

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

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

In the Presence of Jehovah arr. Walter Owens, Jr.
In the presence of Jehovah,
God almighty, Prince of Peace,
Troubles vanish, hearts are mended
In the presence of the King!
(repeat)

Jesus in the Morning

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, praise him in the noontime;
Praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down!

Love him, love him, love him in the morning, love him in the noontime;
Love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down!

Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him in the noontime;
Serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes down!

✠OPENING HYMN No. 606
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it.

People: You blessed each element of creation with your love.

Leader: You called us from darkness into the light of witness and service.

People: Be with us this day as we gather to worship.

Leader: Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you.

People: Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in.

Leader: Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service.

People: For we offer our worship in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

No. 528

Give Thanks

✠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 Kelly Willard

Make Me a Servant

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;
and may the prayer of my heart always be:
make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

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 *Glorious* Martha Munizzi & Israel Houghton

Take My Life (Holiness) Scott Underwood

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
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Matthew 25:14-30

HYMN OF PREPARATION Jon Mohr

Find Us Faithful

O may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.
(repeat)

SERMON

Got Talent

Stephen Gentle

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. 614 (1-3)
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Barbara Boward
Deloris Ruddock

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. 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE BeBe Winans

Let the Church Say "Amen"

Let the church say, "Amen." Let the church say, "Amen."

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

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 the Kelleys in memory of Mary S. Kelley.

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).

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! You honor us with your presence today in worship. Each of us has been entrusted with proclaiming the good news of the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ. Let us offer our gifts and our worship in response to God’s generosity and grace. Welcome to worship!

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.

Earthquake damage – Please excuse our state of disrepair in the chancel, the capitals of the columns near the apse, and the damaged organ pipes due to the recent earthquake. Special donations may be made by designating an offering to the "earthquake fund."

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 Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Small group teaching 'Connecting with God' in the Howland Center

***Teachers and substitute teachers are still needed, especially for our elementary students. Materials will be provided. Please contact Teresa Swihart if interested at tisatcamp@yahoo.com**

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

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.

General Board – The General Board of National City will meet at 12:30 p.m. On the agenda is the proposed 2012 budget and the proposed leadership slate for 2012.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

World Outreach Committee – The committee will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss the job situation and a program to ease getting a job and improving the employment situation in the greater D.C. region. All are invited – the employed who may be of help to others looking for a job, the unemployed, under-employed, the misemployed, and the retired, especially those who might contribute time to the effort.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features David Enlow from New York City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations Needed – Sara Imhulse is collecting winter coats for men, women, and kids at her office. They are going to give them to those in need in her community. Donations are tax-deductible. Please email Sara at nkugrad@yahoo.com for more information.

Care Packages for the Homeless – As part of our homeless/hunger ministry, we are again putting together Christmas packages for our neighbors living on the streets and doorways of our community. The types of items we are asking for are: toothbrushes and/or toothbrush holders; toothpaste; travel size soaps, shaving creams, and deodorant; razors; pocket tissues/ hand wipes; nail clippers; combs; knit hats; winter gloves; socks; reusable shopping bags; We will also take cash donations to balance out shortages of particular items. **Please bring the items to the church on or before December 4.** We will be looking for volunteers to sort and pack in the Gift Shop after Church. Remember, when the weather is changing that the comforts we take for granted are essential to those carrying everything they own between shelters. Please call Lorraine Magnussen at 703-521-1219 for more information.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 20, at 12:30 p.m. Please sign-up in Atrium.

Preparation for the Hanging of the Green – Volunteers are needed on November 21, 22, and 23 to help bring up boxes from the basement; sort and organize ornaments, tree and red bow “fluffing;” and minor cleaning projects to assist our maintenance staff. Please sign up in the Atrium if you can help on November 21-23, or call Barbara Collins for more information.

Hanging of the Green – Sunday, November 27, at 12:30 p.m. Join us for our annual Christmas decorating festival! Trees in the narthex, Atrium, Howland Center, and Music Suite; greens on the Atrium stairway railings; and other fun tasks will be accomplished that day. And as always, Sue Frost will bring a couple of pots of her famous chili for lunch.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Russell Chapin; Chieko Cook; Polly He; Will Hill; William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols; Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Falls Church, Virginia

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

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



*To whom much is given,
much is required.*
Luke 12:48

November 13, 2011

8:30 a.m.



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