

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Staying Connected in Christ”

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11 A. M. ONLINE WORSHIP, MARCH 22, 2020

WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Pavane, Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré

Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

Thus says the Lord, the one who created and formed you, O my people:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. *(Isaiah 43:1-3)*

Let us lift up our hearts and voices and together worship the lord our God!

HYMN *(please join in and sing!)*

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1. Come, Christian, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God. **Refrain**
2. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. **Refrain**
3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. **Refrain**

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 that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in likeness to Jesus Christ,

your Son our only Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *(please sing!)*

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. Thanks be to God.

LENTEN RESPONSE *(please sing!)*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Cate McCrory
Director of Children's Ministry

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:47-62

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking (in the Garden of Gethsemane), suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him;
⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"
⁴⁹ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.
⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.
⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"
⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house.
But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.
1. ⁵⁶ Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."
2. ⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"
3. ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"
At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Following Jesus Series: "Living With(out) Regret"

Dr. David Renwick

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Herzliebster Jesu

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended, that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Dr. Joyce Emery

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Quinn Fox

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

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.

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION**HYMN** *(please sing!)*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Spiritual

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.
Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus, Op. 122, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Let's Stay Connected

Announcements for You

Floral Dedications

Last week's sanctuary flowers were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Peggy Cantwell by John Gregg and Lora Tredway.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Rechlin Perkins in honor of her birthday by her husband Don Perkins, and to the memory of Colin Perkins, his son.

Wednesday Lenten Vespers Online, 7p.m.

Join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00-7:30 p.m. through Lent for an encouraging message and prayer time, led by one of our pastors.

Find Your Friends and Reach Out to Them

It's the perfect time to call a friend from NPC or send a note in the mail. You can find members and friends of the church on the NPC password protected congregational directory. Visit nationalpres.ccbchurch.com and click "request access" to log in. You can...

- Search for members and friends by first or last names.
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Did You Know NPC Has Social Media?

Follow the National Presbyterian Church pages to see fun and inspiring posts about our life together.

- **Facebook:** Search @NationalPres or visit facebook.com/NationalPres
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How to Help Our Neighbors

Your love and generosity are inspiring! We are getting lots of inquiries about how to help congregation members and other families in our city who may go hungry or be in need.

- Our Care Office is assessing the needs of congregation members; please contact Liz Martin at lmartin@nationalpres.org or (202)537-7540 with requests or offers of assistance.
- Our local mission partners are primarily asking for financial donations to maintain their ministries with those affected most by the Corona Virus. Please donate directly to the church online or by check, to *enable NPC to maintain and expand our annual commitment of over \$100,000 to these vital ministry partners.* Your generosity makes a difference. Thank you!

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 in this time of world-wide anxiety. Your giving empowers us to serve the vulnerable at this critical time in partnership with our local and international partners.

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- OR Make a gift from your phone -- Text the letters 'NPC' to 77977.

It's a Great Time to Grow Spiritually

As you find yourself in this extraordinary season, we want to provide some resources to place the Lord at the center of your life each day. Spend time reading your Bible daily, and [check your email every Thursday for a message from NPC containing helpful links to devotions and study materials.](#)

Virtual Sunday School for Youth and Children's Ministries: 10:00a.m. on Sundays. Check the Youth and Children's weekly newsletters for details.

Women's Conference

The in-person part of our March 27-28 Women's conference is cancelled, but [stay tuned! We're hoping to connect virtually](#) during that timeframe to support one another and hear some great teaching.

Looking Ahead . . Holy Week Worship Online

On Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, we'll celebrate the Good News that doesn't change, even when the way we have church does change! Watch our website and this weekly online bulletin for times to tune in.

Corona Virus Updates

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