

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

My Jesus Calls to Me, Op. 122, No. 1

Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

1. Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing. Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword. Our prayer attend:
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
3. Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
4. To thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Rev. Katie Francis

O Lord, you have mercy upon all.

Take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit.

Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh,

a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you,

a heart to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake.

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE *sung first by the choir, then all.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Litany of Ministry

Elder John Gregg, Clerk of Session

There are different gifts,

But it is one and the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit

To use it for the common good.

Constitutional Questions

Dr. Renwick and Rev. Francis

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayer of the Congregation

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation, give us courage and discipline to follow you where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds, and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1-4, 12-17a

Elder Kim Jensen

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit...

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Choir

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.

All

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Thomas T. Lynch (1-3) and K. Lee Scott (4)

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Fox

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

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Marsh

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

O World, I Must Leave You, Op. 122, No. 3

Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

New Officer Installation:

Please [click here](#) to view the Elders and Deacons.

Prayers

We pray for:

Bob English, Rick Polhamus
and Ken Rathje

We pray for our mission partners, including:
[Jeremy and Stephanie Seep](#) and the refugees from around the world whom they serve at The Oasis, a ministry center in Austria.

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

Missions Meet-ups – Today, 1:00 pm

To find out more about our mission partners and how you can get involved, please join us at 1:00 pm today [via zoom](#) to hear an update from Jeremy & Stephanie Seep, missionaries with One Collective at [The Oasis](#) in Traiskirchen, Austria. For questions, please contact iturpin@nationalpres.org.

Military Ministry – Today, 1:00 pm

All are invited to join us today 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](#)

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](#)

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dianne and John Tingley in loving memory of their parents, David and Audrey Rhea, and Ethel and Stuart Tingley.

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](#)

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.