

Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, David McKinney, and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Randall Thompson
Chorale Prelude on *Now Thank We All Our God*

Nun danket Alle Gott arr. Paul Manz

MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME Steven Moore
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 e-mail 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 Robert Wetzler
What Shall I Offer?
What shall I offer in return for all God's gifts to me?
Sing, heaven and earth, rejoice and praise God's glorious majesty!

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 718
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

✠OPENING PRAYER Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

A THANKSGIVING David McKinney
No. 716
Now Thank We All Our God

SCRIPTURE READING David McKinney
OT p. 530
Psalm 100

ANTHEM Carl Schalk
Lord of Feasting and of Hunger
Lord of feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread
in the miracle of wonder 'til all people will be fed.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.
Lord of seed and Lord of harvest, turn the desert into bloom;
purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom, send it soon.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of storm and heat and danger, deep inside and high above,
break into all fear and anger, 'til you reign the earth in love.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.
Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity;
in our universal living, break down all inequity.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

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
Living Our Thanksgiving

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 INVITATION No. 714
AR HYD Y NOS
For the Fruit of All Creation

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM David H. Williams
A Hymn for Thanksgiving
Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration sing;
for his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run;
praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain.
He hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield.
For his mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
Glory to our bounteous king! Glory let creation sing!
Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, three in one! Amen!

✠DOXOLOGY No. 382 (1, 2)
SCHUMANN
We Give Thee But Thine Own
We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Gary Lewis
Elder: Let us give thanks for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us:
People: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

Elder: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ'

People: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends;

Elder: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve;

People: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play;

Elder: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity;

People: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice;

Elder: For the communion of saints, in all times and places.

People: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Unison: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Paul Heffron

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. 386 (2)
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We Come As Guests Invited

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 715
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE JS Bach/ arr. Virgil Fox
Now Thank We All Our God

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 Doug and Cheiko Cook
in honor of the birthday of their son, Tim.

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 have many reasons for giving thanks to God today... and your presence in worship is one of them. Thank you! National City Christian Church is a unique faith community. Our facility is held in trust for all Disciples across the United States. Our church members seek to offer hospitality, especially to our guests, as we all come together in worship today. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we give thanks to God.

FOR OUR GUESTS

Connect With Us! – We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship at National City Christian Church. Please take a moment and sign the *Connect With Us* card in the bulletin. Indicate your address, telephone number, and e-mail address. There is a space on the back for prayer concerns and comments. Please place it in the offering tray.

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 membership are available. Please feel free to talk with any minister or e-mail 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. In addition, the sanctuary has an assisted listening system; please request a receiver from an usher.

EN ESPAÑOL – Culto en la Capilla Phillips, Domingo 11 a.m.

Audio Recording – Tapes of the sermon from the 11 a.m. worship service are available for \$4. Tapes may be ordered by completing the form at the reception desk in the Atrium or by calling the church office. Please add \$2 per tape for mailing. Messages are also available for download at www.nationalcitycc.org

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 during business hours, 202-232-0323.

National City Online – Visit online at www.nationalcitycc.org and 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 e-mail list at <http://www.nationalcitycc.org/register.asp>

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Darrell Daniels; James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Tawanna Lloyd; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Garfield Memorial Christian Church, McLean, Virginia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sunday School – 10 a.m. for children, youth, and adults

Classes for elementary students will meet in the staff lounge on the third floor of the Beasley Building.

Classes for middle and high school students will meet in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Christian Pathways – Howland Center.

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.

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.

Congregational Meeting and Thanksgiving Luncheon – Today at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. The agenda includes voting on the 2011 budget and the 2011 slate of officers, chairs, and board members for elders, deacons, deaconesses, and local trustees. Luncheon cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

YADA D-Space – Young Adults gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Ann Neeriemer is preparing a short study on a book of the Bible with a Christmas theme. If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Food Pantry from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Atrium.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

THANKSGIVING - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Sympathy – Our prayers are with the family of Pauline Holt. Pauline passed away on Friday, November 12, at the age of 94. She had been a member of National City since 1937.

Hanging of the Green – Please join us after the 11 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 28**, to decorate the church and for a lunch of Sue Frost's famous chili. We will need help decorating the Narthex, Scott Hall, Atrium, Howland Center, and the Gift Shop. Please sign up for an area in the Atrium.

Angel Tree – We will be participating in the Angel Tree Project again this year. This project is an opportunity to bring Christmas to the children of prisoners through the Prison Fellowship Ministry. Starting Sunday, November 28, you can pick up a gift tag for a child from the Angel Tree in the Atrium. Each tag has a request for a child of one apparel item and a play item. Each item should cost no more than \$20 each. As the church coordinator, Deloris Ruddock thanks you for your participation this year as you have done in the past.

Christmas Sing Along – Tuesday, December 7, 11 a.m., Howland Center. Please bring your jingle bells and dress festively for the Christmas Sing Along, led by Dorothy Davis, at the Disciples Women general meeting. All are invited.

YADA Christmas Party – The Young Adults will be gathering Friday, December 10, 2010 for our annual Christmas party at Albemarle House a.k.a. Kathleen's place. Details on white elephant, service activity, food and beverage to come. Guests are welcome, but please RSVP for a head count on Facebook or text Kathleen at 615-424-6498.

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH
AT cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org OR cajwalsh@gmail.com



**November 21, 2010
11 a.m.**



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