

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11 AM Online Worship, Sunday, February 7, 2021
Communion

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *please sing!* We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy: *Alleluia!*
2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him his Easter life
As living members of a living Christ: *Alleluia!*
3. A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: *Alleluia! Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. Donna Marsh

Gracious God, through ignorance and our own deliberate fault
we are prone to wander and turn from you in sin.
We have failed to do your will.
We have broken your law.
We have rebelled against your love.
Yet, the scriptures tell us that where sin increases, your grace increases all the more;
-- and that even though you see our sins more clearly than we see them ourselves,
you give yourself to us with unfailing mercy.
Forgive us, O Lord, we humbly pray.
Help us to die to sin daily, and to rise to new life in Christ every day.

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

Dr. Renwick

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-4, 10-14, 19-23

Elder John Neely

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life...

¹⁰The death Jesus died, he died to sin, once, for all ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." ¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments that reflect a right-relationship with God. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace...

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as if you were slaves to having a relationship with God that is right, and that will lead to your holiness. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to being rightly-related to God. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is to become holy. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

SERMON

Vision for a Change

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Neumark

Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

You give me place, though weak and lowly, among your seed, your chosen host.

Buried with Christ and dead to sin: your Spirit e'er to live within.

J. J. Rambach (1723), trans. Catherine Winkworth, (1863)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38

Rev. Marsh

We believe there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

We know that in all things God works for good together with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purposes.

We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Spiritual

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

Let Us Break Bread Together

Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Spiritual

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

Prayer of Response

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!*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning: Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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:
Hall Northcott

We grieve the death of:
Natalie Morrison on January 28, 2021.

We pray for our mission partners, including:
Keith Patman with Wycliffe Bible Translators, providing tools and training to translators in Africa.

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

Communion

Today, Feb 7, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion from your home. [Here are guidelines for preparation and serving of communion.](#)

Super SANDWICH Sunday, Today

Before the kickoff to the big game, play your part in the winning drive! Our goal, with your help from home, is to provide 800 sandwich and 100 trail mix bags to Martha's Table. Today, Feb 7, drive by NPC between 2:00-3:00 pm to drop off your donations, and then head home to catch the first pass! Please [click here](#) for more info.

Adult Fellowship Broadcast, Tomorrow at 1:00 pm

Our Adult Fellowship Broadcast will feature our own, Janet Meyers, Manager of the Moehrle Bookstore. Janet will speak about *Her Life and Her Involvement in Ministry with the Bookstore*. She will share with us information on the history of the bookstore. To access the presentation go to the church website and click on the announcement on the home page.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of General Reginald C. Harmon by Susan and Richard Meyer.

Learn & Grow

Wednesday Faith Connection

Join us on Feb 10 on our [Worship Live page](#) at 7:00-7:45 pm on Wednesday. We are now in the middle of our sermon series in Romans. Dr. Renwick will provide a brief review of the whole book, "*Romans In 45 Minutes*."

Vespers: "A Living Sacrifice"

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm online starting Feb 17, NPC's pastors will teach about Spiritual Gifts, based on Romans 12.

Adults Sunday School

Four new classes start today at 9:30 am. Class titles are:

- *Reading the Bible Without Privilege*
- *Following Jesus Together with the First Christians*
- *Paul's First Letter to the Church in Corinth*
- *The 20th Century Church: A Global Faith in a Fragmented Age*

You are invited to join us! [more info](#)

Children & Youth

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

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

Missions Meet-ups

Join us at 1:00 pm [via zoom!](#)

Contact: jturpin@nationalpres.org.

Upcoming Missions Meet-ups:

- 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 David Mack, Foreign Service Officer, as he speaks about his role and responsibilities.

[More 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.

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.

Now Hiring!

- We are seeking a Youth Ministry Associate to support our growing and active youth ministry. 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.