

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, February 14, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again.
Death no longer has dominion over him.
The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Romans 6:9-11

HYMN *please sing!*

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.
2. Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; God's boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
4. Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Quinn Fox

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness;
through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

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 7:7-8, 12, 14-25

Deacon Gerri Hall
Chancel Choir Member

⁶ We have been discharged from the law of Moses, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. Not that the law is all bad. Indeed, ⁷ Without God's law, I would not have known what sin was. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.' ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from God's law sin lies dead...

¹² So, we know that the law of God is holy and just and good. ¹⁴ But I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ That is, I do not understand my own actions.

For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ Indeed, it is not merely I that break God's law, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh:

-- I can will what is right, but I cannot do it.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

²⁰ Now, if I do what I do not want, it is no longer merely I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a principle of life, that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

²² For I, in my inmost self, delight in the law of God, ²³ but I see in my members another "law" at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the "law of sin" that dwells in my members.

²⁴ How miserable I am! Is there anyone who will rescue me from this body that is still subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

SERMON

Why Did God Make Me This Way?

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Converse

Choir

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Congregation

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
There's no need to be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Joseph Scriven, 1855

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths

Rev. Francis

G. F. Handel

Keep me faithfully in thy paths, O Lord, and cleanse me from my sin.
In thy goodness, Lord, be thou merciful.

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!*

Guide My Feet

Wendell Whalum

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! Spiritual
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
3. Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!
4. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race for I don't want to run this race in vain!

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Allegro moderato maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Prayers

We pray for:
Rick Polhamus

We grieve the death of:
Frank MacKeith on February 9, 2021
Hall Northcott on February 5, 2021
Kenneth Walden on Feb 2, 2020
Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to
be informed about memorial services.

We pray for our mission partners, including:
Central Union Mission as they serve the
homeless and vulnerable in DC.

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

Hall Northcott Memorial Service

[Please click here to view.](#)

Missions Meet-ups

To find out more about our mission
partners and how you can get involved,
please join us at 1:00 pm [via zoom!](#)
Contact: jturpin@nationalpres.org.

Missions Meet-ups:

- Today, Feb 14: Central Union Mission
- Feb 18: Farewell to John Turpin & Intro to His Mission
- Feb 21: Jeremy & Stephanie Seep

Military Ministry

All are invited to join us on Sunday, Feb
21 at 1:00 pm online to hear from our own
Amb. David Mack, retired ambassador
and career Foreign Service Officer, as he
speaks about his role and responsibilities.
[More info](#)

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given by Linda Botsford
in grateful memory of her parents,
Charles "Duke" and Doris Botsford
who now enjoy their eternal rest with
their Savior and each other.

Learn & Grow

Ash Wednesday and Vespers

Wednesday evening online
Vespers starts with Ash
Wednesday on Feb 17 at 7:00 pm
and continues to March 24,
before Holy Week. NPC's pastors
will teach about Spiritual Gifts,
based on Romans 12.

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](#)

Food Drive Feb 27

On Saturday, Feb 27, 2:00-3:30 pm,
please donate to the Food Drive
benefitting [Central Union Mission](#). You
can drive up and volunteers will safely
collect items from your car. [More info](#)

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with our Super SANDWICH
Sunday. The youth hosted this drive through event for the benefit of Martha's Kitchen.
We set the goal of 800 sandwiches and 100 trail mix bags. Our grand totals were 1,970
sandwiches and 1,061 trail mix bags. Wow!

Vacation Bible School

Save the date! NPC will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 28 - July 2, 2021. We are planning to be outdoors on the NPC Campus. Registration will start soon. Due to space constraints and social-distancing requirements, we are only able to accept campers from the NPC and NPS community. Join us for this fun, faith-filled adventure! For more information, please contact mlehard@nationalpres.org.

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.

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.

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.

These pandemic days are just plain hard, yet we are in this together! 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 Martin](#) in the Care Office if we can help.