

Baptism of our Lord

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 Tim Hughes

Here I Am to Worship

Refrain

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

(repeat)

And I'll never know who much it cost to see my sin upon the cross.

(repeat)

Refrain

Mighty Is Our God

Eugene Greco

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King; mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King; glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;
His power is greater, for he has created everything.

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King; mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, glory to our King; glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

✠OPENING HYMN No. 5

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

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.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 39

My Tribute

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things you have done.
With his blood Christ has saved me,
With your power you have raised me,
To God be the glory for the things you have done.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠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. 531 (1, 2)

Thank You, Lord

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good; been so good; been so good; I just want to thank you, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER Beverly Goines

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 Kirk Franklin/arr. V. Foster

Now Behold the Lamb

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
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Psalm 29

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 365 (1, 2)

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

SERMON Stephen Gentle

When the Lord Speaks

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. 72 (1, 3)

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Kelly Swanson
David McKinney

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. 425

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE Andraé Crouch

Let the Church Say "Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen." Let the church say, "Amen."
God has spoken. Let the church say, "Amen."

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.

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; 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
8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**