 22: 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/](https://nationalpres.org/event/summer-sundays-at-national/2021-08-29/).

## **Labor Day Sunday**

Join us on Sunday, September 5 as we come together for a special time of worship and fellowship. We will have a single worship service at 11:00 am, followed by refreshments on our newly renovated upper plaza. We hope to see you there!

## **Fall is coming!**

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 12, we begin our new fall schedule!

- 8:45 am: blended contemporary worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: traditional worship

## **Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class**

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the two half-day online Pathway of Christian Discipleship classes on:

- Saturday, September 18 and
- Saturday, September 25.

More information and registration can be found on our website, or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by September 8<sup>th</sup> at 202-537-7578 or [KRakiatu@NationalPres.org](mailto:KRakiatu@NationalPres.org).

## **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)

**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), text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444 or scan the QR code below:



**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 Virtual Coffee Hour 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.

**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](http://nationalpres.org/serve-church) to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

**Bless Our Children:**

Come use your gifts to bless our children by becoming a Children's Ministry volunteer! Please email Terry Kumnick for more information at [tkumnick@nationalpres.org](mailto:tkumnick@nationalpres.org).

**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! For more information, please email Joanna Zorack-Greene at [izorackgreene@nationalpres.org](mailto:izorackgreene@nationalpres.org).

**Trying times take their toll – we are here to support.** 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](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org) in the Care Office if we can help.

**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!








# AUGUST 2021 BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE

## FINISHING STRONG!



We're in the last "lap" of our major construction and it's all about the finish! Final touches are underway in many areas of our project. Here are just a few examples:

-  The **Garden Room Dividers** are installed. These premium, acoustically sealed dividers easily expand and retract to enable up to three classes or meetings to occur in the garden rooms simultaneously. The Garden Rooms are nearly ready, just waiting for installation of speakers, fire alarm devices, and . . .
-  **Video Screens!** The largest screens in our project have the longest delivery times. The screens for Stone Hall, the Garden Rooms and the new Entrance Lobby have already been ordered while the smaller screens for hallways and meeting rooms will be ordered this month. The goal is to complete the video screen installation in October. Stone Hall will have an array of four screens as depicted here.
-  Installation of our new, up-to-date **Fire Alarm System** throughout the entire building continues including the addition of the **Fire Annunciator Panel** which visually indicates where an alarm has been activated. In the Sanctuary, strobes and speakers are in place, and this month MAJOR scaffolding will be erected in the Chancel area in order to reach the highest points in the ceiling to place the smoke detectors. WE EXPECT THE SANCTUARY SCAFFOLDING TO BE UP THROUGH LATE-SEPTEMBER. The addition of the fire alarm system was a requirement to bring our 50-year-old building up to DC Code.
-  Now that major construction is complete in our lovely Fountain Garden, **Landscaping** can begin! The week of August 23rd, the landscape team will begin laying grass sod and installing plants, shrubs and, eventually, trees in the front garden and our new main entrance.
-  In July our beautiful **Central Stairs** passed the structural steel inspection. Work has begun to enclose the underside of the stairs. Then the steps will be finished with terrazzo treads and risers followed by installation of glass guardrails and wooden handrails.





# MISSION COMMITMENT

## NPC’s Million for Mission at Work:

The **Marka Church** in Amman, Jordan, helps refugees forced to leave their homes in Iraq and Syria. The church offers love, friendship, medical care, education and skills training, along with prayer and stories about Jesus.



The **International Association for Refugees (IAFR)** provides refugees in the Kakuma Camp in Kenya with metal sheeting for multi-purpose buildings that serve as churches and schools.

**Little Lights Urban Ministries** hosts the Race Literacy Class 101 for adults, an 11-week study and discussion group that meets weekly to learn and discuss the issue of race and racism in an honest yet grace-filled environment.



**National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL)** is building the Aleppo Christian Center in the spot where Islamist groups destroyed the Presbyterian church in 2012. The Center will be a place for theological training in the Arabic language, ecumenical conferences, and religious dialogue.

**YoungLife DC South** is launching REACH Ministry: Real, Encouraging, Adaptable, Christ-centered, Healthy. Reach will be a place for youth to have fun, engage in artistic reflection, discuss real-life issues, and hear the Gospel and how the message of Jesus connects to every aspect of our lives.



# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



As every Olympic athlete knows, it’s important to **FINISH STRONG!** We are amazed and grateful for the financial generosity of our congregation. We’re now so very close to completing major construction. If you have not yet given – or if you can increase your commitment -- **now is the time!** Please join others in our church family to ensure that our vision for NPC Facilities and Mission is realized.

For assistance or questions about the campaign, please email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at [lskrine@nationalpres.org](mailto:lskrine@nationalpres.org) or (202) 537-7484.

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to take the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24*

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