

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Charles Miller,
Beau Underwood, and Beverly Williams
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Two Liturgical Preludes George Oldroyd

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

William Skeat

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him. Amen.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 62
ST. ANNE

Creator God, Creating Still

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Williams

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.

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 95 (5)
DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines

NT p. 26

Matthew 25:14-30

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beverly Goines

ANTHEM

Bruce Neswick

Let the Peoples Praise Thee, O God

Let the peoples praise thee, O God. Let all the peoples praise thee.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,

show the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God. Let all the peoples praise thee.

For you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God. Let all the peoples praise thee.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God. Let all the peoples praise thee.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Elementary school children will be invited by the pastor to leave the Sanctuary just before the sermon to attend a creative arts program in the Music Suite. Children will be dismissed to move to the Atrium to meet their parents at the end of the worship service.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Got Talent

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. 609 (1, 2, 3, 6)
HENDON

Take My Life

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beau Underwood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Joseph Clokey

Treasures in Heaven

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there shall your heart be also.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For everyone that asketh receiveth, and all that seeketh findeth,
and to all that knocketh it shall be opened.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 50
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beau Underwood

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Bahr

Elder: Let us, with joy, give thanks for all the gifts God has poured out on us in the Son Jesus Christ.

People. Lord, our God, you are the source of all that is good. Through the gift of your Son Jesus Christ you have made us capable of sharing your goodness with others. When you ask for an account of what we have done with our lives, may we hear from your own lips, that we have been good and faithful servants. Grant us this, through Christ our Lord, that we may enter your lasting joy.

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

Byron Cotton

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. 606 (1)
NETTLETON

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 651
HOLY MANNA

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxehude

Praeludium in F Major

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.

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

11 a.m.



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