

Pentecost Sunday

Worship Leaders: Sue Frost, Beverly Goines, and Charles Miller
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord Marcel Dupré

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness Johannes Brahms

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

Gregorian chant

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both to be but one.
That through the ages all along this may be our endless song.
Praise to thine eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 237
MUNICH

On Pentecost They Gathered

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Sue Frost

Leader: Your way is just and true, O God, and your commandments are trust-worthy.

People: Your steadfast love is never far from us in the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Leader: In him we know your righteous judgment, your reconciling redemption, and your encompassing care for the whole of creation.

People: Through him we shall walk humbly, live justly, and worship you joyously, O God of our lives!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 5 (1, 4)
AZMON

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sue Frost
OT p. 161

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

ANTHEM

arr. John Leavitt

Come Down, O Love Divine

Barbara Collins, flutist

[Text for this anthem may be found on page 582 in the Chalice hymnal.]

CHILDREN'S TIME

All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program led by Patrick Malone 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.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Welcome Neighbor!

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. 494
ST. BRENDAN'S

They Will Know We Are Christians

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO

G. Alan Smith

Because You Are God's Chosen Ones

Alia Waheed, soprano

Because you are God's chosen ones, because you are kept in His care:
Clothe yourselves with mercy and kindness, humility, meekness and prayer.
Bear with one another, forgive one another, forgive as the Lord forgives you,
Over these all put on garments of love which will make your life over anew.
Christ's peace much reign in you, Christ's word ordain in you, Christ's love remain in your hearts.
Thanks be to God, and to him give all praises; pledge all to Him to new life upraises.
By wisdom made perfect, instruct one another, sing hymns to the Lord from your hearts.
In all speech and action give thanks unto God, who to you all His blessings imparts.
Over these all put on garments of love which will make your life over anew.
[Adapted from Colossians 3:12-17]

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Byron Cotton

Elder: Jesus said that the first commandment was this: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." And the second commandment is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

People: Lord, we confess that there are times when the pattern of our daily lives is modeled on something other than following in your way. Nevertheless, you command us to not only love you wholeheartedly, and to love our neighbor likewise, but you command us to also love one another as you love us. Lord, stir us into action so that the signs of your powerful love are visible in and through us. For we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray.

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

Gentry Alexander

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. 248 (1)
ST. AGNES

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all your quickening powers,
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 517
BEECHER

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Andreas Vetter

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

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

Welcome to Worship! We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. God requires that we love our neighbor as ourselves. As we consider our faith shared with other religions – like Judaism – we recognize that this teaching is one that binds us to the one Holy God. Let us worship the Lord, our God, and share in the common fellowship to which we have been called.

Today we welcome the return of acolytes to the 11 a.m. worship service. Fredrickia Lloyd and Melissa Wilson are serving today.

EVERY SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group on Acts led by Bill Travis in the Howland Center.

Children's Time – All elementary students are invited to participate in the children's Creative Arts program led by Patrick Malone 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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com

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.

Deaconesses Meeting - 12:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Yada - Join the Young Adults at happy hour at Cuba Libre (near Gallery Place Metro) at 6:30 p.m. Text Kathleen at 615-424-6498 if needed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Magical Mystical Musical Machine – Free organ recital and demonstration series at 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Featured this week is Simon Thomas Jacobs from Greenwich, Connecticut.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Food Pantry Sunday - The third Sunday of the month is our traditional day to bring items for the Food Pantry. Each month we service hundreds of our homeless neighbors but also many families within our neighborhood are aided by the Food Pantry. Please bring your nonperishable food items to either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Any food item is greatly appreciated. **Our focus this month** is on fruit/jello/pudding cups, granola or snack bars, and juice boxes. If you would prefer you can make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry by using one of the envelopes. Put Food Pantry on the Memo line.

General Board Meeting – Sunday, June 19, 12:30 p.m., Howland Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Meeting - Sunday, June 26, 12:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Regional Church Summer Camps are Coming! – There are fun camps for ALL ages in the mountains and at the beach. Details are available at <http://www.cccadisciples.org/camp>. You can find information in the Atrium.

Labor Day Weekend – National City has reserved the Conference Center at Bethany Beach for this long weekend. Registration forms can be found in the atrium or email Teresa Swihart, tisatcamp@yahoo.com to have one emailed to you.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

James Green; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Lynn Parrish; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Love and Faithfulness Christian Church, Bowie, Maryland
New Church starts and Church planters across the Disciples.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
יְהוָה אֶחָד.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד
מְלֻכּוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

**HEAR, O ISRAEL:
THE LORD
OUR GOD
IS ONE LORD.**

June 12, 2011
11 a.m.



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