

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines, Steven Moore and Carla Wilson  
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Cantilène*

Gabriel Pierné

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

David Cherwien

### 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

*We Are Not Alone, Earth Formed Us*

Brian Wren

### ✠HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

No. 90  
MADRID

## THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

### OPENING PRAYER

Steven Moore

### ✠RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalms 24*

Carla Wilson  
No. 735

### BABY DEDICATIONS

Piper and Fletcher Woodard

### 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

*The Thoughtful Christian*

Stephen Gentle

## 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.

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

### ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*O Christians, Haste*

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell the world that God is one who cares,  
that God who made all nations is not willing  
one life should perish, lost in deep despair.

Refrain:

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,  
that God in whom we live and move, is love.  
Tell how God stooped to save a lost creation,  
and died on earth that we might live above.

*refrain*

### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Give Us a Pure Heart*

Give us a pure heart that we may see you;  
give us a humble heart that we may hear you;  
Give us a heart of love that we may serve you;  
give us a heart of faith that we may live in you.

### ✠DOXOLOGY

*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

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Elder: O God, at the Table, as we encounter you in the still, small voice of compassion, in the voice of understanding, in the voice of caring, we sense you communicating with us and with your world.

**People: O God, you have called us to be disciples of Jesus, to be faithful to dialogue with you, even as Jesus did with the Twelve. And we would answer by making an offering of our lives and our resources for your saving purposes, that your realm may be furthered and your people cared for.**

Elder: May we continue our conversation at the Lord's Table by praying the 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.**

No. 482 (1, 2)  
TIDINGS

Beverly Goines

Christopher Willcock

No. 46  
OLD HUNDREDDTH

Beverly Goines

Shana Pereira

### PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Bill Knight

### 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. 411 (1)  
AGAPE

*For the Bread, Which You Have Broken*

For the bread, which you have broken, for the wine, which you have poured,  
for the words, which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

## THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

### BOARD INSTALLATION

Stephen Gentle  
Steven Moore

### ✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 357 (1, 3, 4, 5)  
LANCASHIRE

*We Call Ourselves Disciples*

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.  
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.  
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.  
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.  
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.  
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,  
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,  
to share the cup of water and bread with all in need;  
to work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,  
till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still  
in hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.  
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,  
we go to do God's mission! Christ, lead us all our days!

### ✠BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Allegro maestoso from Sonata #2*

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 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](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. 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org) OR [cajwalsh@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

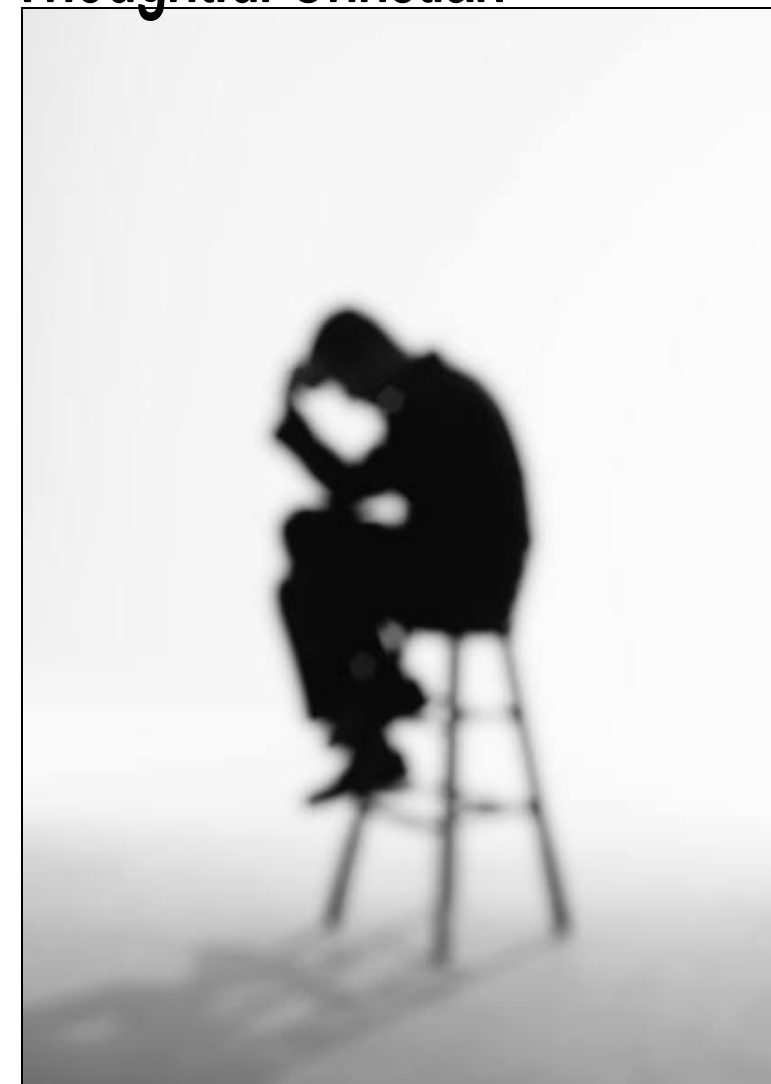
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](http://www.nationalcitycc.org) or by e-mail request to [cwalsh@nationalcitycc.org](mailto: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  
11 a.m.



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