

Second Sunday of Christmas

Worship Leaders: Trevor Dane and Steven Moore
Preacher: Beverly Goines

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Glenn E. Burleigh
Well, the Savior Is Born from the cantata *Born to Die*

The Night That Christ Was Born Kirk Franklin
Members of the NCCC Gospel Choir; Valeria Foster, director/accompanist

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.

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 172
KINGS OF ORIENT
We Three Kings

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Trevor Dane
Leader: We come celebrating the Epiphany feast, the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ.

People: Just as the shepherds and magi first came to adore and worship the newborn King, we come in faith, joy, hope, and anticipation, and renewal.

Leader: Glory to God! Rejoice, and give thanks, for Christ has come.

People: Hallelujah, Redemption Incarnate has come for all.

Leader: We rise, we shine in the light of God's glory.

People: The Light of the world, Jesus Christ as manifested love, is here.

Leader: We know the Light has come, "For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." (Matt. 2:2)

People: King Herod heard this and was frightened. He called together all the chief priests and scribes. Herod asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

Leader: We come not in fear, but in joy. For Immanuel has come to ransom Israel, to ransom the lost, the lonely, and the misunderstood.

People: Jesus has come to ransom those imprisoned to substances, greed, abuse, low self-esteem, hate, anger, to any oppressive force, thought, or deed. Jesus has come to liberate communities and individuals. He has come to free us!

THE COMMUNITY HEARS GOD'S WORD

✠OPENING PRAYER (Unison)
**God our creator and redeemer, we seek the Christ child boldly.
Like the magi, we see the star and stop to praise.
We, too, see the child with Mary and Joseph.**

(✠ Please stand as you are able.)

We kneel and worship Jesus. We offer our gifts of tithes, service, and thanksgiving. We thank you for giving us Jesus, the Light that illumines our path, the incarnated goodness and mercy that accompanies us each and every day of our lives. Bless us to see Christ in every child of God - in each other - as we celebrate, honor, and live in the hope and peace of this blessed revelation. Thank you for blessing us to see, to believe, and to receive Christ, your bounteous gift to us. Amen

The Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer are adapted from the Epiphany Litany in the African American Heritage Hymnal, GIA Publications, 2001.

SCRIPTURE READING Trevor Dane
OT p. 654

Isaiah 60:1-6

SOLO W. H. Niederlinger

The Birthday of a King

Robert King, tenor

In the little village of Bethlehem there lay a child one day,
and the sky was bright with a holy light o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! O how the angels sang; Alleluia! how it rang!
and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'twas the birthday of a King!
'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh! how much God gave to us that day,
from the manger bed, what a path has led what a perfect holy way:
Alleluia! O how the angels sang; Alleluia! how it rang!
and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'twas the birthday of a King!

SCRIPTURE READING Trevor Dane
NT p. 2

Matthew 2:11

SERMON Beverly Goines

God Chasers

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 COMMITMENT No. 173 (1, 2)
DIX

As With Gladness

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING Beverly Goines

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Eric de Lamarter

Break, New-Born Year

Break, new-born year, on glad eyes, break! Melodious voices move!
On, rolling time! Thou canst not make the Father cease to love.
Break! new-born year, on glad eyes, break!
Lord, from this year more service win, more glory, more delight.
O make its hours less sad with sin, its days with thee more bright.
Break, new-born year, on glad eyes, break!

✠DOXOLOGY No. 173 (3)
DIX

As With Gladness

As they offered gifts so rare at the manger, plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Steven Moore

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Byron Cotton

Leader: With grateful hearts, O God, we come to Christ's Table: remembering that you spoke creation into existence and pronounced it good.

People: We remember the gift of your love in Jesus Christ, who for our sakes was broken that we may be made whole.

Leader: We thank you, God, for your power and love that took your Son and our Savior from the hope of the Christmas cradle through the torment of the Cross to our ultimate redemption.

People: Join us with your people everywhere in joyous praise that the Christ child has been made known to us. Bless us to receive these elements as if we were taking them from the hand of Christ who loves us as we are and who bids us to share in his eternal company.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE Bill Knight

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This table is for all believers in Jesus Christ. Please come forward by the center aisle as directed. When receiving communion, take the bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN No. 402(2)
DUNDEE

According to Thy Gracious Word

Thy body, broken for my sake, my bread from heaven shall be;
Thy testamental cup I take, and thus remember thee.

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH TO SERVE

✠HYMN OF GOING FORTH No. 67
ST. ANNE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

✠BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE J.S. Bach

In Thee is Gladness

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.

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 are so honored that you are in worship with us today. May the love of God be with the whole people of God – wherever people are gathered in worship to praise the Lord for the babe born in Bethlehem.

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>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 - No Sunday school classes

Un-Hanging of the Green – Please help us take down all the decorations after the 10 a.m. service.

Yada Goes to Brunch – Join the Young Adults for brunch around the corner at Logan's Tavern after the joint 10 a.m. service on January 2. We will meet in the Atrium following the service.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 - NCCC OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Disciples Women Luncheon - Did you know that Ben Hur has connections to Disciples? Come, cozy up to a good book and learn a bit of our history. Peter Morgan will present the program for Disciples Women on Tuesday, January 4, at 11 a.m. in the Music Suite. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting program and to bring a sandwich for lunch. Circle 2 will be the hostesses.

Yada D-Space Goes to Happy Hour - Join the Young Adults at happy hour. Locations are TBD, so sign up for the Yada Newsletter to learn more. Study will resume January 11. Contact Ann Neeriemer at aneeriemer@gmail.com if you'd like to lead a week of study in 2011.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Brunch – All Sunday School classes will resume on January 9 with a potluck breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in Scott Hall. Everyone is invited to attend; please bring your favorite breakfast treat to share.

Food Pantry Donations – Please donate non-perishable food items for the needy in the area any Sunday this season. You may leave your gift in the marked box found in the Narthex or in the Atrium. Donations of toiletries, socks, hats, and gloves are also needed. Thank you.

Join Yada for the MLK Day of Service – The Young Adults are sponsoring a team for the MLK Day of Service, January 17, with GreaterDCCares. We would like to invite all church members and visitors to join the team. Sign up today.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Jim Baines; 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

Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia

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



January 2, 2011
10 a.m.



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