

# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Stephen Gentle, Charles Miller, and John Scott Williams  
Pulpit Guest: Frederick Ware

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Adagio (Symphony No. 5)* Charles-Marie Widor  
*Steal Away to Jesus* arr. Raymond Haan

**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** South African Song  
Halleluiah! We Sing Your Praises  
Halleluiah! We sing your praises. All our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger."

✠ **HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 95  
DUKE STREET  
*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠ **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE** John Scott Williams  
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.**

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** No. 39  
MY TRIBUTE  
*To God Be the Glory*

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

**SCRIPTURE READING** John Scott Williams  
NT p. 157  
1 Corinthians 2:9-10

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Sue Frost

**ANTHEM** Carl F. Mueller  
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

**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** Frederick Ware  
*The Depths of God*

## 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. 595  
SLANE  
*Be Thou My Vision*

**GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING** Stephen Gentle

**OFFERTORY SOLO** Traditional Spiritual  
*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*  
Alia Waheed, soprano

✠ **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** Stephen Gentle

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** Eric Woodard  
Elder: You are the holiness of our lives, Loving God, and Jesus Christ is your Light for all. The bright morning star of creation, he would not remain hidden, but came to light the way for us.

**People: The one who hung the stars in the heavens, he has come to loosen the knots tied tightly around the hearts of the oppressed. The one who received every gift from you, calls us to share with sisters and brothers everywhere. The one who holds us in his heart, opens his hands in surrender on the cross.**

Elder: Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, prepared for those who love you. As we offer the prayer our Lord has taught his disciples to pray:

**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** Bill Travis

**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. 502 (3)  
CONSOLATOR  
*Come, You Disconsolate*  
Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ **HYMN OF GOING FORTH** No. 86  
FAITHFULNESS  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

✠ **THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF**

**POSTLUDE** Johann Sebastian Bach  
*Praeludium in G Major, BWV 541*

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 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.*

## 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**

[Acwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto:Acwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cjwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:cjwalsh@gmail.com)



# Celebration of Ministry

**October 9, 2011  
11 a.m.**



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