

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, November 1, 2020
Communion of the Saints

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Lux Aeterna

Edward Elgar
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, THIRD-GRADE MILESTONE

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12:1-2

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

HYMN *please sing!*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
3. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Quinn Fox

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up believers to be your own,
yet we have often been indifferent to your will.
You have enabled us to speak, but we have been silent.
You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
You have loved us with steadfast love, but we have not always been faithful servants.
In your mercy, Lord, forgive us.
With the great cloud of witnesses who have preceded us, keep us faithful to your call.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *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

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:18-29

David Gardner

The Apostle Paul writes

¹⁸ I, Paul, will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, ¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and as far around as Illyricum I have fully proclaimed the good news of Christ. ²⁰Thus I make it my ambition to proclaim the good news, not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on someone else's foundation, ²¹but as it is written,

*'Those who have never been told of him shall see,
and those who have never heard of him shall understand.'*

²² This is the reason that I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³But now, with no further place for me in these regions, I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you ²⁴when I go to Spain. For I do hope to see you on my journey and to be sent on by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little while. ²⁵At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints; ²⁶for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them; for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things. ²⁸So, when I have completed this, and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will set out by way of you to Spain; ²⁹and I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Saints Serving Saints

Dr. Renwick

Acts 11:27-30; Romans 16:1-5

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Exultation

We have laid up our love and our treasure above, though our bodies continue below;

the redeem'd of the Lord shall remember his word, and with singing to Paradise go.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Katie Francis

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

I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus

Craig Courtney

I'll sing the praise of Jesus who bore the cross for me,
his wond'rous love so precious my constant theme shall be:
*I'll sing the praise of Jesus till heart and voice shall fail,
and then forever praise him when safe within the veil.*

I'll sing the praise of Jesus, on whom my hopes depend:
My everlasting portion, my best and dearest friend:

Fanny Jane Crosby

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Howard Helvey

My Lord, what a mornin', O my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

Spiritual

The night is passin', soon be gone, then my Lord will come;
trumpet sound will call me on, to my heav'nly home.

Prayer of Response 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.

HYMN *please sing!*

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We, feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of the Saints in Glory

Dr. Renwick

Reading of names during organ interlude

3. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

Solemn Processional on
"When the Saints Go Marching In"

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Mr. Fickley

Celebration of the Saints in Glory

Deceased Members November 2, 2019 to November 1, 2020

David Chambers III, October 12, 2019*
Jean Lightfoot, October 14, 2019*
John Addams, November 3, 2019
Richard Schaefer, November 18, 2019
Louise Doddy, November 21, 2019
Peter Meszoly, November 24, 2019
Kathleen Swendiman, December 6, 2019
Janet Wilson, December 15, 2019
Lois Herrmann, January 14, 2020
David Chambers, Jr., January 15, 2020
Louise Pinckernell, January 17, 2020
Charlotte McComas, January 19, 2020
Mary Wittman, January 22, 2020
Nettie Broyhill, February 20, 2020
Michael Wiseman, March 1, 2020
Jessie Brown, March 24, 2020
Nathan Yoder, April 21, 2020
Barbara Freeman, April 22, 2020
Margarita de Rivero, April 24, 2020
Nancy Dymont, May 7, 2020

Carl Frandsen, May 13, 2020
Anna Glenn, May 19, 2020
Margery Bernbaum, May 22, 2020
Douglas Fox, June 5, 2020
Anne Mesmer, June 11, 2020
Ruth Barham, June 12, 2020
Roderick Black, July 10, 2020
Noble McCartney, July 14, 2020
Howard Moon, August 13, 2020
Mary Conger, August 27, 2020
Lois Bean, September 2, 2020
Charles McNett, Jr., September 5, 2020
Dixie Falvey, September 11, 2020
Stephen Watkins, September 11, 2020
Ann James, September 14, 2020
Diane Della-Loggia, September 23, 2020
Carol Wiseman, September 23, 2020
Charles Moore, September 28, 2020
Mildred Wheat, October 4, 2020

**notified after November 3, 2019*

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Upcoming Dates

Nov 1: Daylight Saving Time – fall back!
Nov 1: Communion at home [more info](#)
Nov 1: Service of Remembrance [more info](#)
Nov 1: Prayer Live extended hours 12-2pm
Nov 5: Q&A Zoom meeting in advance of Congregational Meeting
Nov 6: Women's Dessert [more info](#)
Nov 7: Men's Breakfast [more info](#)
Nov 7: Care Packages for Troops [more info](#)
Nov 8: Mission Meet-up [more info](#)
Nov 8: Military Ministry Meeting [more info](#)
Nov 8: Evening Contemporary Worship
Nov 15: Congregational Meeting
Nov 16: Adult Fellowship Lunch Online

Communion

Today, Nov 1, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.](#)

Service of Remembrance

A Service of Remembrance will be held on our [Worship Live page](#) today, 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. We will take a short break after worship then resume live at 1:00 pm on our [Worship Live page](#). If you'd like to make an appointment to visit the columbarium or have questions, please contact lmartin@nationalpres.org.

Online Congregational Meeting: Sun, Nov 15 at Noon

Advance Q&A: Thurs, 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.

- Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the list of proposed nominees and their background information.
- 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. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to get the Zoom link.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Women's Association in memory of its members, 1885-2017.

Prayers

Please pray for our local affiliate Young Life North DC, a Christian international organization that presents the gospel to teenagers and helps them grow in their faith. Pray that our young neighbors get the joy of a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Women's Dessert Online

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 kteems@nationalpres.org for more information.

Men's Breakfast, In Person

November 7th, 8:30-9:30 am, please join us as we pray for our nation and world. Bring your own coffee and a portable chair, if you have one. Breakfast sandwiches will be provided. RSVPs are required. Please email kteems@nationalpres.org for more information and directions.

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: Saturday, 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!

Building Faith 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!



Virtual 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. [Click here](#) for the link or contact sobanion@nationpres.org with questions.

Military Ministry Meeting – All Invited!

The Military Ministry will meet via Zoom on Nov 8th at 1:00 pm. Three 3 Presbyterian chaplains who are serving our troops around the world will join us and talk about their call to military chaplaincy and the rewards & challenges they face in their ministry. All are welcome. If interested in attending please contact Liz Martin in the Care Office at LMartin@nationalpres.org.

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. [Please click here to register to attend.](#)

National Presbyterian School

NPS offers special considerations to NPC family applicants for Nursery (3 years old) through sixth grade. We hope you'll join us for a weekly small group information session via Zoom. NPC applications for 3-year-olds and Pre-Kindergarten are **due November 23**. Kindergarten and older are **due January 15**. For more information visit www.nps-dc.org or contact Admissions Director Katy Harvey, kharvey@nps-dc.org or (202) 537-7508.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection

We will be taking a break for the month of November. See you for Advent Vespers in December!

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](#)

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: noon-2pm this Sun, Nov 1

Would you like to pray with a live person after worship? Please call 12-2 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!

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 or text "NPC" to 77977.

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.

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](#).

3-Week Online Study on Biblical Justice

The Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington is offering a 3-session study about Biblical visions of justice and how our lives can be shaped by them. This short course explores the Presbyterian scholar Michael Barram's *Missional Economics: Biblical Justice and Christian Formation*. This is a live Zoom event on Saturdays, Nov 7, 14, and 21, 10:00-11:30 am. [Please click here to register by November 5.](#)