

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, Noemi Mena,
Eva Moore, and Peter Morgan
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 Beverly Goines

GATHERING MUSIC Mike Fay & Tommy Coomes

As We Gather

As we gather may your Spirit work within us,
as we gather may we glorify your Name.
knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
we'll be blessed because we came,
we'll be blessed because we came.
(repeat)

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!

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 67

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Goines

Leader: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

People: But we also look to the future, as well as the past.

Leader: The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

People: So we can come to worship today with renewed hope.

Leader: Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

Leader: Praise be to God.

People: Praise be to God. Alleluia. Amen!

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 555

Through It All

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

✠ 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 No.. 73 (1, 3)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea:
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

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

HERITAGE MOMENT Peter Morgan

CHORAL PRAISE Carlton Burgess

I'm Not Afraid

SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines

Romans 8:31-39

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 480 (1, 2)

I Love to Tell the Story

SERMON Stephen Gentle

Persuaded

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 J. W. Harris/arr. V. Foster

A Follower of Christ

I want to be a follower of Christ;
I want to be one of his disciples;
I want to be in the newness of life.
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

(Harmony)

What do I have to do? What do I have to say?
How do I have to walk each and every day?
Tell me what does it cost if I carry the cross?
Just let me be a follower of Christ.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Noemi Mena

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Will Lang
Tom Kelley

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. 403

In Remembrance of Me

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Keith C. Laws

We Must Work

We must work while it is day,
Spreading the word of God as we go along the way.
We must be willing to do God's will,
Spreading the word of God till it reaches throughout the hills.
We must witness to everyone we meet in every song we sing.
We must tell them of the King of kings.

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 Kathy Swihart
in honor Teresa Swihart.

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! As we celebrate the 81st anniversary of National City Christian Church, we welcome Hiram College and its president, Dr. Thomas Chema. In the 11 a.m. service the Hiram College chamber choir will lead in worship music with Professor Dawn Sonntag conducting. Dr. Chema, along with Disciples of Christ Historical Society president emeritus Dr. Peter Morgan will bring remarks about James A. Garfield as U.S. President, president of Hiram College, and Christian preacher. Rev. Marshall Dunn, Hiram College alum and retired pastor at University Christian Church, will lead the 11 a.m. communion service.

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 not meet this week.

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

TODAY

Food Pantry - Today is our Food Pantry collection Sunday. Each month 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. Put Food Pantry on the Memo line.

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.

Deacons Meeting – at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. All Deacons are asked to attend including class of 2014.

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

Elders Meeting - at 12:30 p.m. in the Howland Center.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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 beau.underwood@gmail.com for more information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing weekend at the Bethany Beach Conference Center – October 21-23. All able-bodied folk are needed to help make minor repairs, clean furniture, paint, and batten down the hatches in preparation for the winter. Those interested in helping out for all or part of the weekend should contact the manager Dana Miller at www.cccadisciples.org to let her know you are coming.

Closing day at Camp Mary Mac – Saturday, October 29 beginning at 8. We'll be mouse proofing, cleaning, making minor repairs, climbing ladders, and shutting the facility down for the season. Bring a sandwich for lunch; soup and drinks will be provided. Let Teresa Swihart know if you plan to attend at Tisatcamp@yahoo.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

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

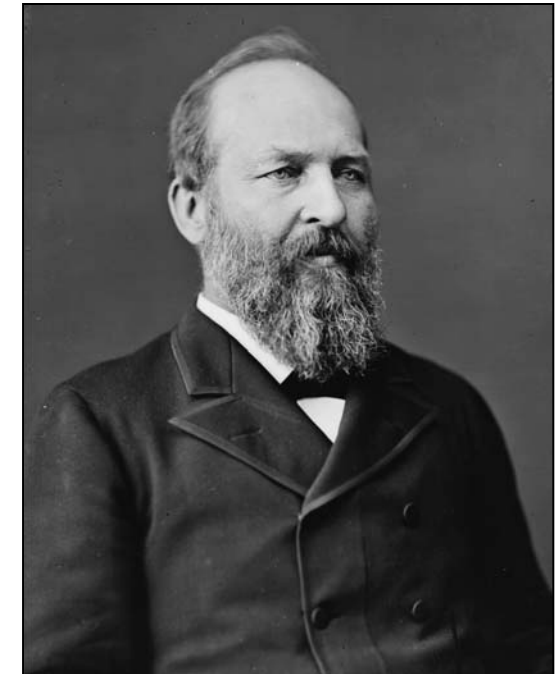
CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Bethany Beach Christian Church, Bethany Beach, Delaware

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

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

Heritage Sunday



James A. Garfield

October 16, 2011

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)