

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Staying Connected in Christ

11:00 am Online Worship, July 11, 2021

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
We love because God first loved us. (1 John 4: 9-10, 19)

*Let us lift up our hearts and voices
and together worship the God who loves us.*

HYMN *please sing*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, op'ning to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays.
 Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
 Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Henry van Dyke

CONFESSON OF SIN *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

Almighty God,

 you love us, but we have not loved you;
 you call us, but we have not listened.

We turn from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

 We condone and do not confront evil, prejudice, and greed.
God of grace, help us to recognize and admit our sins.

 Hear us as together we confess to you,
 that trusting in your mercy we may repent and be forgiven.

SILENT CONFESSON 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!*

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

Elder Trevor Blow

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

⁷Recite them to your children

and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand,

fix them as an emblem on your forehead,

⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

²⁰When your children ask you in time to come, "*What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?*" ²¹then you shall say to your children:

"We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. ²³He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. ²⁴Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. ²⁵If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right."

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

SERMON

Loving the God Who Loves Us

Dr. Renwick

Deuteronomy 7:7-11; 9:4-5; 1 John 4

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Choir

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Congregation

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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 *There is a basket in the narthex to receive offerings.*

OFFERTORY

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depth its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Love that will not let me go...

George Matheson

DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Donna Marsh

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. Leonards*
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 his pow'r.
3. May the peace of God, our Father, rule our lives in ev'rything,
 That we may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
 Him exalting, self-abasing: This is victory.
5. May we run the race before us, strong and brave to face the foe,
 Looking only unto Jesus as we onward go.

Kate B. Wilkinson

BENEDICTION

Dr. Renwick

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur in G Major

Théodore Salomé
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](#)

School Supply & Snack Drive- Let's Pack the Pantry!

On Sunday, July 25, we are holding a school supply and snack drive benefitting the University of District of Columbia Food Pantry. You may drop off in the Narthex before or after worship or drive through 1:00-3:00 pm. For more info and a shopping list, please visit nationalpres.org/events/school-supply-snack-drive.

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 izorackgreene@nationalpres.org.

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.

Fresh look for our website

Exciting news! Starting July 12, you will notice a fresh look on our website. It will have all the same, great features with an updated look and feel. Once you've had a chance to check it out, we are looking forward to receiving your comments, suggestions and questions at cwilkerson@nationalpres.org. To see a sneak peek, please [click here](#)!

WELCOME!

Online and in-person worship:

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

Choice of 2 worship services:

Through August 29,

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

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.

Prayers

We pray for:

We are overjoyed to announce the birth of a baby girl, Robeen, to Sif and Laila Zeido! Baby, mom, and big brothers are all doing well. We rejoice with these friends who captured our hearts when they arrived from Syria several years ago.

We pray for our mission partners including:
Central Union Mission as they serve the spiritual and physical needs of homeless and vulnerable people in DC.

How can we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to Liz Martin, lmartin@nationalpres.org, (202) 537-7540.

Floral Dedication

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gloria Borden in memory of Commander Edward L. Borden, USN remembering his July 9th birthday.

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: Dr. Diana Glycer, *The Future of Friendship: Relationships after the Pandemic*
- July 18: Rev. Kerri Alexander, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Inclusion Officer, Xavier University, New Orleans

Through August 29: Summer Evening Schedule – in-person for all ages

- 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!

For more information and to register please visit nationalpres.org/events/summer-Sundays-national.

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! 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 (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 at lmartin@nationalpres.org in the Care Office if we can help.

Why Presbyterian? now on YouTube

Want to find out *Who We Are, What We Believe, and How We Work*? Visit youtube.com/user/nationalpres to watch this series, taught by Dr. Quinn Fox, and more!

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
- Communications Contractor (part time)