

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Sanctuary and Online Worship, August 22, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ **HYMN 476** *verses 1, 4 & 5* O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! *Lyons*

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence and before one another
we confess our sins and offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, we pray.
Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our only Savior.

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** 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

Joshua 1:1-11

Elder Evangeline Paschal

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying,²"My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites.³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses.⁴From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory.⁵No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.⁶Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

¹⁰Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, ¹¹"Pass through the camp, and command the people: 'Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Road Ahead

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Foundation

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

▲ 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 an offering plate in the narthex to receive offerings.

OFFERTORY

Deep River

Howard Helvey

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Spiritual

O don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that Promised Land where all is peace?

with Ethan Greene, bass-baritone

▲ 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

Rev. Donna Marsh

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 281

Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,

Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the cloud and fiery pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,

I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Mr. Neil, organ

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Schedule for Upcoming Sundays

Today, August 22

Choice of 2 worship services:

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

August 29

One service only - 11:00 am traditional worship service in the sanctuary and online. Welcome guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Sanders!

September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

Join us 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!

September 12

We begin our new fall schedule!

- 8:45-9:45 am: Contemporary worship
- 9:55-10:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am: Traditional worship

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](#)

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Serge and Donna Duss with gratitude to God on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21.

Prayers

We pray for: Friends and family grieving the death of Sybil Cooper on August 3, 2021.

We pray for our mission partners including: Foundation for Peace, an NPC mission partner helping to alleviate misery and hunger in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

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

Military Ministry Meeting Online 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.

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class

Becoming a church member at National is a step forward on your spiritual journey. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, attend our two half-day online classes:

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

More information can be found on our website, or contact Kemet Rakiatu to register by September 8th at 202-537-7578 or KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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Learn & Grow

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

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

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! 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 22: Rev. Patricia Hailes Fears and Ms. Kimberly Mazyck *Now What? Responding to Immediate Local Needs and Long-term Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Our City*
- August 29: Rev. Dr. Cheryl Sanders, *Christian Responses to Racial Injustice: Complicity, Compromise and Confrontation*

Wrapping up 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 please visit nationalpres.org/event/summer-sundays-at-national/2021-08-29/.

We are looking for contemporary band musicians! Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass, violin, cello, flute or another instrument? We are 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 jzorackgreene@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)

Trying times take their toll – we are here to support. 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 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