

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Valeria Foster, Stephen Gentle, and Noemi Mena  
Pulpit Guest: Frederick Ware

## 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 Noemi Mena

GATHERING MUSIC Thomas Whitfield

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Healer, Healer, Healer...Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Savior, Savior, Savior...Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

*O Magnify the Lord*

O magnify the Lord, for he is worthy to be praised!

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Hosanna! Blessed be the rock; blessed be the rock of my salvation!

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*(repeat)*

✠OPENING HYMN No. 86

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: Create in us a pure heart, O God.

**People: Renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

Leader: Teach us your way, o Lord,

**People: We will walk in your truth;**

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord my God, with all of our hearts.

**People: We will glorify your name forever.**

Leader: We seek you with all our heart;

**People: Do not let us stray from your commands.**

Leader: We have hidden your word in our heart.

**ALL: Search us, O God, and know our heart. Create in us a pure heart, O God.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING No. 515

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.

Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.

✠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 Curtis Burrell

*I Don't Feel No Ways Tired*

I don't feel no ways tired;

I've come too far from where I've started from.

Nobody told me that the road would be easy.

I don't believe he brought me this far to leave me.

*(repeat)*

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Sue Frost

CHORAL PRAISE Richard Smallwood

*I'll Trust You*

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena  
NT p. 94

John 6:66-69

HYMN OF PREPARATION Andraé Crouch

*My Tribute*

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me-

Things so undeserved, yet you give to prove your love for me?

The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude-

All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

With his blood he has saved me,

With his power he has raised me-

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

Just let me live my life - let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee;

And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

With his blood he has saved me,

With his power he has raised me-

To God be the glory for the things he has done!

SERMON Frederick Ware

*No Turning Back*

## 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. 344 (1-3)

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Stephen Gentle

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Tom Kelley  
Barbara Boward

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. 385

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF REV. GOINES

✠RESPONSE arr. V. Foster

*As You Go, Tell the World*

As you go, tell the world; as you go, tell the world;

Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

Tell the world about Jesus; tell them about His love.

*Repeat*

As you go, tell the world.

*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 Wes and Jane Strotman  
in honor of the Clergy.

*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!** Today we welcome pulpit guest, the Reverend Dr. Frederick Ware, associate professor of theology at the Divinity School, Howard University. On this Sunday we also celebrate Rev. Beverly Goines 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an ordained clergy person. Rev. Goines is a Ph.D. candidate at Catholic University, and Dr. Ware is a mentor and former professor. Welcome to this special Sunday when we lift up the gift of ordained ministry.

**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 the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Classes for high school students (CYF)** will meet in Scott Hall.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Special Worship** – Celebrate with Rev. Beverly Goines on her 10th anniversary of ordination. Pulpit guest is Dr. Frederick L. Ware, associate professor of theology, School of Divinity, Howard University.

**Congregation Meeting and Luncheon** – 12:30 p.m. This is a meeting of the congregation to discuss the amended bylaws. The luncheon is in Scott Hall, \$10 for adults.

**GLBT Fellowship** – Join us at 6 p.m. for food and fellowship at the DuPont Italian Kitchen, 1637 17th Street, N.W.

**Corn Maze on October 9** – If you're a Chi Rho (middle school) or Junior (elementary) youth, find yourself in the CORN MAZE after church on October 9. Bring a lunch or a few dollars to purchase one and \$8 for admission to the maze (\$9 for adults). We'll leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return to the city by 5 p.m. Contact Teresa Swihart to join in the fun, to volunteer to drive, or if you have questions.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

**COLUMBUS DAY - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED**

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

**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](mailto:beau.underwood@gmail.com) for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

**Magical, Mystical, Musical Machine** – Pipe organ recital and demonstration series. 12:15 - 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Free. This week features Hartwig Barte-Hanssen from Wilster, Germany.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chi Rho Fall Retreat** – It's late but not too late to sign up for the Chi Rho (middle school) fall retreat at Camp Mary Mac October 14-16. Info brochures can be found in the Atrium or online. Registration forms are online at [www.cccadisciples.org](http://www.cccadisciples.org). The cost is \$60. Scholarships are available.

**Deacon Meeting** – Sunday, October 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. All Deacons are asked to attend including class of 2014.

**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](http://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](mailto:Tisatcamp@yahoo.com).

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Pam Chewning; James Green; Lari Grubbs; Polly He; Will Hill;  
William C. Howland, Jr.; Emma King; Enid Maitland;  
C. William and Claudine Nichols; Hilda Reynolds; Denise Ross;  
Martha Thompkins; David Tyson; Al Weaver;  
and those in military and civil service.

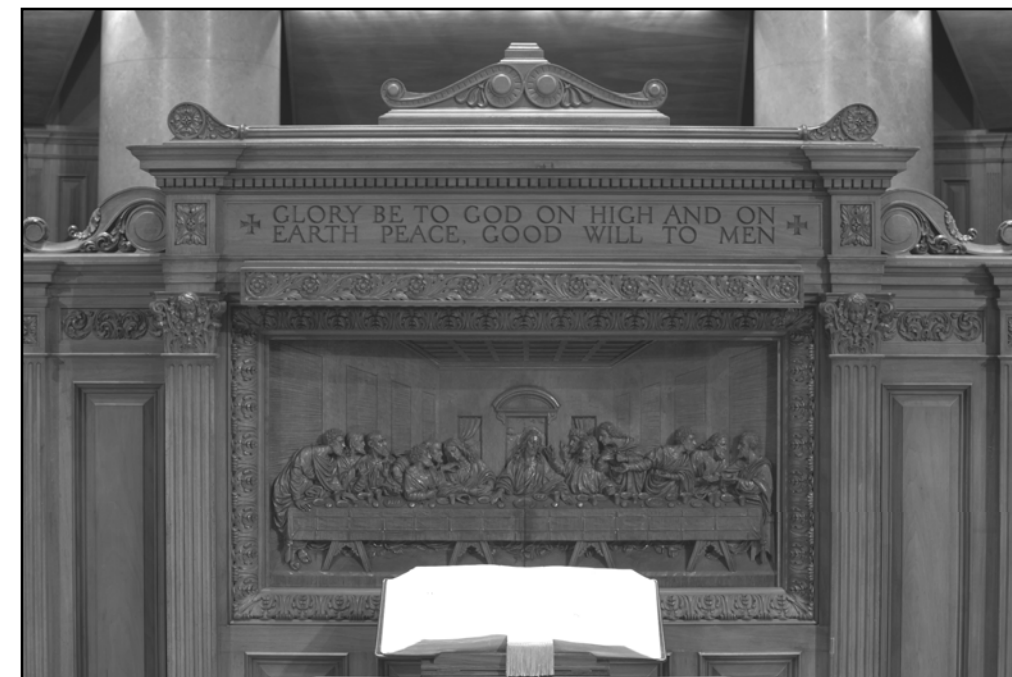
### CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Fort Washington Christian Church, Fort Washington, Maryland

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

AT [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cajwalsh@gmail.com)

# Celebration of Ministry



**October 9, 2011  
8:30 a.m.**



**National City Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**