

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Staying Connected in Christ
11:00 am Online Worship, Sunday, March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent
Communion

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Let Us Break Bread Together Raymond H. Haan
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP **Colossians 1:15-16, 19-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
for *in him* all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible, and *in him* all things hold together.
For *in him* all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and *through him* God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

HYMN *please sing!* Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN Rev. Donna Marsh

God of compassion, slow to anger and full of mercy,
you welcome sinners who return to you with repentant hearts.
We therefore confess our sins to you,
for you alone can forgive and make us clean.
Receive us in your loving embrace.
Seat us at your bountiful table of grace

that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE

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.

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 12:1-2

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Beautiful Mind

Dr. Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be at mine end and at my departing.

Old English Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Rev. Marsh

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Marsh

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart

Elaine Hagenberg

Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Dr. Quinn Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: Blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8

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!*

May the Mind of Christ Our Savior

St. Leonard

1. May the mind of Christ, our Savior, live in us from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all we do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly in our hearts from hour to hour,
So that all may see we triumph only through God's pow'r.
3. May the peace of God, our Father, rule our lives in everything
That we may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill us as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self-abasing: This is victory.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God, Op. 122, No. 7

Johannes Brahms
Mr. Fickley

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

Communion

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

Spring Forward Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 14, is Daylight Saving Time so be sure to set your clocks forward!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Food Drive! With your donations, we were able to give:

- 8 bins of food and toiletries and
- \$650 in gift cards

to Central Union Mission! We also had many new volunteers!

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Edward Blanton in honor of his father Edward's 99th birthday on March 8th.

Prayers

We pray for:

Bob English, Janice Jackson, David Low, and Rick Polhamus

We pray for our mission partners, including:

Keith Patman as he works 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

You are invited to celebrate Easter with us!

He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Matthew 28:6

Come and discover that this is the best news of all! This season, we will journey together through Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation to his resurrection and victory over the darkness.

Leading up to Easter

- To March 24: Vespers every Wednesday evening | 7:00 pm online
- March 28: Palm Sunday Service | 11:00 am online
- April 1: Maundy Thursday Service | 7:00 pm online
- April 2: Good Friday Service | 7:00 pm online

April 4, Easter Sunday Rejoice with us in the resurrection of our Lord!

- 8:30 am Traditional Service Online
- 9:30 am In-Person Outdoor Service in the NPC parking lot
- 11:00 am Traditional Service Online

Mission Meet-up March 14

Hear all about our mission partners, Wycliffe Bible translators Steve & Janice Quakenbush, and how you can get involved at 1:00 pm, March 14. For information on how to join, [click here](#).

Adult Fellowship Broadcast,

Mar 15 at 1:00 pm will feature our own Director of the Library and Archives, Jim Anderson. He will discuss *Presbyterian Women, Significant Individuals in the Life of the Church*. [Please click her for info on how to join](#).

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 is now open here](#). 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! Please contact mlenhard@nationalpres.org for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here](#).

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.

Learn & Grow

Lenten Vespers

NPC's pastors teach about Spiritual Gifts, based on Romans 12, on Wednesday evenings online at 7:00 pm. This continues to March 24, before Holy Week.

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](#)

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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.

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.