

New Year's Day

Worship Leaders: Charles Miller, Kelly Swanson, and Alan Williams
Preacher: Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away J.S. Bach
Chorale-Prelude on *Greensleeves* M. Searle Wright

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME

Beverly Goines

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.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 518
BEGINNINGS

This is a Day of New Beginnings

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Alan Williams

Leader: As we usher out the old year and welcome the dawning of a new year, Lord, we thank you.

People: Thank you for your guidance and direction and for sustaining us.

Leader: Time goes by quickly, but you are the God of time and space.

People: Go before us, O God, and draw us into the future where you are.

Leader: And, as we embark on this journey, bless us to release the weights and cares that have so easily beset us.

People: And, bless us to always respond to your transforming love which constantly beckons us.

Leader: Let us praise the God of salvation into whose hands we have committed our lives and our being.

People: Come, let us worship God as we begin the new year!

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

May God grant us grace that we may live in peace with the past, faith that we may boldly approach the future, and courage that we may make the most of every opportunity in the season called today. On this first day of the new year you, Lord, have given us another chance. May we live as in your presence and walk in the path of your commandments. Guide our thoughts, our lives, and our spirits. Heal and restore us.

For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN

No. 713 (1, 3)
SANDON

God of Our Life

SCRIPTURE READING

Kelly Swanson
OT p. 488

Psalm 32:1-11

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

SOLO

Peter Warlock

What Cheer? Good Cheer!

Alia Waheed, soprano

“Lift up your hearts and be ye glad in Christ, his birth,” the angels bade.

Say each to other if any be sad: “What cheer? Good cheer!

Be merry and glad this good New Year!”

The King of Heaven his birth hath take. Now joy and mirth we ought to make.

Say each to other for his dear sake: “What cheer? Good cheer!

Be merry and glad this good New Year!”

I tell you all with heart so free, right welcome be ye unto me!

Be glad and merry for charity. What cheer? Good cheer!

Be merry and glad this good New Year!

Sermon

Beverly Goines

Rear View

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

David McKinney

Leader: We come to you this day, gracious Lord, exhausted from all the activities of the season, but exhilarated by the hope of the future.

People: Forgive our sins and bless us to forgive ourselves for the sins we have committed.

Leader: As we gather around this table, give us peace and strength to renew our commitment to you. Bless us never to become weary in well doing.

All: Help us move forward in our compassion and not collapse in our witness. Heal us, merciful Lord, for we pray this saying: 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

Rick Bahr

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 147 (3)
CRADLE SONG

Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

COMMUNION SOLO

David N. Johnson

Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang
Alia Waheed, soprano

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang: to Bethlehem she came

And was delivered of a Son: Lo, Jesus was his name.

“Ah, lullaby my joy!” Singing “Lullaby my baby boy.”

She was delivered of a Son: Lo, Jesus was his name.

“Sweet Babe,” she sang so tenderly, with love and joy and mirth;

In awe and wonder gazed on him, God's Son came down to earth,

“Ah he is born, God's son!” Singing “He is born, God's Holy Son.”

In awe and wonder gazed on him, God's Son came down to earth. Amen.

[Text by William Ballet, from *The Sacred Harp*, 1859]

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 67
ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

In Thee Is Gladness

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), and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001). The texts for the hymns sung during this morning service are reprinted with permission given under CCLI #2266475.

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Happy New Year and welcome to National City! We are so honored that you are in worship with us today. May the love of God be with the whole people of God.

Sunday School – Is on hiatus until January 8.

Children's Time – Is on hiatus until January 8.

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 10 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>.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – NCCC Buildings Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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 1, 2012
10 a.m.**



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