

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Miriam Gentle, Loretta Franklin, Tawanna Lloyd,  
Charles Miller, Teresa Swihart, and John Scott Williams  
Preacher: Steven Baines

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Partita on the Hymn Tune *Westminster Abbey* Robert Powell

Chorale Prelude on *Built on the Rock* Theodore Holty-Nickel

### MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Steven Baines

Welcome! National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a house of prayer that is open and affirming of all people. We pray that today's worship will please God and edify God's people.

Please sign the Connect With Us card in the bulletin. If you are a first-time guest, please indicate your address, telephone number, and email address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cellular telephones, pagers, and watch alarms. The service is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

### INTROIT

Ludwig Lindemann

#### *Built on the Rock the Church Does Stand*

Built on the rock the church does stand, even when steeples are falling.  
Christ builds the church in every land; bells still are chiming and calling;  
Call the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed.  
Longing for life ever lasting!

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 537  
THE SOLID ROCK

#### *My Hope is Built*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### ✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Teresa Swihart

Leader: As lay people we celebrate that we are called by God.

**People: We are living stones, God's own people.**

Leader: As lay people we celebrate God's call to us to do the work of God in the world.

**People: We are living stones, called to proclaim the mighty acts of God.**

Leader: As lay people we celebrate that we are called to be the church in the world.

**People: We are living stones, a priesthood of all believers, God's people.**

**All: O Creator God, you have called us to be "living stones" so that we may be used to build your spiritual temple. Open our mouths, and quiet our hearts that we may tell the story of your love. Amen.**

### ✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 480 (2)  
HANKEY

#### *I Love to Tell the Story*

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story; for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Tawanna Lloyd  
NT p. 216

1 Peter 2:4-10

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Miriam Gentle

### ANTHEM

Jack Osswaarde

#### *Christ is Our Cornerstone*

Christ is our cornerstone: on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled.  
On his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.  
O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise, the Three in One to sing.  
And thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious Name.  
Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore.  
Until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.  
Now to the King of Heaven, our cheerful voices raise.  
To him be glory given, all majesty and praise.  
Wide as he reigns his name be sung by every tongue in endless strains. Amen!

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

### SERMON

Steven Baines

#### *Telling the Church's Story, One Stone at a Time*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD AND CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

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.

### ✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT

PETERLYNNE

#### *O God, To Us From Age To Age*



1.O God, with us from age to age, you've guided our path through every  
2.Our lives we've offered up to you through wilderness and in city  
3.Cause us to be as speaking stone; your might to proclaim, your will to make  
4.O God, with us forever more, our faithfulness and our purpose re-



stage. From rough-hewn rock to polished stone our faith has been in you alone.  
new; your covenant, given from above goes with us as an ark of love.  
known. Inspire us now in this time and place your work to do in love and grace.  
store. Guide with your hands, your will to do so we can serve and honor you.

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Loretta Franklin

### OFFERTORY SOLO

C. Hubert H. Parry

#### *Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind*

[Text for this anthem may be found on page 594 of the Chalice hymnal.]

### ✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

#### *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

John Scott Williams

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Bahr

Elder: O God, our rock and our strength, you have called us out of the darkness and into the light to tell the world about your wonderful saving acts.

**People: We thank you for all the voices that tell your story. We pray for those that have not yet responded to your voice. As we come to this, your Table, keep us mindful that we are living stones, still connected to the chief cornerstone, your son Jesus Christ. We now join our stories and our voices as we pray:**

**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.**

### PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Cecil Talbott

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please eat the bread as it is passed and hold the cup so that we may share it together.

### COMMUNION HYMN

No. 273 (3)  
KIRKEN DEN ER ET

#### *Built On the Rock*

We are a house of living stones built for God's own habitation.  
God fills our hearts, these humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.  
Were two or three to pray for grace, Christ in their midst would show his face,  
Blessings upon them bestowing.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 484  
MESSAGE

#### *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

#### *We All Believe in One True God*

As the organ postlude is played, please feel free to depart the Sanctuary and greet those around you. For those who wish to stay and enjoy the postlude, you are invited to come forward, gather near the organ console, and let the full splendor of this instrument and the glorious music played upon it fill your soul.

Following the worship service, our pastors are at the back and side doors 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!** Today is Laity Sunday. As Disciples of Christ we proclaim that we are followers of the examples and instructions that Christ has given us. As “living stones,” we use the gifts and talents that we have been given to tell the world of God’s love. Let us worship God and offer our thanksgiving and praise!

Today's pulpit guest is Rev. Steven Baines, vice-moderator of the congregation and assistant field agent for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. We are grateful for Rev. Baines' leadership and message, along with the other leaders who are assisting in this service of worship on Laity Sunday. Dr. Stephen Gentle is away on a minister's retreat through Monday.

### 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**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.

**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.

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

**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.** Jobs, relationships, transitions, and the everyday stuff of life often creates chaos. As the muck of life builds up, how do we regain control of our own existence? How do we get back to what's important? How do we renew our spirits and rediscover God's presence in our day-to-day schedules? As the new year begins, we'll explore these questions and look for answers that strengthen our faith, restore our sanity, and remind us of the spiritual value found in simplicity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Souper Bowl Sunday** – Sunday, February 5. Once again, we can purchase soup after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services to take home and enjoy Theresa Beaton's fabulous soups. Cost per soup container: \$10. Watching the Super Bowl is optional!

**Let's Help Finish Pillows** – Sunday, February 5, 12:30 p.m., Howland Center. The Disciples Women invite everyone who can join them to help stuff cough pillows after the 11 a.m. service. The pillows are for recovering heart surgery patients. There will be soup for those who can stay and help. Let's make this an all-church event.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Reggie Barns; Russell Chapin; 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

Haitian Pentecostal Church, Seaford, Delaware

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

AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)



**January 22, 2012**

**11 a.m.**



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