

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, October 25, 2020

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Variations on "What Wondrous Love" David P. Dahl
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP Zephaniah 3:17; Ps. 95:1 (NIV)
The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

HYMN *please sing!* Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*
1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to loose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
4. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name. Isaac Watts

CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. Katie Francis
Eternal God, we confess that often we fail to be an obedient church:
We have not always done your will; we have broken your holy law;
We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors;
We have not heard the cry of the needy, or your call to justice and mercy.
Forgive us for these and all our sins, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *please sing!* *Duke Street*
Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen! Isaac Watts

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Caroline Aimar Guido

Daughter of Barbara Aimar Guido and Robert Mark Guido

Prayer of Response

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:25-34

Evan Atchison

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer* called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord* to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

SERMON

Worth Saving

Rev. Donna Marsh

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Salvation

When in the night I meditate on mercies multiplied,
my grateful heart inspires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.
My inmost being fills with joy, and gladness fills my breast;
because on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.

from Psalm 16, *The Psalter*, 1912

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Quinn 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.

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

My Song in the Night

Paul Christiansen
Southern Folk Hymn

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight.
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN *please sing!*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the sinful clean, his blood availed for me.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim.
To spread throughout the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Marsh

POSTLUDE

Fugue from Voluntary XI

G. F. Handel
Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Upcoming Dates

Nov 1: Communion at home [more info](#)
Nov 1: Service of Remembrance [more info](#)
Nov 5: Q&A Zoom meeting in advance of Congregational Meeting
Nov 6: Women's Dessert
Nov 7: Men's Breakfast
Nov 7: Care Packages for Troops [more info](#)
Nov 8: Mission Meet-up [more info](#)
Nov 8: Evening Contemporary Worship
Nov 15: Congregational Meeting

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held on our [Worship Live page](#) **next Sunday, Nov 1, at 1:00 pm** after our online worship. All who have lost loved ones in the recent past are welcome to attend virtually, remember, and celebrate eternal life in Christ Jesus. If you'd like to make an appointment to visit the columbarium or have questions, please contact lmartin@nationalpres.org.

Online Congregational Meeting: Sunday Nov 15 at Noon

Advance Q&A: Thursday Nov 5 at 7:00 pm

An online congregational meeting is called for Sunday, November 15, following the 11:00 am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive and vote on a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) on new session members, deacons, board members of the NPC Fund for Charitable Giving, and members of the new CNC.

- Names of proposed nominees and background information will be available through a link in the bulletin and weekly emails during the week of Nov 1.
- A Zoom Q&A session will be held by the CNC on Thursday evening, November 5, at 7:00 pm. This will be your opportunity to make further nominations or to ask questions about the slate.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Carole S. Kinney and family in loving memory of her parents, Dorothy and Charles Steadman, especially remembering her mother's October 29th birthday.

Prayers

Missionaries Dustin & Sherri Ellington are back in the US for sabbatical from Justo Mwale University in Lusaka, Zambia. Please pray for their family and for the school, guiding a large but vulnerable Christian community in Southern and Central Africa.

Women's Dessert

Join us via Zoom as we welcome our new Associate Pastor for Care Ministries, Rev. Katie Francis to our Women's Dessert, Friday, November 6th, at 7:00 pm. Please email kteams@nationalpres.org for more information.

Care Packages for Troops

The Military Ministry is partnering with the West Point Parents Group to send care packages to deployed troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.

- Shop now: [please click here](#) to see the shopping list.
- Drop off: Sunday, Nov 7, 9-11 am, you can drive to NPC, pop your trunk, and a team will be ready to collect your items.
- Help with packing: Want to help pack? Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to register to pack at 11:00-1:00 the same day. This activity is open to all!

Mission Meet-up Nov 8, at 1:00 pm

Kim R. Ford, Director of Martha's Table, will be joining us for an update on the impact that NPC is making on hunger in the DC area. Grab your lunch after worship and join us Nov 8, at 1:00 pm via Zoom. Contact sobanion@nationpres.org for the link.

Evening Contemporary Worship

We are excited to announce that we will be having an evening contemporary in-person worship service on Sunday, Nov 8, at 6:00 pm. As with all in-person events, registration will be required and capacity is limited. More information and registration details will be coming soon.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection

Wednesdays, 7-7:45pm ET

You are invited to join us on our [Worship Live page](#) as Dr. Renwick explores Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Adult, Children & Youth Sunday School

You are invited to join us! You can check out our options for each group here:

- [Adult Sunday School info](#)
- [Children Sunday School info](#)
- [Youth Sunday School info](#)

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 [click here](#) to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

Come and Add Your Prayer Stone

We welcome everyone to visit the Prayer Pathway of Hope display here on the NPC campus (at the Van Ness St. entrance). You can write a prayer on stones provided, and place with others' prayers as you meditate on a tranquil pathway of hope-filled Scriptures. Questions? Please email LSaum@Nationalpres.org or call 202-537-7494.

Building Together in 2021

Can you commit to supporting God's work in and through NPC in 2021? Please [click here](#) to make your commitment. And as always, thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

Connect LIVE on Zoom

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others and enjoy conversation. To join in, simply 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 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	\$ 1,965,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 798,000
Other Income	\$ 547,000
Total Income	\$ 3,310,000
Total Expenses	\$ 3,425,000
Balance	\$ (114,000)

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

COVID is just plain hard!

We are in this together. The Care/Connections staff have prepared [resources to use during this time](#). Use them on your own or share with a friend. Feeling Isolated? Grieving? Anxious? Needing to have a hard conversation with someone? Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or contact [Liz Martin](#) or [Leslie Saum](#).