

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders: Beverly Goines and Noemi Mena
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've Come to Worship You Stephen Key
Lord, we've come to worship you.
Lord, we've come to worship you,
For we know that your name is worthy, oh Lord,
And we've come to worship you.

Lord, we've come to give you thanks.
Lord, we've come to give you thanks,
For we know that your name is worthy, oh Lord,
And we've come to give you thanks.

Awesome God Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.
repeat
He reigns! He reigns! He reigns!
Our God is an awesome God!
repeat

✠OPENING HYMN Bryan Jeffery Leech

All Things Are Yours!
All things are yours! We make that true
When we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share,
In Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love," your Word commands.
We are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds
By using us to answer needs.

O what a joy to give and then,
Out of compassion, give again.
You have no needs. Though that be true,
The gifts we share are given to you.

✠RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE Noemi Mena

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!
People: **We see others, gathered here to worship and praise God.**
Leader: Each person here is a unique, beloved creation of God.
People: **Each person here is given special gifts and talents by God.**
Leader: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us so mightily.
People: **Let us praise God with our whole hearts, souls, minds, and spirits.**

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!
Jesus, blessed Savior, He's worthy to be praised.
(repeat)

Donnie Harper

✠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 Margaret P. Douroux

Personal Praise

You Can't Beat God Giving Doris Akers
You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.
And just as sure as you are living
And the Lord is in heaven on high,
The more you give, the more he gives to you;
But keep on giving because it's really true
That you can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.

SCRIPTURE READING Noemi Mena
NT p. 173

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 382 (1, 2, 5)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SERMON Stephen Gentle

How Much Will Make You Content?

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 Georgia Harkness

God of the Fertile Fields
God of the fertile fields, Lord of the earth that yields our daily bread;
Forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
That all throughout the land be clothed and fed.

We would your stewards be, holding in trust from thee all that you give;
Help us in love to share, teach us like you to care,
That earth may all be fair, and we may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, your Kingdom grows.
So let our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
No humblest task refused, your love bestows.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES GOD'S GRACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND OFFERING Beverly Goines

ELDERS' PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP Eric Woodard
Barbara Boward

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS
This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed by the Deacons. White 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. 422
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠BENEDICTION

✠RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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 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 cajwalsh@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

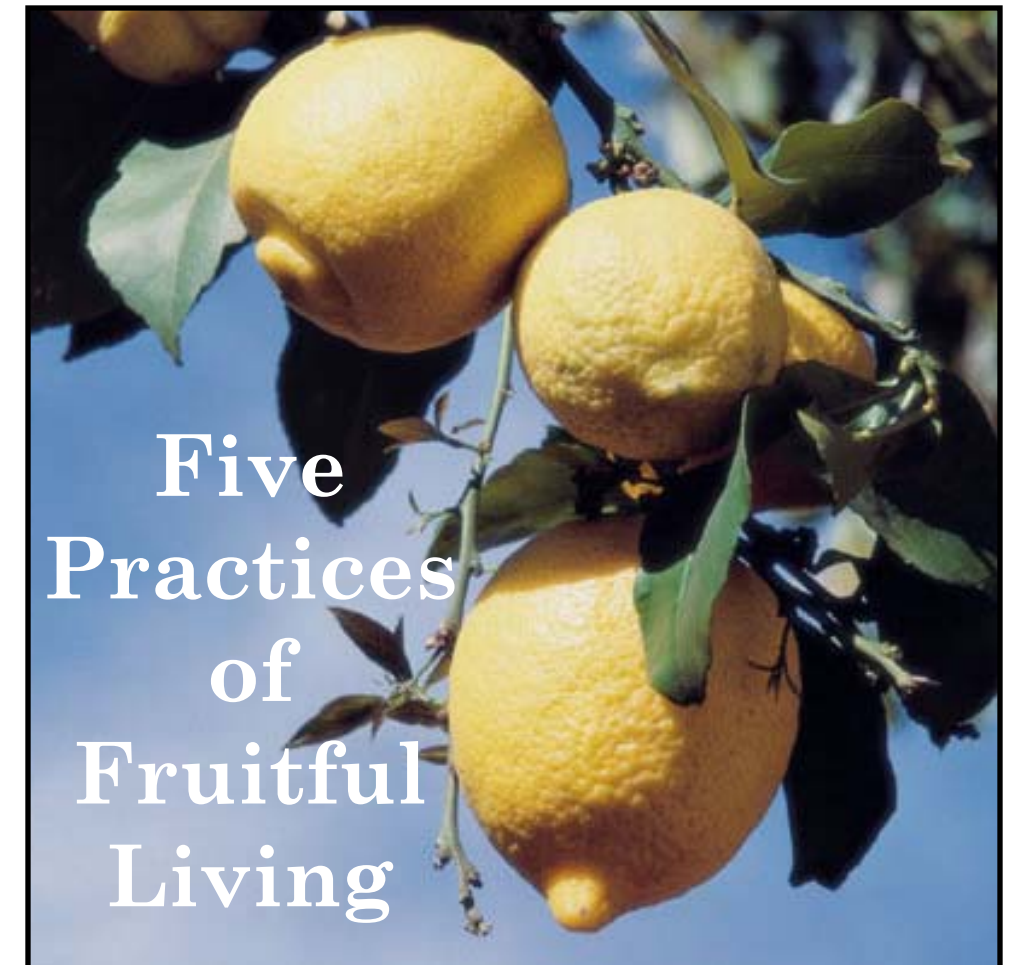
Rummage Sale – Don't forget to bring items for the church rummage sale being held on October 30. Please bring all items to the church **Atrium by 4 p.m. Friday, October 29**. We still need volunteers to help out on Saturday, October 30.

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.

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.

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 active in the Hearthstone Classes. There will be an interment service Monday, October 25, at 10:45 at the George Washington Cemetery in Adelphi, Maryland.



**October 24, 2010
8:30 a.m.**



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