

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

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 Bradley Roberts

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease.

In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices! Jesus lives, who once was dead.

Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head.

Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith, what joy unknown,

When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 637
SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Jane Strotman

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory,

People: God is there with us.

Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

People: God is there with us, always.

Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel: God with us.

✠HYMN OF RESPONSE

INSERT
GRAND ISLE

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Beverly Goines
NT p. 209

Hebrews 11:1-16

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Stanley Marchant

The Souls of the Righteous

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and there shall no torment touch them.

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.

(Book of Wisdom 3:1-2)

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

For All The Saints

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. 611
FESTAL SONG

Rise Up, O Saints of God

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Beau Underwood

OFFERTORY SOLO

Maurice Duruflé

Pie Jesu from Requiem

Terri Malone, Mezzo soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Jesus, O Lord, grant them rest everlasting.

✠DOXOLOGY

No. 46
OLD HUNDREDT

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beau Underwood

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Byron Cotton

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, you grace us with your love, forgive our sins, and clothe us with holiness for living. You entrust to us the gospel story of your Son and our Savior, and empower us to go and tell others that they might know your love.

People: As you took ordinary people of faith and guided them to feats beyond their own imagining, inspire us with the stories of these saints, so that we too might be examples of faith and holiness. Bring us at last to union with them surrounding your throne where we may sing our praises of you eternally.

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

Gentry Alexander

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. 427 (2)
RHUDDLAN

Loving Lord, as Now We Gather

Holy Lord, as here you give us bread and wine, as means of grace,
grant to all who call you Savior, now to meet you face to face,
and to own, in silent wonder, Lord, how holy is this place.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

INSERT
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye Watchers, And Ye Holy Ones

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Maurice Duruflé

Fugue on the theme of the Soissons Cathedral Carillon

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.

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), www.liturgybytlw.com/lessfest/stsalive.html, and When We Gather, James G. Kirk, (Philadelphia: The Geneva Press, 2001).

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship! Today we remember All Saints Day and lift up the lives and memories of those who have gone before us in faith. We pray that the God of saints of old and saints of today be with you in power and strength as we seek to witness and serve in faith. Welcome to worship!

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.

The Fall Assembly of the Council Of Churches of Greater Washington – Today at 3 p.m. at the historic St. Aloysius Church. Mayor Vincent Gray is the invited guest to speak. All are welcomed to attend this free event. St. Aloysius Church is located at 19 "I" Street NW ("I" Street NW and North Capital Street). Refreshments will be available following the Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features our Minister of Music Emeritus, Lawrence Schreiber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Board To Meet Sunday, November 13 - The General Board of National City will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. On the agenda is the proposed 2012 budget and the proposed leadership slate for 2012.

World Outreach Committee – Tuesday, November 15. 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. The meeting will be a prelude to the Council of Churches of Greater Washington meeting on employment on November 20 at National City.

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

Council of Churches of Greater Washington – Sunday, November 20. National City will host a jobs program meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington at 2 p.m. All are invited. The council will introduce an innovative program to help people get jobs, a program to be supported by churches, business, foundations, union, and the government.

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.

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

Fairfax Christian Church, Fairfax, Virginia

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

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



November 6, 2011

11 a.m.



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