

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Sue Frost, Beverly Goines, Fredirickia Lloyd,
Charles Miller and Beau Underwood
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prière a Notre Dame Leon Boellmann
Dearest Jesus, We Are Here J.S. Bach

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 Arthur Somervell

Day by Day, Dear Lord
Day by day, dear Lord, of these three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 64
ELLACOMBE
We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Sue Frost

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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 464 (1)
CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace, and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Fredirickia Lloyd

SCRIPTURE READING Beau Underwood
OT p. 525

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

PASTORAL PRAYER Beau Underwood

ANTHEM Christopher Tye

Laudate Nomen Domini
Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini, ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus.
Decrata Dei justa sunt, et cor exhilarant. Laudate Deum, principes et omnes populi.

Praise the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord.
From early morning 'til the setting sun proclaim his might.
God's laws are just, and gladden the heart; he makes his mercies known.
Praise the Lord, ye princes and all ye peoples.
(Psalm 113)

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
Desperate Prayer

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. 67 (1, 2, 4, 6)
ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO Henry Morgan

Thou Art God
Thou art God. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hast formed the earth and the world.
From everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Thou art God! (Psalm 90: 1-2)

✠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 Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Paul Heffron

Elder: Eternal God, we worship you with hearts full of praise and adoration.

People: You existed before all else and yet, because you are a God of love, you are with us now in Jesus Christ and through the power of your Spirit.

Elder: Our minds find it difficult to grasp the extent of such love and such grace.

People: You created this world with its diverse and colorful landscapes, and have shown us how you care even for the landscapes of our hearts, our souls, and our minds.

Elder: Gifted with his life, our lives flourish and grow in ways undreamed of by the psalmist, and fear of withering and dying has been taken away.

People: As we approach your table, may our witness and service of our lives reveal the extent of our gratitude for these blessings so lovingly bestowed upon us.

Elder: For we pray in the name of Jesus, the one who taught his disciples to pray, saying:

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 Kent Woods

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Beverly Goines

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. 420 (2)
DOVE OF PEACE

I Come With Joy
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 475 (1, 3, 4, 5)
WAREHAM

The Church of Christ in Every Age

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Leon Boellmann

Menuet Gothique

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 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.

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

11 a.m.



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