

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Staying Connected in Christ*

11:00 am Worship, August 8, 2021

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**                      Wondrous Love (from Variations, Op. 34)                      Samuel Barber  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      Dr. David Renwick

## CALL TO WORSHIP

▲ **HYMN** *please sing*                      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!                      *Nicaea*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

## CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison –please be seated*

O God, our Savior and Judge,  
set before us a vision of your purity,  
and let us see ourselves in the light of your holiness.

Pierce our self-contentment.

Let your love consume in us all that stands as a barrier between us,  
all that hinders our serving you.

Your holiness is our judgment;  
yet Christ's wounds are our salvation.

William Temple  
Archbishop of Canterbury

## 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!*

*Nicaea*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Terry Kumnick  
Director Children’s Ministry

**SCRIPTURE**

Leviticus 19:1-2; 36b-37

Janet Weber

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>37</sup>You shall keep all my statutes and all my ordinances, and observe them:

I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Holiness Through Love

Dr. Quinn Fox

"You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people,  
but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:18

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Wondrous Love*

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme I will sing, while million join the theme I will sing.

▲ **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.

**CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

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

**OFFERTORY**

Build Our Lives

Pat Barrett

Worthy of every song we could ever sing, worthy of all the praise we could ever bring,  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

Jesus, the name above every other name, Jesus, the only one who could ever save,

Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for you.

*Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you,*

*Open up our eyes in wonder.*

*Show us who you are and fill us with your heart,*

*And lead us in your love to those around us.*

We will build our lives upon your love, it is a firm foundation.

We will put our trust in you alone and we will not be shaken.

Joanna Zorack-Greene and Ethan 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!*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.

Take away our love of sinning: Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and holy let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;

Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Charles Wesley, alt

**▲ BENEDICTION**

Dr. Fox

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

Hyfrydol

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

## Military Ministry Meeting

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 click visit our [events page](#) online.

## 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

## 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 at [jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org](mailto:jzorackgreene@nationalpres.org) for more information.

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

*We pray for our mission including:* Our NPC youth for God's encouragement and guidance as they grow, and for a missionary boldness to share the good news of Jesus.

*How can we pray for you?*

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, [lmartin@nationalpres.org](mailto:lmartin@nationalpres.org), (202) 537-7540.

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by David and Roz Mack to the glory of God and in gratitude for His blessings.

## 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).

**Wednesday Night Faith Connection** will resume **August 11** at 7:00 pm online with Dr. Renwick kicking off *Renewing Your Life in Christ*.

### **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 8: Dr. Tremper Longman, *The Book of Job, Suffering and the Pandemic*
- August 15: Jenn Peterson, *Fighting Human Trafficking in a Pandemic World*

### **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/).

## 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)

## **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.

## **Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!**

Faith Giving	\$ 1,404,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 471,000
Other Income	\$ 388,000
Total Income	\$ 2,262,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,289,000
Balance	\$ (26,000)

Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to [nationalpres.org/giving](https://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](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!

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