

# NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Staying Connected in Christ”*

11:00 am Online Worship, June 6, 2021

## WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE**

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Todd Fickley, organ

**CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. David Renwick

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**HYMN** *please sing!*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

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 us to a future in which we can be changed,  
and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ the 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 OF PRAISE** *please sing!*

*Divinum Mysterium*

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

Melanie Lenhard  
Interim Director of Children's Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 1:19-33

Abigail Rakow

<sup>19</sup>Then, just as the Lord our God had ordered us, we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, until we reached Kadesh-barnea. <sup>20</sup>I said to you, “You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God is giving us. <sup>21</sup>See, the Lord your God has given the land to you; go up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you; do not fear or be dismayed.”

<sup>22</sup>All of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead of us to explore the land for us and bring back a report to us regarding the route by which we should go up and the cities we will come to.” <sup>23</sup>The plan seemed good to me, and I selected twelve of you, one from each tribe.

<sup>24</sup>They set out and went up into the hill country, and when they reached the Valley of Eshcol they spied it out <sup>25</sup>and gathered some of the land’s produce, which they brought down to us. They brought back a report to us, and said, “It is a good land that the Lord our God is giving us.”

<sup>26</sup>But you were unwilling to go up. You rebelled against the command of the Lord your God; <sup>27</sup>you grumbled in your tents and said, “It is because the Lord hates us that he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us. <sup>28</sup>Where are we headed? Our kindred have made our hearts melt by reporting, ‘The people are stronger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified up to heaven! We actually saw there the offspring of the Anakim!’”

<sup>29</sup>I said to you, “Have no dread or fear of them. <sup>30</sup>The Lord your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, <sup>31</sup>and in the wilderness, where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place. <sup>32</sup>But in spite of this, you have no trust in the Lord your God, <sup>33</sup>who goes before you on the way to seek out a place for you to camp, in fire by night, and in the cloud by day, to show you the route you should take.”

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

**SERMON**

Facing the Future

Dr. Renwick

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Holy Mana*

As we journey on together, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov’ring, showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

John Newton, alt

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Marsh

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****OFFERTORY**

Hear Ye, Israel!

Felix Mendelssohn

Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh! O would'st thou heed my commandments!  
Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?  
Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh!

Sheri Jackson, soprano

**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**

Dr. Quinn Fox

**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!*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

1. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
4. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Renwick

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE**

In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615

J.S. Bach  
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](#)

## WELCOME!

**Today we are so glad to welcome you both in-person and online!**

**Starting today**, up to 150 people may worship in-person at our traditional service on Sundays at 11:00 am.

**Starting next week June 13**, we are adding a 4:45 pm informal, summer, in-person 45-minute worship service.

For now, we will require masks and seating will be in every other pew. There will be no special check-in procedures. We celebrate these first steps!

[Register here](#) for 11:00 am June 13.

[Register here](#) for 4:45 pm June 13.

[Please click here to read all the details.](#)

Our online services will continue every week!

## Drive Through Baby Shower Today, 2-3pm

We are overjoyed to share the news that Laila, the mom of the Kurdish refugee family we welcomed several years ago, is expecting an all-American baby girl over 4th of July weekend! So we will shower the family with what they need and provide additional baby items for other refugee families. You are also welcome to leave contributions to the baby shower in the Stone Hall Lobby before or after the worship service. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Prayers

*We grieve the death of:*  
Ginny Holborow,  
wife of George Holborow

*We pray for our mission partners including:*  
Synod of Syria and Lebanon as they minister to displaced Syrian students in Lebanon.

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

## Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving and celebration of Mrs. Chui Sun Szeto's 90th birthday by her daughter Nora Szeto.

## Next Sunday – Lunch & Learn 12:15-1:15

We are delighted to welcome **James Ackerman, President of Prison Fellowship**, our Adult Speaker Series speaker at 9:30 am AND will also speak in-person at the Lunch and Learn event following worship. Please register here for:

- 11:00 am worship in-person [click here](#)
- 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn [click here](#)

## 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](#).

## Adult Fellowship Broadcast

The June Luncheon will be 1:00 pm on June 21<sup>st</sup> and feature, **Reverend Todd Sutton**, Chaplain at National Presbyterian School. The program is ***My life in Ministry and Working with Youngsters.*** He will discuss his background in ministry and talk about his work as the Chaplain at the school. Please [click here](#) for more information.

## Learn & Grow

### **NPC Summer Reading Challenge**

Join us in reading “*One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love*” by John M. Perkins. For more information and to join, [please click here](#).

### **Wednesday Night Faith Connection**

7:00 pm on Wednesdays - [join us online!](#)

*True Confessions: What Presbyterians Believe*: On June 9, Dr. Quinn Fox begins a four-week class on the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Confessions*. This is a follow-on to his “*Why Presbyterian*” class this past January.

### **Summer Adult Speaker Series:**

Please join us online starting **9:30 am on Sundays** for our Adult Speaker Series! Each Sunday this summer we’ll hear about an important topic that helps us to think faithfully about our current situation. We will take advantage of the online platform to bring speakers from across the country. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link and to read all about the speakers and their topics.

Upcoming speakers are:

- June 13: James J. Ackerman, President and CEO, Prison Fellowship, *Prison Reform and Race*
- June 20: John Molina Moore, General Presbyter, The National Capital Presbytery

### **Summer Evening Schedule: Children & Youth Sunday School**

On Sunday, June 13, we’ll kick off our summer evening schedule! [More info and registration](#)

- 4:45: Casual in-person worship
- 5:30 Children and youth Sunday School, fellowship and discussion for adults
- Bring your own dinner for a picnic on the lawn if you’d like to stay for additional fellowship time!

### **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.

### **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! 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](http://nationalpres.org/giving) or text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444.

#### **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.

## **NPC Job Openings**

### **Director of Children's Ministries**

NPC is seeking a committed follower of Jesus Christ to provide experienced, energetic, and creative full-time leadership for our ministry to children and their families. This person will implement the vision for Children's ministry by managing and coordinating all programs for children. The primary outcome of this position is to lead our children (birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and to equip their parents in their primary role of nurturing the faith of their children. Please [click here](#) for more info and the job description.

Submit a resume and cover letter to [grow@nationalpres.org](mailto:grow@nationalpres.org). Interested applicants should contact us immediately; we will begin our review on June 15, 2021, but will receive applications until the position is filled with the goal of completing our hiring process by the end of summer 2021.

### **Communications Contractor**

Are you organized, own some great written communication skills and know what a hashtag is used for? The Communications Department is seeking a part-time Communications Contractor. This is a job with room to grow! Visit [nationalpres.org/jobs](http://nationalpres.org/jobs) for more information and the job description. Please email [cwilkerson@nationalpres.org](mailto:cwilkerson@nationalpres.org) with your cover letter and resume.

### **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!