

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Libby Ayers, Valeria Foster,
Miriam Gentle and Loretta Tate
Preacher: Steven Baines

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 Steven Baines

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise the Name of Jesus Roy Hicks Jr.
Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus,
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer, in him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High Rick Founds
Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 272 (1, 2, 4)
The Church's One Foundation

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Loretta Tate

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.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING Esther Watanabe

I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

I will bless Thee, O Lord! I will bless Thee, O Lord!
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise,
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord!

✠MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Steven Baines

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. 480 (2)

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER Miriam Gentle

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 Carlton Burgess

Jesus Is the Cornerstone

I Love to Praise Him

SCRIPTURE READING Libby Ayers
NT p. 216

1 Peter 2:4-10

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 517 (3)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

SERMON Steven Baines

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

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. 537 (1-3)

My Hope Is Built

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Miriam Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley
Michelle Jezycki

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. 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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.liturgybytw.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.

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

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 OR cajwalsh@gmail.com



Laity Sunday

January 22, 2012

8:30 a.m.



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(Disciples of Christ)