

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Online Worship, June 27, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Prelude in B Major, Op. 99, No. 2 Camille Saint-Saëns
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN *please sing!* Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *St. Denio*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible his from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest I might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Dr. Quinn Fox

Just and merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.

In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, O God.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Dr. Fox

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *please sing!* *St. Denio*

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Renwick

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Elder Nancy Piho

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptismal Vows and Baptism Eloise Joan Bradham

Daughter of Jennifer Dawson Bradham and Austin Robert Bradham

Lydia Abigail Rose

Daughter of Emily Anne Rose and Soren Jacob Rose

Prayer of Response

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 19:1-15

Deacon Jake Puryear

When the LORD your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God is giving you, and you have dispossessed them and settled in their towns and in their houses, ²you shall set apart three cities in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

³You shall calculate the distances and divide into three regions the land that the LORD your God gives you as a possession, so that any homicide can flee to one of them. ⁴Now this is the case of a homicide who might flee there and live, that is, someone who has killed another person unintentionally when the two had not been at enmity before: ⁵Suppose someone goes into the forest with another to cut wood, and when one of them swings the axe to cut down a tree, the head slips from the handle and strikes the other person who then dies; the killer may flee to one of these cities and live.

⁶But if the distance is too great, the avenger of blood in hot anger might pursue and overtake and put the killer to death, although a death sentence was not deserved, since the two had not been at enmity before.

⁷Therefore I command you: You shall set apart three cities.

⁸If the LORD your God enlarges your territory, as he swore to your ancestors—and he will give you all the land that he promised your ancestors to give you, ⁹provided you diligently observe this entire commandment that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God and walking always in his ways—then you shall add three more cities to these three, ¹⁰so that the blood of an innocent person may not be shed in the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, thereby bringing blood-guilt upon you.

¹¹But if someone at enmity with another lies in wait and attacks and takes the life of that person, and flees into one of these cities, ¹²then the elders of the killer's city shall send to have the culprit taken from there and handed over to the avenger of blood to be put to death. ¹³Show no pity; you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, so that it may go well with you.

¹⁴You must not move your neighbor's boundary marker, set up by former generations, on the property that will be allotted to you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

¹⁵A single witness shall not suffice to convict a person of any crime or wrongdoing in connection with any offence that may be committed. Only on the evidence of two or three witnesses shall a charge be sustained.

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

HYMN *please sing!*

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power.
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz
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](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

WELCOME!

Online and in-person worship:

We are so pleased to welcome you to online and in-person services every Sunday!

Today - Choice of 2 worship services:

This week and through Labor Day,

- 11:00 am traditional worship service, in the sanctuary and online
- Tonight: 4:45 pm informal, 45-minute worship service in the sanctuary and online.

Schedule for July 4

- **July 4**, no 4:45 pm service. The evening service resumes July 11.

Please register for in-person worship:

For now, we will require masks and seating will be in every other pew. There will be no special check-in procedures. For more information or to pre-register, [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/return.

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 visit nationalpres.org/serve-church to fill in the form, and we will be in touch.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancyjane Darling, a former volunteer member of the library staff, by the Director of the Library and Archives, J. Theodore Anderson.

Prayers

We mourn the death of:
Carter Wildermuth,
husband of Karen Wildermuth.
Please email lmartin@nationalpres.org to be informed about memorial services.

We also ask your prayers for VBS, which starts tomorrow:
for our staff, volunteers and campers this week – for safety and that the Gospel would be planted, take root and blossom in many hearts.

We pray for our mission partners including:
The staff and students of Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan.

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

We are looking for contemporary band musicians! Do you love to sing? Play guitar, drums, bass or another instrument? We are now looking for more musicians to volunteer to play with the NPC band in the Contemporary service! Please email Joanna Zorack-Greene for more info at zjorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

Communion

Next Sunday, July 4, you are invited to share in the celebration of communion. If you will be celebrating from your home please read the [guidelines for preparation and serving of communion](#).

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 visit nationalpres.org/events/reading.

Summer Adult Speaker Series:

Please join us online at **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. Please visit nationalpres.org/adults for the Zoom link and to read all about the speakers and their topics. **If you plan to attend the 11:00 am worship service in-person, you are invited to view the class in our Chapel.** Upcoming speakers are:

- Today: Rev. Dr. Mark Labberton, President, Fuller Theological Seminary, *A Way Forward in a Polarized, ‘Post-Pandemic’ World*
- July 4: Dr. Alice George, *America’s Best: The Heroic Life of John Glenn*

Today’s Summer Evening Schedule – in-person for all ages

For more information please visit nationalpres.org/events/summer-sundays-national. We have:

- 4:45: Informal 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!

(Note: Our Summer Evening Schedule will not meet July 4th evening.)

Wednesday Night Faith Connection

7:00 pm on Wednesdays - join us online at nationalpres.org/live! *True Confessions: What Presbyterians Believe*: Dr. Quinn Fox continues a class on the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Confessions*. This is a follow-on to his *Why Presbyterian?* class this past January.

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.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference: Thank you!

Faith Giving YTD 5/31	\$ 1,187,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 385,000
Other Income	\$ 142,000
Total Income	\$ 1,715,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,037,000
Balance	\$ (323,000)

Not yet made a gift online or by phone? Go to nationalpres.org/giving or text “NPC” to (833) 414-9444.

We are here for you during this difficult time.

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

Want to join a great team?

Visit <https://nationalpres.org/jobs> to read about our openings for the following:

- Director of Serve Ministries
- Director of Children’s Ministries
- Communications Contractor (part time)