

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Randy Johnson

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

We prepare for worship with the gathering music. Join in the singing of the gathering music with the choir, and please turn off all cellular phones, pagers, and watch alarms.

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

As We Gather Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes

As we gather may your Spirit work within us, as we gather may we glorify your Name. knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed because we came, we'll be blessed because we came.

(repeat)

Hallelujah: You're Worthy J. Christie-McAllister

Hallelujah! You're worthy to be praised! Hallelujah! You're worthy to be praised!
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I lift my hands; I praise you, Lord. I bow my head; I honor you, Lord.
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✠OPENING HYMN No. 631

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: We praise you, O God, in thankfulness for your goodness and grace.

People: For the ways you answer prayer and forgive our wrongdoings, we are happy and honored to come here to worship you, Hope of all Creation.

Leader: You enrich the earth with water, providing people with grain.

People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

Leader: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with crops, they sing together with joy.

People: So let us sing together with joy, as we sing to you, O God of our salvation.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING Leona Von Brethorst

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made; I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad. I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Stephen Gentle

Welcome to National City Christian Church. We greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We request that everyone - both members and visitors - sign the Connect With Us cards in your bulletin. If you are a visitor, please indicate your address and telephone number. There is space on the back of the cards for prayer concerns.

CALL TO PRAYER No. 609 (3-6)

Take My Life

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

CHORAL PRAISE Glenn E. Burleigh

Faithful over a Few Things

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

NT p. 199

2 Timothy 4:1-8

HYMN OF PREPARATION Charles Wesley

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Soldiers of Christ, arise and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.

Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
Take every virtue, every grace, and fortify the whole;
Till, having all things done, and all your conflicts past,
You overcome through Christ alone, and stand complete at last.

SERMON Randy Johnson

It's Part of the Gift

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

Those desiring to become members of the community of National City Christian Church, either by transfer of membership, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or as an associate member, are invited to come forward during the hymn.

✠INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Kate Wilkinson

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his power.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing - this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Bill Travis
Ann Neeriemer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. Baskets are available at the first pew for your offerings. When receiving communion, take a wafer from the plate and dip it in the cup. After you have received the Lord's Supper, please return to your seats by the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 548

The Old Rugged Cross

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE arr. V. Foster

As You Go, Tell the World

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.
Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

Repeat
As you go, tell the world.

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the front of the sanctuary to greet you. All are invited to come down to the Atrium for a time of fellowship.

Worship and preaching resources: Chalice Worship, Colbert S. Cartwright and O.I. Cricket Harrison, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999), Seasons of the Spirit, Craig Schaub, et. al., (British Columbia, Canada: Wood Lake Publishing, Inc., 2007), www.liturgybytlw.com/lessfest/stsalive.html, and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001).

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to National City! Thank you for joining us in worship. Our pulpit guest is Rev. Randy Johnson, vice president of the Christian Church Foundation. Rev. Johnson brings a love for the church, a passion for ministry, and a deep desire to help Disciples make a difference in issues related to stewardship and estate planning. We pray that our time together in worship will be meaningful and inspirational. Welcome!

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for middle school students (Chi Rho) will meet in Scott Hall.

Classes for high school students (CYF) will meet in the 2nd Fl. Conf. Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group for adults, meet in the Howland Center

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program that takes place during the 11 a.m. service. Children can meet their parents in the Music Suite or in the Atrium at the end of the worship service.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Membership at NCCC – It would be our joy to welcome you into the membership of this congregation. You may join through transfer of membership from another congregation or through a profession of faith and baptism. Full and associate memberships are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or email sgentle@nationalcitycc.org.

Sanctuary Tour – Tours of our historic Sanctuary are available following the 11 a.m. worship service. If you are interested, please meet at the Garfield Window in the rear of the Sanctuary (pulpit side).

Coffee and Fellowship – Come to the Atrium for a warm cup of coffee and meet some of the warm people of National City. The Atrium is located on the first floor of the building through the front, right door.

Nursery – Childcare is available during the morning for children through age four. The nursery is located in Fellers Foyer. Speak with a greeter or any member for directions.

Accessibility – Elevator access to the Sanctuary is available via the 14th Street courtyard entrance. If you would like to request a handicapped parking space for Sunday, please call the church office by 12 noon on Friday.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Parking – Complimentary parking is available at the Washington Plaza Hotel parking garage. Simply ask for a voucher at the church front desk at the 14th street entrance. Street parking is available every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue.

Pastoral Needs – If you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to meet with one of the pastors at the door after the worship service or call 202-232-0323 during business hours.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org to find a recording of Sunday's sermon. Facebook members are encouraged to sign up as fans of National City's Facebook page. Also members and guests are encouraged to sign up for our email list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Reggie Barns; Russell Chapin; James Denison; Polly He; Will Hill;
Ann and William Howland; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, Maryland

TODAY

Fair Trade Gifts, Crafts, and Coffee – Hilda's International Gift Shop is open today from 10 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. near the courtyard entrance in the Atrium.

Education Department Meeting – after the 11 a.m. service in the Gift Shop.

Luncheon and Seminar - at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Randy Johnson, vice president of the Christian Church Foundation, will lead an inheritance planning seminar that will show us ways we can provide for loved ones as well as National City with resources we have at the end of our lives. This presentation is provided at no cost. No products will be sold. The information provided will benefit you and our church. A light lunch will be served in the Howland Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

D-Space – Join National City's young adults (Yada) for study and conversation at 6:45 p.m. This week we continue the series Hitting the Reset Button: Back to the Basics in an Out-of-Control World.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Book Club – 7 p.m. in Hilda's Gift Shop. We will discuss *Everything Is Illuminated*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Hans Hielscher, organist at Cariloneur, Marktkirche, Wiebaden, Germany.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Studies Begin – Lenten studies will begin Saturday, February 25, at 10 a.m. in Hilda's gift shop and will be led by Bill Knight and Byron Cotton. On Sunday, February 26, at 5 p.m., a Virginia study group will begin at the home of John Scott and Beverly Williams in Fairfax, with succeeding sessions at the home of Barbara Collins in Annandale. If you would like to host a study group in your neighborhood, or would like further information, contact Diana Morse. The study groups will be using the 2012 Lenten devotional, with daily meditations written by the National City Christian Church family.

Text Message – What does the rich, extended narrative of the Bible have to offer to a world where communication increasingly occurs in messages of 160 characters or less? How can the complex and deep truths of the Gospel gain a hearing in a contemporary culture with a rapidly diminishing attention span? These questions and others will be explored in a new Bible Study here at NCCC beginning in the month of March. Anyone with the interest, time, and energy to dive deeper in Scripture on a weekly basis is welcome to participate. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the schedules of the participants. For more information or to sign up, e-mail Rev. Underwood at bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org.

Donations Needed – Teresa Swihart is attending From Stumbling Blocks to Building Blocks of Faith, a DOC conference on children's ministry. An outreach project of the conference is to provide supplies to Newborns in Need. If you would like to help with this project please bring the following items to church by February 19th so she can deliver them later in the week. Thanks for your help. ♦Unscented diaper wipes♦Blankets (no-sew are fine)♦Baby hats♦Soft baby toys♦Baby clothing (preemie – 2T)♦Gowns, onesies, sleepers, etc.♦Bibs and burp cloths♦Bath supplies (bath toys, washcloths, towels, safety devices)♦Diapers (Size Newborn, 1 & 2)

Save The Date – Chi Rho (middle school students) save the night March 10-11 for our winter lock-in. Questions? See or contact Teresa Swihart.

**PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY**

AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com



February 12, 2012

8:30 a.m.



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