

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Beverly Goines, 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

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Repeat

He has done great things, He has done great things,

He has done great things, bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

In the Name of Jesus

Praise Song

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, we have the victory.

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, Satan, you have to flee.

Oh, tell me who can stand before us when we call on that great name?

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

Victory, oh, victory, we have the victory!

✠OPENING HYMN Margaret Clarkson

God of the Ages

God of the ages, history's Maker, planning our pathway, holding us fast,
Shaping in mercy all that concerns us: Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.

God of this morning, gladly your children worship before you, trustingly bow:
Teach us to know you always among us, quietly sovereign—Lord of our now.

God of tomorrow, strong Overcomer, princes of darkness own your command:
What then can harm us? We are your people, now and forever kept by your hand.

Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us, we pray:
Teach us to trust you, love and obey you, crown you each moment Lord of today.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: Lord, you have been our shelter and security from generation to generation.

People: You breathed creation into being, giving shape to mountains and form to the world. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You have the power to turn us back to dust; a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday to you, or like a brief moment in the night.

People: You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which flourishes and grows in the morning, but fades and withers in the evening.

Leader: Our frailty is revealed when we trust only in ourselves and fail to number our days wisely.

People: Turn to us, O God, for you alone are our hope. Have compassion on us we pray.

Leader: Help us to begin day after day focused on your steadfast love, so that each day will be filled with joy and gladness.

People: By your mercy and grace, O God, transform our afflictions into blessings and our wrongful ways into goodness.

Leader: Let your work be so visible among us that your glory will be revealed now and for generations to come.

All: May your grace, O God, enrich our lives and give meaning and purpose to our daily activities. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 39

My Tribute

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things you have done.
With his blood Christ has saved me,
With your power you have raised me,
To God be the glory for the things you have done.

✠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.. 531 (1, 2)

Thank You, Lord

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good; been so good; been so good; I just want to thank you, Lord.

PASTORAL PRAYER Noemi Mena

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 Richard Smallwood

Trust Me

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena

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Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 241 (1, 3)

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve and gladly give.

SERMON

Stephen Gentle

Desperate Prayer

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. 67 (1-3)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Shana Peirera

Will Lang

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 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 Darrell Ertzberger in memory of Dewey Childs.

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! We pray that God's blessing will be upon your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord in this place. Today we consider the poetic words of the 90th Psalm that proclaims: "May we rejoice and be glad all our days!" How do we give thanks, even in dark and difficult times? The psalm writer knew that life was difficult. But even in times of difficulty, we trust God to be our helper and guide. May we lean upon the everlasting word of God as we come to worship this day. Welcome!

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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 28

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Eric Dombrowski from Falls Church, Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – Our prayers go out to Rick Casey and his family on the passing of his father on Friday, October 14.

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.

Upcoming Concert - Join Thomas Circle Singers on Saturday, Oct 29, at 7:30 PM for the concert Songs of the Spirit. Tickets can be purchased for a discount at their website www.thomascirclesingers.org or at the door. Student/senior discounts available. A portion of ticket proceeds will go to the Wendt Center for Loss & Healing.

Fall Festival – Don't forget to bring items for the church rummage and bake sale being held on October 29. Please bring all items to the church Atrium **by 4 p.m. Friday, October 28**. For the rummage sale we are accepting luggage, handbags, furniture, lamps, children's clothing and toys, men and women's clothing and accessories, and other goods that are clean and in usable condition.

Hidden Talent Art Show – National City is blessed with people with great artistic abilities: painters, sketch artists, quilters, knitters, and other creative souls. We want to showcase these gifts and gifted people with an Atrium Art Show during the month of November. We are looking for photographs, drawings, or paintings, wall-hanging textiles, or hangable sculptures. The art can be on a variety of topics but needs to be suitable for a general audience and viewable by children. All sizes of art pieces are welcome. All pieces should be clearly labeled with your name and a description. Please leave your art pieces at the Atrium desk. For more information please contact Colleen Walsh, Mo Jackson, Barbara Collins, or Charles Miller.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

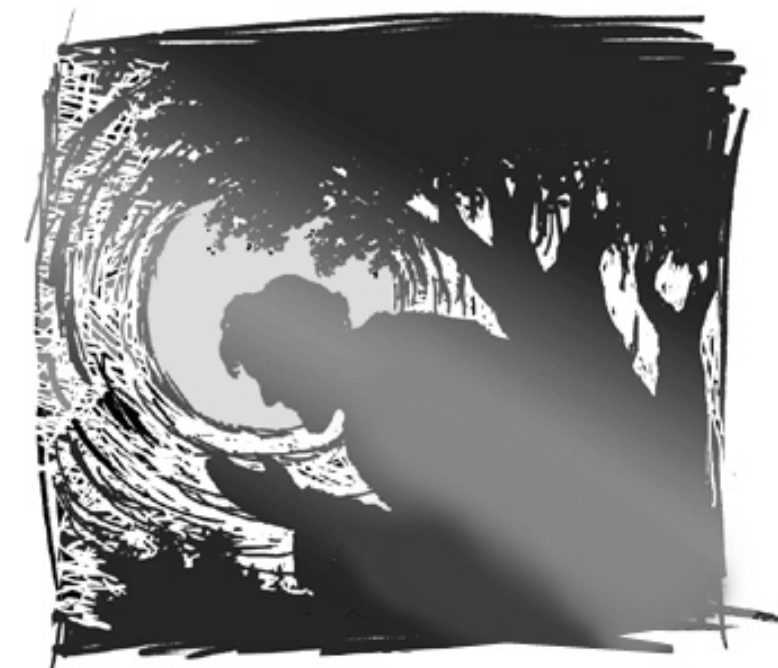
Russell Chapin; Chieko Cook; Polly He; Will Hill;
William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; Tawanna Lloyd;
Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Denise Ross; Martha Thompkins; David Tyson;
and those in military and civil service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Alexandria, Virginia

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

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



Faithfulness in challenging times

October 23, 2011

8:30 a.m.



National City Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)