

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Barbara Collins, Beverly Goines, and Steven Moore
Preacher: Stephen Gentle

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Paul Manz
Variations on the Hymn Tune *St. Anne*

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 Mary Elinor Smith
Open Now Your Gates of Beauty

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 90
MADRID
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

✠OPENING PRAYER Steven Moore

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Collins
No. 744
Psalms 67

SCRIPTURE READING Barbara Collins
NT p. 173
2 Corinthians 9:6-12

ANTHEM arr. Paul Sjolund
Children of the Heavenly Father
Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish. In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them. In his mighty arm he bears them.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers – your protector never slumbers.
At the will of your defender all the evil must surrender.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy.

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
How Much Will Make You Content?

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. 606
NETTLETON
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY SOLO Leon Baumgartner
A Hymn of Thanks
Alia Waheed, soprano

For the changeless strength of hills, for the magnitude of sky,
for tides that ebb and flow, for the winds, the stars on high,
for the mystery of life, for the miracle of birth,
for the promise and the hope with the blossoming of earth,
for a fireside, and love, friends who share the road with you
for sowing and for harvestry, for all things beautiful and true,
for pastures green, for waters still; these blessings thou hast richly poured
until our cups have overflowed. We thank thee, oh, we thank thee Lord!

✠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 Beverly Goines

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Barbara Collins
Elder: God of wind and fire, blow through our lives, and release us from all that clings to us and holds us back from you.

People: Lay waste the burdens that impede us. Wash away all that weighs us down. Free us to follow your Way – to be gracious and generous people. That we might be a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who are alone. In hope of your mercy we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying

All: 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 Tom Kelley

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. 414
BERTHIER

Eat This Bread
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 67
ST. ANNE
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Benedetto Marcello
Psalms 19: The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of 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 Theresa Beaton
in memory of Abraham Beaton - Happy Birthday.

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! This unique facility is held in trust for all Disciples and a gathering place for Christian transformation. On this blessed day, we pray that God's Spirit will move in your life – and our life together – as we worship the Lord.

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

James Green; Xiao 'Polly' He; Enid Maitland; C. William and Claudine Nichols;
Hilda Reynolds; Martha Thompkins; Alice Tate; Al Weaver;
and those in military service.

CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Alexandria, Virginia

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 9:30 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Loretta Tate and Bill Travis.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Howland Center, led by NCCC pastors.

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 12:30 p.m., in the Howland Center, led by John Scott Williams and Theresa Beaton.

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

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.

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.

Working Luncheon – Volunteers are needed to help sort items for the rummage sale. Lorraine Magnussen will provide lunch. Please meet in the Atrium following the 11 a.m. service.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

YADA D-Space – YADA (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. This week, we'll continue our discussion on "Five Practices of Fruitful Living."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

Elders Meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Howland Center.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Magical Mystical Musical Machine from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, featuring Eugene Lavery from New York City, New York.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Five Practices of Fruitful Living Small Group – 10 a.m., in the Gift Shop, led by Bill Knight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

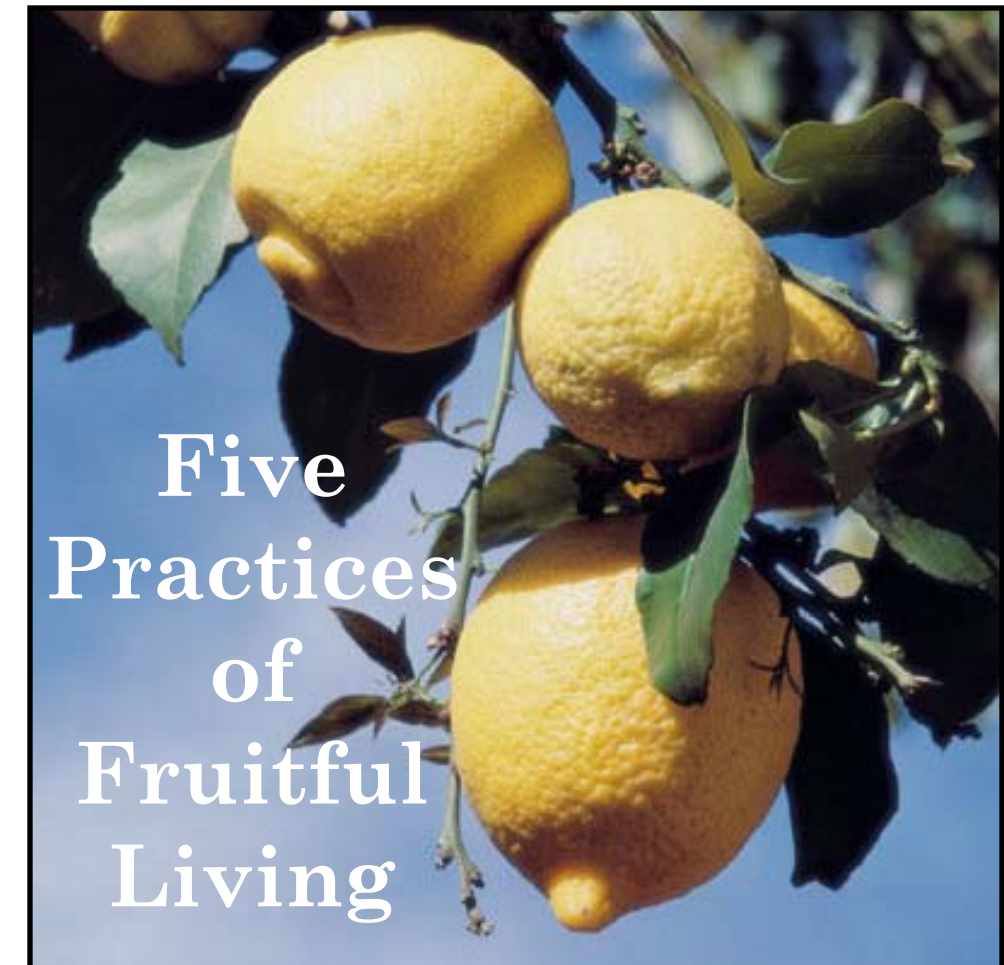
Welcome to New Members – We welcome Dennis Simmons and Richard Waite, who joined National City on October 17. Mr. Simmons is placing his membership from the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Durant, Oklahoma. He is a designer/realtor. Mr. Waite has roots in both Baptist and Episcopal church traditions and transfers his membership into National City. They reside on Rhode Island Avenue with their dog Georgia and blessed National City with their presence for the first time at our last dog blessing.

Rummage Sale – Don't forget to bring items for the church rummage sale being held on October 30. Please bring all items to the church **Atrium by 4 p.m. Friday, October 29**. We still need volunteers to help out on Saturday, October 30.

General Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Howland Center. Agenda for the quarterly meeting includes receiving from the nominating committee the proposed slate of officers, chairs, and board members for 2011.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 21, 12:30 p.m., Scott Hall. The agenda includes voting for the 2011 slate of officers, chairs, and board members for elders, deacons, deaconesses, and local trustees.

In Sympathy – Our prayers go out to the family of Pauline 'Polly' Young who passed away on Tuesday, October 19. Mrs. Young was a long time member of National City and participant in the Hearthstone Classes. There will be an internment service Monday, October 25, at 10:45 at the George Washington Cemetery in Adelphi, Maryland.



October 24, 2010
11 a.m.



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