

# Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Beverly Goines  
Preacher: Beau Underwood

## 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

#### *Come and Go with Me*

Come and go with me to my Father's house,  
To my Father's house, to my Father's house.  
Come and go with me to my Father's house;  
There is joy, joy, joy!

Peace and love abide in my Father's house,  
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.  
Peace and love abide in my Father's house;  
There is joy, joy, joy!

Peace and happiness there in my Father's house,  
In my Father's house, in my Father's house.  
Peace and happiness there in my Father's house,  
There is joy, joy, joy!

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Kenneth Louis



✠ OPENING HYMN No. 143

#### *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠ LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Beverly Goines

Liturgist: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath – the candles of HOPE and of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent – the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

People: **From the Book of Isaiah, chapter 65, we read these words of our Lord: “For behold, I will create a new heaven and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing, and in her people a joy.” And from the Apostle Paul’s message to the Galatians: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”**

Liturgist: Let us pray: We praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of the coming of a Savior, your son, Jesus Christ. We thank you with our whole hearts for the precious gift of salvation. As we wait, make us new, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#### *A Candle Is Burning*

(Sung to the tune of *Away In A Manger*)  
A candle is burning - a flame warm and bright;  
A candle of Hope in December’s dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven’s bright sky  
Our hearts we prepare, for the Christ child is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
The Savior is coming to show us the way;  
Christ Jesus, our Peace, humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;  
A candle to welcome sweet Mary’s small boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
As Joy warms our hearts just as sunshine on snow.

✠ MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP, WELCOME OF VISITORS Steven 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 Claire Cloninger

#### *While We Are Waiting, Come*

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come;  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

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 Kurt Carr

*In the Sanctuary*

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines  
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Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 125

*Come, O Long-expected Jesus*

SERMON Beau Underwood

*Repairing Devastation*

## 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. 482

*O Christians, Haste*

## THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD’S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle  
ELDERS’ PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Ann Neereimer  
Norman Kruse

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

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

*Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*Following the worship service, our pastors are at the 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

**Welcome to Worship!** We have many reasons for celebrating in this joyful season... and your presence in worship is one of them! We are so pleased that you are present with us on the Third Sunday of Advent. We welcome Rev. Beau Underwood to the pulpit at 8:30 a.m. worship, preaching on Isaiah 61, "Repairing Devastation." At 11 a.m. Mr. Charles Miller and Sanctuary Choir will be sharing with us the gift of "Lessons and Carols." May you experience something of the joyfulness of this season, as we worship on the Lord's Day.

### 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** – Will not take place this weekend. It will resume next Sunday.

### 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

**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.

**Christmas Luncheon** - 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Adult tickets are \$15. In this family friendly church activity, children 12 and under eat for free.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**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](mailto:bunderwood@nationalcitycc.org) for more information.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Magical Mystical Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Stephen Harouff from Faith Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Pantry** – Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Each week we help hundreds of our homeless neighbors and many families within our neighborhood through the 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.

**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.

**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.

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Russell Chapin; Dorothy Davis; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;  
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;  
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins;  
and those in military and civil service.

### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Antioch Christian Church, Vienna, Virginia

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

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

*Tell of THE Yuletide Treasure!*



**December 11, 2011**

**8:30 a.m.**



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