

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Noemi Mena and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

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 Stephen Gentle

GATHERING MUSIC

We Have Come into This House Bruce Ballinger

We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Him;
We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Him;
We have come into this house and gathered in his name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name and worship Him;
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name and worship Him;
Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

✠ OPENING HYMN No. 272 (1-4)
The Church's One Foundation

✠ RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: We are not alone; God has come to be with us in Christ Jesus. We are created for dialogue with our creator through the Holy Spirit.

People: We are eternally connected with God, the Holy other with whom we are intended to converse.

Leader: As Jesus called and commissioned the first disciples, so we are called to participate in God's saving dialogue with the world through Christ.

People: God waits to address us, waits for our attention, waits to light our way though life.

Leader: With open minds and hearts, let us together enter into the holy conversation of worship as thoughtful Christians

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING Bob Gillman
Bind Us Together

Refrain:

Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord, bind us together with love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one body, that is why we sing:

Refrain

✠ 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 No. 528

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
(repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

(repeat)
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

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

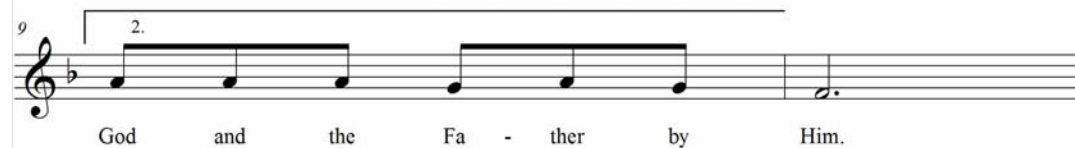
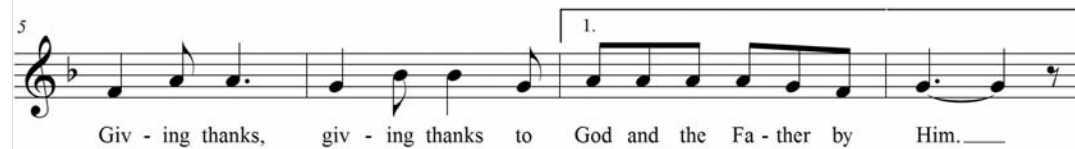
CHORAL PRAISE Carol Cymbala

Make Us One



This Day

Edwin Hawkins



SCRIPTURE READING Beverly Goines
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Colossians 3:12-17

HYMN OF PREPARATION Donna Jones

Do It All in the Name of the Lord

SERMON Stephen Gentle

The Thoughtful Christian

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. 482

O Christians, Haste

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Steven Moore

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Michelle Jezycki
John Scott Williams

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. 408

Come, Share the Lord

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ RESPONSE Robert Fryson

Take the Name of Jesus with You

Take the name of Jesus with you; take the name of Jesus with you;
take the name of Jesus everywhere you go
and you'll be happy when we meet again.
(repeat)

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 in memory of Marilyn Church by her children.

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! How do we live our faith in a complex, and sometimes dangerous, world? As thoughtful Christians, we care about the needs and concerns of others. As thoughtful Christians, we engage our minds in civil discourse. As thoughtful Christians, we welcome all as children of God. Let us worship the one Lord, our God, with heart, soul, and mind. Welcome!

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.

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 west ramp off Thomas Circle, which leads to Massachusetts Avenue. As you enter the circle heading south on 14th St. take the 2nd exit toward Massachusetts Ave.; street parking is on the right.

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

Warren Brooks; James Green; Polly He; William C. Howland, Jr.;
Enid Maitland; Eva Moore; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

Shepherd Park Christian Church, Washington, DC

PLEASE SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO COLLEEN WALSH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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 – Small group focusing on the topic *Pro-Life, Pro-Choice*, led by Bill Travis in the 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.

General Board Orientation and Meeting – The 2011 General Board will have its first meeting and orientation today at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Soup and sandwiches are available for \$6 donation. 2011 General Board will be installed at the 11 a.m. worship service.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Yada D-Space – The Young Adults are continuing the series "Christians and Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger" this Tuesday. It's a great time out of your week to develop spiritually and connect with other young adults. Gather for snacks and socializing (6:45 p.m.) and study (7-8:30 p.m.). If you are interested in leading a week of the study or providing snacks, contact Ann at aneeriemer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

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

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on the topic *Pro-Life, Pro-Choice*, led by Kathleen Simpson at 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Gift Shop.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

The Thoughtful Christian Small Group – This week's discussion will be on the topic *Pro-Life, Pro-Choice*, led by Bill Knight at 10-11:30 a.m. in the Gift Shop.

YADA Game Night – At Trevor and Kristi's apartment (909 New Jersey Avenue SE, 20003 – Green Line/Navy Yard metro stop), at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Congregational Luncheon and Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 30, members and guests alike are invited to church luncheon and annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Scott Hall. Lunch donation is \$12 for adult and \$6 for children under the age of 12. Sign up using Connect Card or at the Atrium front desk.

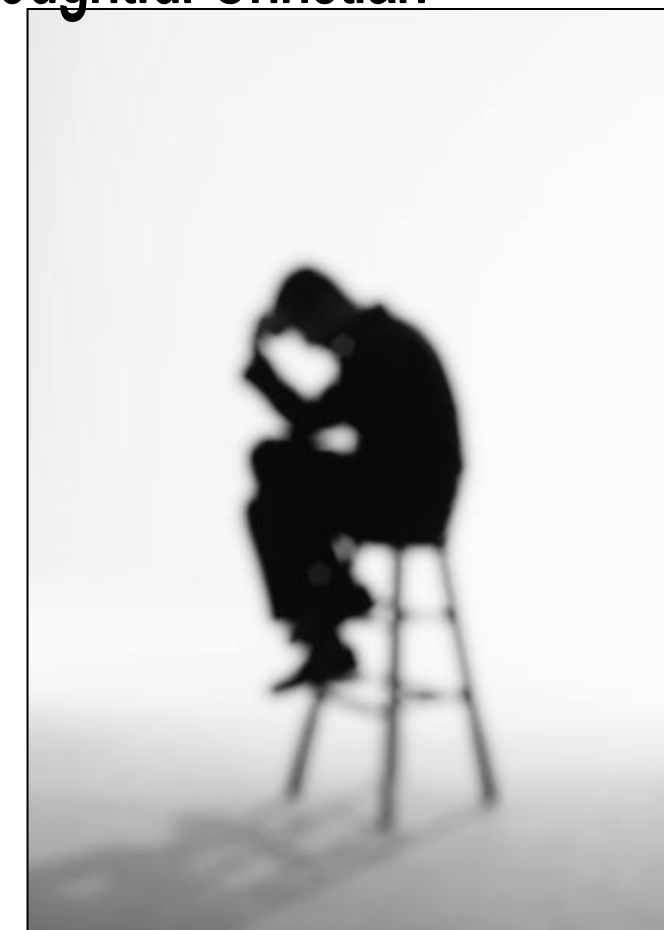
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Open House – Parents of children and children from infancy to kindergarten are invited to meet our childcare provider, the preschool Sunday school teachers and visit the nursery in Fellers Foyer on Sunday, February 6, from 9:45-10:45. A short Sunday school lesson will be provided for preschoolers around 10. Snacks will be provided.

Strategic Five-Year Plan – National City Christian Church's plan is available online at www.nationalcitycc.org or by e-mail request to cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact Colleen Walsh at 202.232.0323.

New Church Directory – In preparation for printing a new church directory in January, there will be a copy at the Atrium desk for you to check the information for its correctness and completeness.

The Thoughtful Christian



**January 23, 2011
8:30 a.m.**



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