

Baptism of Our Lord

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Charles Miller
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Allegretto from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

Prelude on the Hymn Tune *Beach Spring* Dale Wood

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Stephen Gentle

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

German Melody

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

All who believe and are baptized shall see the Lord's salvation.
Baptized into the life of Christ, we are a new creation.
Grant us to grow in grace each day,
that by this Sacrament we may eternal life inherit.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 365
BEACH SPRING

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Ascribe to God all glory and strength.

People: We will ascribe to God the glory of God's name.

Leader: Let us worship God in holy array.

People: You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble; their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak the heavens open; thunder signals the rains that freshen the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder; the trees of the forest bow to your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on your people; we ascribe to you all glory as we worship your name.

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

INSERT
CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as
2. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows in
thou hast sought, so let me seek thy erring children lost and lone.
kindest thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines
OT p. 487

Psalm 29

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Robert Elmore

Except All Those Who Are Born Again

Except all those who are born again, they cannot see the Kingdom of God.
Except all people born of the Holy Spirit, they cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.
Those who believeth on Him are not condemned but have everlasting life.

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

Stephen Gentle

When the Lord Speaks

INSTALLATION SERVICE

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

No. 72 (1, 3)
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

Eric Thiman

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Terri Malone, mezzo soprano

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee,
because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord, Jehovah is everlasting strength.
(Isaiah 26:3, 4)

✠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

Stephen Gentle

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Paul Heffron

Elder: O God, who spoke as the heavens opened to declare your pleasure in Jesus Christ, we praise you that we are called in his name and find favor in your sight.

People: We praise you for our baptism, and that in Christ you seal our adoption as sons and daughters. We rejoice in the remembrance of our initiation into the church and delight in sharing this Holy Feast. For we pray in the name of the one who taught his disciples to pray, saying:

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

Norman Kruse

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. 378 (3)
CONDITOR ALME

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

Here in this sacrament we see God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 357
LANCASHIRE

We Call Ourselves Disciples

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn

Fugue in C Major

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.

The flowers were given by Marge Bennett in honor of loved ones.

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! On this second Sunday of the New Year of our Lord, 2012, let us worship God with our heart, soul, and mind. Today we remember the gifts we received at our baptism: the remission of our sins, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the promise of eternal life with God. What gracious gifts we have been given. As a grateful people, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving to God!

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

New Year's Breakfast – The Christian Pathways Sunday School class is welcoming the New Year with breakfast on January 8 at 9 a.m. All are invited to bring a dish and join the group for breakfast. For more information, check with Bill Travis or Shirley Kruse.

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.

Nursery Open House – January 8, 10 a.m. If you have children who are infants through preschool, come and meet Sana Kifafi, our nursery attendant, and other families with young children.

Dorothy Davis 80th Birthday Celebration – The NCCC family is invited to a special reception following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, January 8, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Dorothy J. Davis. Music is the theme and the congregation is welcomed, if able, to wear white and black – to be like human "musical notes" to surround Dorothy. Ice cream, soda, and other refreshments will be served and the reception will be serenaded by music sung by NCCC soloist Alia Waheed. Come one, come all!!

Ice Skating – The Chi Rho (middle school) group will be going ice skating after church at the Sculpture Garden on January 8. All are invited to join in the fun and the bumps.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

Regional Service Honoring Dr. King - Saturday, January 14, at 2 p.m. at National City Christian Church. The guest preacher will be Dr. Jack Sullivan, Regional Pastor of the Pennsylvania Region. For more information, please contact Rev. Lisa Kay C. Smith at hytcc@comcast.net or (240) 529-8004

Tubing – Calling all middle school students: Save the date! The Chi Rho group will be going tubing on Saturday, January 21. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend this event. Adult drivers may also be needed for this one day trek to western Maryland. Please let Teresa know if you are available to help out and how many people your car can comfortably hold.

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

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.

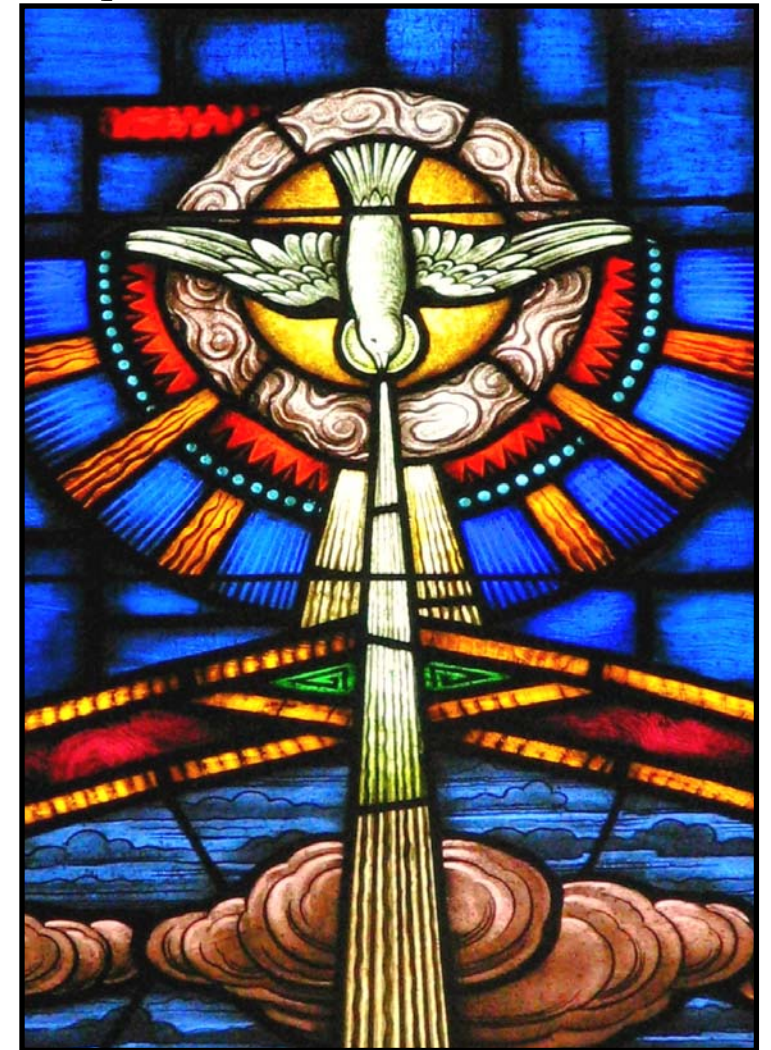
CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

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

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

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January 8, 2012

11 a.m.



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