

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, January 10, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "All Glory Be to God on High," BWV 662 J.S. Bach
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *please sing!* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our Helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His Kingdom is forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Donna Marsh

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the thoughts and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done.
We have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy on us.
Forgive and restore all who confess their sin and repent,
according to your promises declared to us in 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!*

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

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:1-7, 16-17

Deacon Lisa Herndon

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ...

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith; ¹⁷For in it the justice (righteousness) of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is just will live by faith.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good News, Bad News
Romans 1:18-2:1

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Tallis' Ordinal

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,
Maintain the glory of his cross, and honor all God's laws.
Jesus, my Lord! I know his name; that name is all my boast;
Nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

Isaac Watts from Romans 1:16

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 3:9, 23-27; 4:24-25

Rev. Katie Francis

We believe that there is no distinction between people of any race or background,
religious or secular.

No one has the right to boast of any privileges or achievements before God.

Indeed, all of us have the same need of God's redemption in Christ Jesus –
for all of us have sinned and lack the intimate presence of God.

We believe the Good News that God the Redeemer gave Jesus,
his Son, to all people as a gift.

We believe that in Jesus' sacrificial death,

God proved that he himself does what is right:
fully bearing all judgment for sin and providing us with abundant mercy.

We believe that this gift of mercy becomes effective only by faith

—by relinquishing all our human boasting
—and fully entrusting our lives into the loving arms of Jesus our Lord,
whom God handed over to death for us, and raised to life for us
so that we could be rightly-related to God forever. 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

Dr. Quinn Fox
Olive Dugan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

Sheri Jackson, soprano and Todd Fickley, piano

DOXOLOGY*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**HYMN** *please sing!*

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone—who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love, this righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**POSTLUDE**

Grand Plein Jeu on "Deo Gracias"

Mary Beth Bennett
Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Prayers

We pray for:

Effie and Joseph Smith, Trudy Singh,
Rick Polhamus, and Carol Wehrer

We pray for our mission partners, including:
European Christian Mission, International,
which supports churches and church
planters as they build loving communities in
Europe.

Please submit prayer requests to:
Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org,
202.537.7540

Carol Wiseman Memorial Service

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Carol Wiseman will be broadcast online today, Jan 10, at 3:30 pm. [Click here](#) to watch the broadcast. There will be a zoom reception to greet the family immediately following the service. [Click here](#) to join the reception, or you may call (301) 715-8592 and enter code 812 2020 2567.

Adult Fellowship Broadcast Online

Join us online, Jan 11 at 1:00 pm. Our own Rev. Katie Francis will be sharing her testimony. [More information on how to join us here.](#)

Pathway of Christian Discipleship Online Class

Becoming a church member here at National can be a meaningful step forward in your spiritual journey on the Pathway of Christian Discipleship. To inquire about membership or just learn more about Christian faith, please attend the two half-day virtual Pathway class on [Sat, Jan 23](#) and [Sat, Jan 30](#). For more information or to RSVP by Jan 13, please [click here](#).

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Marcia and Don Bini in loving memory of their fathers Carl Freeman and Louis Bini.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection

Join us on our [Worship Live page](#) at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in January. Associate Pastor Dr. Quinn Fox leads us in *Why Presbyterian? Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*, an exploration into the history, doctrine and polity (how we make decisions) of the Presbyterian tradition.

Adults

Sundays in January at 9:30 am, we're offering a fantastic series of speakers on topics relevant to today. [Please click here for more info or to join the class.](#)

- This week: Mark Denison, *COVID-19: What we didn't know, have learned, and still need to know – and what does faith have to do with it?*
- Next week: Ross Douthat, *A Conversation on The Decadent Society: How We Became the Victims of Our Own Success*

Children & Youth

Sunday School resumes this Sunday, Jan 10.

- [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

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.

Dr. Renwick’s Teaching Series are now on YouTube

Want to grow in faith? [Click here](#) to watch

- *Colossians*
- *Galatians*
- *Matters of Race*

.. and to see other classes on our YouTube channel.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!

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? For easy and safe online giving, please visit nationalpres.org/giving. To give by phone, just text “NPC” to 77977.

COVID times are just plain hard!

Feeling Isolated or Anxious? Grieving in these difficult days? Needing to have a hard conversation with someone? 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. Find these resources on the [Care webpage](#) or contact [Liz Martin](#) or [Leslie Saum](#).

NPC Online (My NPC): New in 2021!

NPC Online will be changing its name - all the same features but called “My NPC!”

What does NPC Online (My NPC) do?

This is our church database, and more. Here you can:

- Access the church directory
- Update your profile to keep NPC in the loop about address changes etc.
- View your private giving information
- And more!

Don’t have an account?

[Click here](#) and “Request Account.”

How can my church family find me?

Have you checked out your privacy settings? Once you’ve logged in, click on your name in the upper right corner, then *Actions*, then *Privacy* to make any adjustments.

Now Hiring!

- NPC’s Youth and Children’s Ministries are hiring summer interns! Spend your summer working to share Christ’s love with the children and youth of NPC through trips, VBS, and weekly programs. To apply, visit nationalpres.org/jobs.
- Are you organized with great written communication skills? The Communications Department is seeking a part-time Communications Contractor. Visit nationalpres.org/jobs for more information and the job description.

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.