

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, and Noemi Mena
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

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)

This Is the Day Les Garrett
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

He Has Made Me Glad Leona Von Brethorst
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.

✠ OPENING HYMN Negro Spiritual

Guide My Feet
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.
Hold my hand while I run this race;
Hold my hand while I run this race;
Hold my hand while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race
For I don't want to run this race in vain.

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena
Leader: Spirit of Justice, we are grateful to be together this morning on the weekend when we remember the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
People: We remember not only him, but also the thousands of unnamed women and men who put their bodies and lives on the line so that all may be free.

Leader: May the work of Dr. King and those who follow, continue to eradicate injustice wherever and whenever we encounter it.

People: Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day.

Leader: May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time.

People: We worship you, O Lord our God, as we honor you with praise, prayers and our very lives.

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 661
What Does the Lord Require of You?

✠ 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. 600 (1, 2)
Jesu, Jesu

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 Moses Hogan
His Light Still Shines
Dr. Stephen Gentle, narrator

SCRIPTURE READING Stephen Gentle
OT p. 552
Psalm 139:1-10

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Hold Fast to the Dream

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 No. 668 (1-3)
For the Healing of the Nations

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Michelle Jezycki
Kelly Swanson

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. 424
I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Donald Vails
Keep Hope Alive
Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!
Don't let the dream die! Got to keep hope alive!
(repeat)

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).

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to National City! On this special holiday weekend when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is remembered, we continue to pray and work for the day when all injustices will be eradicated. Thank you for joining us in worship today!

Rev. Jason Pearson, our former seminary intern and now Senior Pastor of Community of Faith Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, was scheduled to be with us today. But pastoral duties have kept him in Memphis this weekend. We look forward to a future Sunday when Rev. Pearson can be with us in worship.

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>.

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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. Email Beau Underwood at bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tubing – Calling all middle school students: Save the date! The Chi Rho group will be going tubing on Saturday, January 21. **Deadline to let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend this event is today.**

NCCC Meet Up – Saturday, January 21. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center for a free concert. Contact Rev. Beverly Goines at gob-jae@aol.com.

Food Pantry – Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Each week we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the Food Pantry. Any food item is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer, you may make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Please put Food Pantry on the memo line.

Congregational Board Meeting – Sunday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

New Membership Directory – In preparation for publishing our new directory, please check the Membership Directory located at the Atrium desk to make sure your information is correct and up to date. Please see Kathy Swihart with any questions.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Haitian Pentecostal Church, Seaford, Delaware

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

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



January 15, 2012

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)