

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

11 A. M. ET ONLINE WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine

David Blackwell

Todd Fickley

CHIMES

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL ⁶ This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit.’

Acts 2:17-18

ONE: Let us lift up our hearts and voices, and in the power of God’s Spirit, let us worship God.

HYMN *please sing!*

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power.
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.
2. We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.
3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Almighty God, you know our needs before we ask.

Yet we humbly come in repentance for our many sins.

According to your abundant mercy, forgive and cleanse us, we pray.

Set us free from anxious thoughts for tomorrow.

Give us contentment with all your good gifts.

Confirm our faith, that as we seek your kingdom,

You will not withhold any good thing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Augustine of Hippo

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

Cate McCrory, Director of Children’s Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-34

Dr. Quinn Fox

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

SERMON

No Worries?

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Consider the Stars

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Consider the stars in the sky; look up and wonder, can you count their number?
Consider the stars in the sky; umbrella to hide in, a dance floor of heaven.
Do not be afraid.
Consider the stars in the sky; when it is darkest they shine out the brightest.
Consider the stars in the sky; in every anguish, O child, take courage.
He who made all of this, and who holds all of this, holds you in his hands.
Consider the stars in the sky; diamond in a ring, over the Child King.
Consider the stars in the sky; grace he has promised, coming to find us.
He who made all of this, says, “You’re worth more than this,” and holds you in his hands.

Joanna Zorack-Greene and Kevin Rose

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. Joyce Emery

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 *please sing!*

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. *Allelu, Alleluia!*
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. *Allelu, Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION and PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. David Renwick

POSTLUDE

Come, Creator God, Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach

Let's Stay Connected

Announcements for You

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birthday of Wray Muoio, by her husband Ralph and children Adele, William, and Weston.

LIVE Today!

Connect LIVE

Following worship from 12-12:30 on Zoom You are invited to a casual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ," meet new friends and see familiar faces! To join, click the "Connect LIVE" button above the livestream window after the service.

Prayer LIVE

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call between noon and 1:00 p.m. 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

Learn & Grow

Adult Sunday School Classes

Sundays, 9:30 am ET

Join us (virtually) for Following Jesus Together, a 30-minute Bible Study on the morning's Scripture passage taught by Quinn Fox. Around 10:00, participants are divided into groups of 6 or 7 for a discussion of the passage. If you would like to join next Sunday, please [email Kristi Teems](#) for information about how to join online.

Livestream Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45 pm ET

Join Dr. Renwick and our musicians as we explore God's word for us in the New Testament Letter to the Colossians – a letter written to one of the most vibrant churches of the first century.

THIS WEEK: June 3

Jesus' Life in Our Relationships (Col. 3:18-4:6)

UPCOMING: June 10

Jesus' Team at Work

Visit nationalpres.org to join in.

Military Ministry

We are interested in compiling a list of all congregants who are currently serving, or have served, in any branch of the military, so that we may recognize them on holidays like Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. If this applies to you, please [email Ginny Beeson](#), Chair of the Military Ministry Committee, your service, rank/rate and status, e.g. Ginny Beeson, Captain, USN (Ret).

Join an Online Small Group

Since 2015, some 500 people at National have experienced a small group. Some have been meeting since the very beginning. Others have joined groups along the way for a season. The initial commitment is six weeks. Invite someone you know to join with you as you connect in a meaningful way with others! For more information, go to www.nationalpres.org/small-groups.

Next Sunday: Join us for Communion

As pastors and musicians celebrate Communion during the online service, you are invited to share in the celebration in your homes. Here are [guidelines](#) for preparation and serving of communion.

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 in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners.

Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving or text "NPC" to 77977.

We celebrate the birth of...

Lillian Annabelle Wingfield on May 23, 2020
to parents Patricia and Robert Wingfield.