

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

11:00 am Online Worship, May 16, 2021

EASTERTIDE

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Variations on “I Come With Joy”

David P. Dahl
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *please sing!*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall’s 148th

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. God’s kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o’er earth and heav’n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

O God, our Judge and Savior, set before us a vision of your purity,
And let us see ourselves in the light of your holiness.
As your holiness is our judgment, so are Christ’s wounds our salvation.
Mercifully forgive and cleanse us of our sins.
Pierce our self-contentment with shafts of your burning love.
Let your love consume in us, all that hinders us from your faithful service.

William Temple

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

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

K-2nd Grade Milestone in Worship Education: The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Renwick

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Exchange of Vows

Prayer *in unison*

Dr. Renwick

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family.

May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them.

Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging.

**Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment
in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives.**

We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit.

**So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust;
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-9

Deacon Dana Granville

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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

SERMON

Stop Being the Judge

Dr. Renwick

Matthew 7:1-5; John 7:22-24; 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE *sung first by the choir, then the congregation*

Somos del Señor

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're living, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Dr. Fox

OFFERTORY

Come and Taste

Alice Parker

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free,
From the Father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb.
*I'll praise God and you praise God, and we'll all praise God together;
We'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done, and we'll bless his name forever.*
All that come with free good will make the banquet sweeter still;
Now we go to Mercy's door, asking for a little more.
Goodness, running like a stream through the new Jerusalem,
By a constant breaking forth sweetens earth and heaven both.
O return now, child of grace, turn and see God's smiling face.
Hark, he calls all sinners home, then from him no longer roam.

*Farabee***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

Rev. Katie Francis

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!*

Though I May Speak

O Waly Waly

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, the words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely dim.
3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Hal Hopson

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Finale in G minor

David P. Dahl
Mr. Fickley, organ

Let's Stay Connected! Announcements for You

New to National?

Welcome and thank you for being with us today! Here are some easy ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Prayers

We pray for:

those that are experiencing hardship in our church, in our nation and in our world.

We pray for our mission partners including: International Justice Mission (IJM), as they work toward protection and restitution for victims of crimes and for the transformation of broken justice systems in the world.

How can we pray for you? Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, (202) 537-7540.

Milestones in Worship

We thank our Kindergarten – 2nd graders for leading us in the Lord's Prayer today as part of our Milestones in Worship program. This program teaches children elements of our worship service so they may become lifelong worshippers! Next week we will be led by our 3rd graders as they remind us of the importance of scripture in our lives and receive their very own Bibles!

Adult Fellowship Broadcast tomorrow – Construction Update

On Monday, May 17, at 1:00 pm we will feature Diane E. Stewart, Director of Facilities here at National and a Registered Architect. The program is *A Conversation with Diane Stewart on the Capital Building Program Construction*. She will lead us through a pictorial journey of the new work and what's in store for the future. Please [click here](#) for information on how to join.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edmund E. Pendleton, Jr. by his family.

New Member Recognition

We welcome our newest members into the NPC church family!

Karin Ballman, Washington, DC
Esther Christian, Washington, DC
Thomas Christian, Washington, DC
Mercedes Condy, Bethesda, MD
Missy Edwards, Washington, DC
Michael Esch, Bethesda, MD
Michael Lee, Washington, DC
John McShane, Bethesda, MD
Michelle Melenwick, Washington, DC
Art Pine, Chevy Chase, MD*
Emily Rose, Alexandria, VA
Soren Rose, Alexandria, VA
Samantha Toerge, Bethesda, MD
Zach Wilks, Washington, DC
**Affiliate Member*

If you are interested in membership here at National or just want to learn more about faith or NPC, come to the next class on September 18 & 25, 2021. Please contact Kemet Rakiatu krakiatu@nationalpres.org or call (202) 537- 7578.

Pentecost next Sunday, May 23

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Wherever you are, wear red to celebrate – and we'd love to see your photos!

Memorial Service for Marge Bernbaum

There will be a video Memorial Service for Marge Bernbaum on May 22, 2021. To access the video, please contact Liz Martin at LMartin@NationalPres.org.

Spring Sandwich Drive for Martha's Table - Sunday, May 23, 2-3 pm

Help provide sandwiches and bags of trail mix for the hungry served every day by Martha's Table, one of our local mission partners. Prepare sandwiches and trail mix at home and drop them off at the drive through collection station outside the Stone Hall entrance on May 23 rain or shine. [Click here](#) for more information.

Nominations for Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Submit recommendations [here](#).

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Join us to help kids learn about God's great love and power in this spirit-filled week: June 28-June 2, 2021. Lead crews, discussions, games, and fun! Help for a day or for the whole week. [Register to help here](#) or contact mlehndard@nationalpres.org for more information. Youth wishing to serve at VBS may [sign up here](#).

Military Ministry Meeting

Join us online on Sunday, May 30th at 1:00 pm to hear our speaker Maj. Gen. Robert I. Miller, the Director, Medical Operations and Research, Office of the Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force, Falls Church, VA. Please [click here](#) for more information and the link to join in!

Virtual Coffee Hour (Connect LIVE)

Immediately following online worship, you are invited to a casual virtual gathering on Zoom where you can "pass the peace of Christ" with others and enjoy conversation. Just [click here](#) or click the blue Connect LIVE button on your screen to join in!

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

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

Dr. Renwick continues to teach through Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. [Join us online!](#)

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](#)

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference:

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? Go to nationalpres.org/giving or text "NPC" to 77977.

Why Presbyterian? now on YouTube

Want to find out *Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work?* [Click here](#) to watch this series, taught by Dr. Quinn Fox, and more!

Annual Report

Our 2020 Annual report is now available. Please [click here](#) to view or download.

Struggling with Covid isolation? We are here for you. 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.

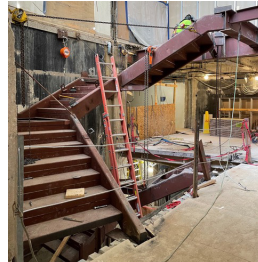
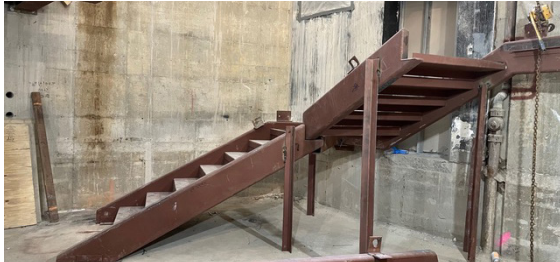
Re-gathering Volunteers Needed

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.



MAY 2021

BUILDING TOGETHER UPDATE



Central Stairs installation progress: Level 1 Level 2 Level 3!

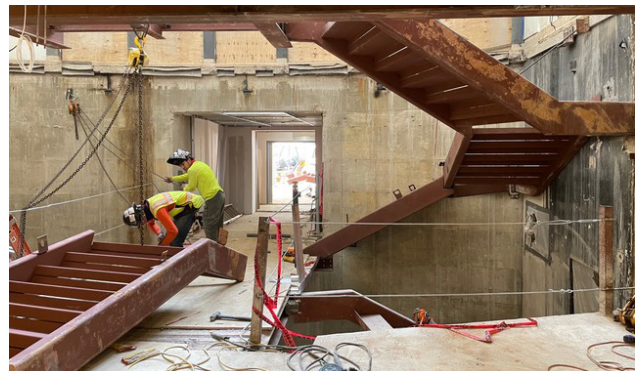
LET'S TAKE THE STAIRS!

Work has begun on the “spine” of our construction project: the new **CENTRAL STAIRCASE** connecting all three levels. The central staircase is actually two sets of stairs so that you can enter at two points on each floor. At the middle, second level (formerly called the mezzanine), the staircase design enables congregants to directly move from the landing into the garden rooms.

The steel stairs feature terrazzo treads and risers that match the existing terrazzo floor on the Sanctuary level. The stained wood hand railings will be affixed to glass “walls” that provide a safety barrier and enable light to fill the entire central stairs space. The understairs will be finished with white wallboard, adding to the overall bright appearance. Construction of the stairs will take several months, with completion expected late summer.



Rendering of stairs at the 2nd Level



Current progress at the 2nd Level



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Flower Room nearly complete!

The new **FLOWER ROOM** on the second level is nearly complete! Soon the flower ministry will move to this beautiful, spacious area which features a walk-in cooler, a large island for arranging flowers, two sinks, extensive cabinets and two storage rooms. A stacked washer dryer will also be installed.

Final elevator inspections are underway to enable use of our **TWO NEW ELEVATORS!** Once these elevators are approved for use by the church, planning will begin to remove our old elevator.



Dr. Renwick ready for his first ride in our new elevators!

MISSION COMMITMENT



Marka Church sports center

The **Marka Church**, a Capital Campaign Partner, provides a variety of services to Syrian and Iraqi refugees located in and around Amman, Jordan. Recently, with the closure of shops, schools, restaurants, and sports clubs due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church began sharing its facilities and sports equipment free of charge with refugees and Jordanians.

Church members reach out to those who use the exercise facility, listening to their problems, praying for them, and sharing Bible passages. Pastor Abo Jon Mazahreh reports that some of the younger people frequenting the facility have begun studying the Bible together.



Refugee learning machine embroidery skills

In addition, the Church has offered sewing courses to refugee women to enable them to gain marketable job skills. The courses also nurture community relationships and networks. One of the women said: ***“Every day I come and I see my new friends and I learn to make many beautiful things. This helps me forget what we have gone through.”*** Thus far, this Marka Church ministry has served 500 Iraqi and Syrian women.

CAPITAL



CAMPAIGN

Our Senior Pastor recently received a note from a family who increased their Capital Campaign commitment:

“We began attending NPC over 15 years ago, shortly after we were married. We have made numerous dear friends and love watching our children grow up in a nurturing community of faith. The vision of a 50-year plan for NPC’s facilities inspired us to prayerfully contribute and we have enjoyed watching the plans come to fruition in the regular updates. We are looking forward to being together again in our refurbished and improved building!”

The new construction and focus on our mission partners ***is*** inspiring! If you have not yet joined those who have committed to the campaign – or if you can increase your commitment, now is the time! **We need every possible gift to complete the project debt-free.**

Questions? Just email or call our Director of Finance and Administration Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org or (202) 537-7484.



Email Us: BuildingTogether@nationalpres.org

Capital Project Steering Committee

John Neely (Chair); Mary Jo Pera (Vice Chair), John Lawlah, Susie Westrup, Diane Stewart (Facilities Director), David Renwick (Senior Pastor/ex officio)