

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Worship, August 15, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 5 in F Major

G.F. Handel
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

PATHWAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ **HYMN** *please sing*

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

1. O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.
2. God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.
3. As it was without beginning, so it shall be without end;
To their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.
4. Unto such as keep God's covenant, and are steadfast in God's way;
Unto those who still remember God's commandments and obey.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

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.

Saint Ephrem, 4th century

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!*

Stuttgart

Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been;

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5:6-15

Ed Blanton

⁶I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ⁷you shall have no other gods before me.

⁸You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁹You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, ¹⁰but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

¹¹You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³For six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

SERMON

Looking Back to Move Ahead

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

When God Delivered Israel

Sheaves

When God delivered Israel from bondage long ago,

They thought that they were dreaming, but soon they turned to laughing

And sang the song of joy.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. 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

There is an offering plate in the narthex to receive offerings.

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting. My love for you shall have no end.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

You are mine, you are precious in my sight.

Ethan Greene and 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus

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!*

Now Praise the Lord

St. Anne

1. Now praise the Lord, all living saints, sing praises that endure.

Our children God does surely bless, our future is secure.

2. God's life-filled Word brings order to the chaos of our days.

In love God claims us as his own: What better cause for praise?

3. Instruction, guidance, holy law, some common names are these

For God's own rule for living life. What other word can please?

4. So praise the Lord, all living saints, sing praises that endure,

Now and forever unto life eternally secure.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**POSTLUDE**

Hornpipe in D Major
from Water Music Suite No. 2

G.F. Handel
Mr. Neil, organ

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 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 29th. 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.

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, (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. For the Zoom link and to read about the speakers and their topics, visit 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/.

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 8th at 202-537-7578 or 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, 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 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.

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.

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 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 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

Email Us: BuildingTogether@nationalpres.org

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